CORNWALL COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 196th Management Committee Meeting held via Zoom on Monday 8th March 2021.

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

196.00 Chairman's welcome:

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.00pm and thanked everyone for attending remotely.

196.01 Apologies for absence:

None

196.02 Approve and sign minutes of the 195th 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: Rita Hancock Seconder: Nigel Nicholls

196.03 Matters arising from previous meeting:

Following the discussion at the last committee meeting, a letter on behalf of the Management Committee has been sent to the ESMBA regarding the ESMBA's Civil Liability Insurance Scheme. In addition, similar letters have also been sent to the ESMBA from Gloucestershire, West Sussex, Herefordshire and Wilshire however the CCSMBA are yet to receive a response from the ESMBA.

196.04 Correspondence:

Letter from Linda White (ESMBA General Secretary) attaching the following report from the EMSBA's Treasurer regarding the Community Emergency Fund:

The first round of the ESMBA Community Emergency Fund closed at the end of September 2020. Five clubs and one County Association made applications. All applications were approved for support but not all at the amount requested. This resulted in just under £600 being committed of which just over £440 has been claimed. The main areas of support highlighted have been sanitising equipment, bowls lifters and loss on venue hire due to a decrease in players allowed to attend each session. The second round of the fund closed at the end of December 2020. The ESMBA received 4 requests for support. All applications were approved for support but not all to the amount request. This resulted in just over £430 being committed of which £245 has been paid out. Again the main areas of support were the same as in the first round. The ESMBA Community Emergency Fund aimed to help clubs and County Associations fund some of the costs incurred because of Covid 19. The level of support was up to £500 or 50% of the application whichever is the lesser figure. With the given situation there are no plans currently to hold a further round however, this could will be reviewed if government policy changes. It has been suggested that the fund be re-focused to concentrate on kick-starting short mat bowls when we are allowed to start up again.

196.05 Treasurer's report:

The only transactions since our last meeting have been membership payments into the CCSMBA which have in turn been forwarded onto the ESMBA. The CCSMBA's insurance renewal has also been paid out to Sutton Winson.

196.06 Membership Secretary's report:

As you would imagine, the last couple of months have been relatively quiet as affiliations go but since the November 2020 return I have affiliated a further 86 players bringing our total affiliation count at the end of January 2021 to 452. Since then I have affiliated a further 6 players bringing the count to 458. This means I am holding a cheque for £52.00 which will be banked shortly. Following the Sutton Winson letter regarding insurance renewals it has emerged that some social only bowling clubs have been receiving the insurance benefits allowed without

paying for the privilege. I have been contacted by two clubs both in Central who have over many years been insured by Sutton Winson, one club i.e. Colan has never been registered and a second Perranporth has rejoined. Both clubs have affiliated 6 players each (the cheque already mentioned relates to the Perranporth affiliations). In our previous meeting it was suggested that my renewals letter should state that a copy of the clubs insurance policy be forwarded to me – the letter already shows this but will be highlighted to draw attention to the fact as not many clubs actually send in a copy of the document. I have now received 500 membership cards from James but fail to see the point in sending them to clubs in the current climate perhaps the Committee could advise. Also I have 1500 ESMBA "ICE" (In case of emergency) cards which have been forwarded from Lynn Dean via Gill which also need to be sent to **all** members. Lynn's covering letter states that we as a County should publicise the importance of the cards in our reports and suggest players carry the cards at all times. Again advise please.

In previous years, the committee agreed that Membership Cards would only be sent out to members if they specifically request them in order to reduce the time and costs related to distributing the cards out to each club. The committee agreed that this would again apply for this season.

With regards to the I.C.E cards, the committee agreed that the cards would only be distributed to any member that specifically requests one at this time. Once Short Mat activity is able to re-start properly, the Area Representatives will be supplied with the cards for their areas to distribute out to members.
Proposer: Steve Fletcher Seconder: Gill Smith Unanimously Agreed

A brief discussion was held regarding the CCSMBA's Membership Renewal letter for the upcoming 2021/22 season and it was agreed to send the letter out to clubs as usual in the hope that the restrictions allow for Short Mat to resume within the County.

The Membership Secretary requested confirmation that the membership renewal documents from the 2018/19 season could be securely destroyed. The committee agreed that, as we hold the official renewal document from the ESMBA for the 2018/19 season, there was no need to hold on to the individual renewal forms from each club for this period and could therefore be destroyed.
Proposer: Peter Hore Seconder: John Worton Unanimously Agreed.

196.07 Competition Secretary's report:
No report.

196.08 Team Manager's report:
No report.

196.09 Social Secretary's report:
No report.

196.10 Press & Promotion Officer's report:
No report.

196.11 Area Representatives' report:
Central Area: No report.
East Area: No report.
North Area: No report.
West Area: I have recently sent a letter out to clubs in the West Area asking them to confirm if they have been invited to renew their insurance policy with Sutton Winson however I have only had replies from four clubs.

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

196.13 Any other business:
Back to Bowls Update: The Safeguarding Officer informed the committee that there have been no further updates from the ESMBA regarding returning to bowls. Two further clubs have submitted their applications for Safe Bowls

Status however, due to the current restrictions, they are yet to be processed.

Open Sessions at Carnmoggas: Deferred to next meeting.

County AGM: The Hotel Victoria have been contacted and have agreed to hold the deposit previously paid for the postponed 2019/20 AGM until the restrictions allow for the AGM and Presentation Lunch to be rescheduled. Further discussion regarding the AGM deferred to next meeting.

CCSMBA County Calendar: Discussion regarding the 2021/22 season deferred to next meeting.

Vacant Management Committee Positions: The Committee would again like to advertise that the positions of County Team Manager and Social Secretary remain vacant. Any member wishing to volunteer for these roles are invited to contact a member of the committee for further information.

196.14 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on 10th May 2021 7.00pm via Zoom.

196.15 Close meeting:

With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 7.50pm.

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

Signed……. (Chairman) Dated…….

Hon: Secretary: Elise Daniell Dated: 5th April 2021