CORNWALL COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 194th Management Committee Meeting held via Zoom on Monday 9th November 2020.

Present: Gill Smith, Elise Daniell, Peter Hore, Sandra Worton, Nick Truscott, Nigel Nicholls, John Worton, Rita Hancock, Steve Fletcher, Yolanda Featherstone

194.00 Chairman's welcome:

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman opened the meeting at 7.00pm and thanked everyone for attending remotely.

194.01 Apologies for absence:

Chris Roberts

194.02 Approve and sign minutes of the 193rd committee meeting:

The minutes were taken as read and approved by those present. Due to the remote meeting, the minutes were signed by the County Secretary on behalf of the Vice Chairman.

Proposer: John Worton Seconder: Steve Fletcher

194.03 Matters arising from previous meeting:

The minutes from the Special General Meeting held on 24th August 2020 to discuss the ESMBA's Action Plan have now been drafted and are ready to be distributed to club secretaries once approved by the committee.
Proposer: Nigel Nicholls Seconder: Sandra Worton

194.04 Correspondence:

Email from Linda White (ESMBA General Secretary) attaching an updated statement from the ESMBA's Chairman regarding the progress of the ESMBA's Action plan. The ESMBA confirm that it is a condition of "Safe Bowls Status" that members are affiliated to the ESMBA. (Copy attached for club records).

Email from Simon Willies (ESMBA Treasurer) in response to the CCSMBA's application to the Community Emergency Fund. The ESMBA Management Committee recently discussed the applications received and approved a contribution of £100 to the CCSMBA towards the cost of venue hire and hygiene items. The funds will be passed onto the CCSMBA once safe bowls status has been achieved, the ESMBA have received the annual affiliations and receipts of purchases have been forwarded to the ESMBA. The Committee were advised that a copy of the venue risk assessment for Carnmoggas Indoor Bowls club is yet to be received which is required before the County's risk assessment can be produced.

194.05 Treasurer's report:

There has only been one transaction since our last meeting – a cheque for £184 has been paid into the bank account following the disbandment of the Cornwall Bowls Development Alliance.

194.06 Membership Secretary's report:

So here we go again, in early October I sent out the affiliation letter and club listings together with a covering letter requesting payment if clubs intended to go back to bowls. Gillian kindly sent me a list of clubs that had gained Safe bowls status but as to date not all clubs have responded. I have received payments from 18 clubs and hold cheques/direct payments to the value of £1040.50. A second email has also been sent requesting either confirmation if a club did not intend to go back to bowling or payment if they did but as yet some clubs still have not replied. By area there are 2 clubs in Central, 6 clubs in East, 1 club in North and 8 clubs in West. I would be very grateful if the area reps would either let me know if they are aware of any clubs in their respective areas that are

not bowling so I can amend the database accordingly.

The committee would like to reiterate that it is a condition of the Safe Bowls Status that clubs should affiliate their members; those clubs that do not affiliate their members will have their Safe Bowls Status revoked by the ESMBA.

194.07 Competition Secretary's report:
No report.

194.08 Team Manager's report:
No report.

194.09 Social Secretary's report:
No report.

194.10 Press & Promotion Officer's report:
I have been publishing posts on social media where possible to report on the number of clubs gaining Safe Bowls Status within Cornwall and any news releases from the ESMBA. I have also been having some initial discussions with the Sports Editor at the Sunday Independent and all of the "Voice" newspapers as they are very interested in carrying our press releases and becoming media partners once we are running as normal. The committee agreed that this would be beneficial to the CCSMBA and would be in agreement for the discussions to continue.

194.11 Area Representatives' report:
Central Area: No report.
East Area: No report.
North Area: No report.
West Area: No report.

194.12 Items for discussion from correspondence (if necessary):
None.

194.13 Any other business:
Back to Bowls Update: The Safeguarding Officer advised that Cornwall now has 21 clubs that have gained the Safe Bowls Status and all Area Representatives have been notified of the clubs in their areas. The Safeguarding Officer also advised that there has been some confusion relating to the "rule of six" and therefore clarified:

- Only six members may play on a mat at any one time
- If a club has multiple mats, play will be permitted to continue over multiple mats however each mat will be classed as an independent group and each group must not have any interaction with any other mat during that session.
- At the start of a new session and once the equipment has been sanitised, players may join a different group of six but must again remain an independent group to any other mats playing during that session.

The ESMBA are yet to publish guidance on the next stage of their Action Plan relating to competitions but it is expected that this will now be delayed due to the new national lockdown restrictions.

Open Sessions at Carnmoggas: Deferred to next meeting.

County Points List: Further to the recent decision to only charge the ESMBA's affiliation fee for the 2020/21 season, the committee agreed that effectively the current season has been combined with 2019/20 season. Therefore it was agreed that the County Points List should also be combined meaning that any County Points gained in the 2019/20 season will be carried over as the "current season" to the 30th April 2021.
Proposer: Peter Hore Seconder: Nigel Nicholls Unanimously agreed.

194.14 Date of next meeting:
The next meeting will be held on 11th January 2021 7.00pm via Zoom.

194.15 Close meeting:

With no further business to discuss, the Vice Chairman closed the meeting at 7.45pm.

These are a true record and representation of the minutes taken at the above meeting.

Signed……. (Chairman) Dated…….

Hon: Secretary: Elise Daniell Dated: 29th November 2020