CORNWALL COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 198th Management Committee Meeting held via Zoom on Monday 28th June 2021.

Present: Chris Roberts, Gill Smith, Elise Daniell, Peter Hore, Sandra Worton, Nick Truscott, John Worton, Rita Hancock

198.00 Chairman's welcome:

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

198.01 Apologies for absence:

Nigel Nicholls, Steve Fletcher and Yolanda Featherstone

The committee were advised that, due to ill health, Yolanda Featherstone had resigned from the position of East Area Representative.

198.02 Approve and sign minutes of the 197th 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 Chairman.

Proposer: Rita Hancock Seconder: John Worton

198.03 Matters arising from previous meeting:

The committee reviewed the Action List resulting from the previous meeting –

- The ESMBA have been written to regarding the outstanding reply to the CCSMBA's letter dated 22nd January 2021, the ESMBA's calendar for 2021/22, the ICC Format for 2021/22 and the 2020 ESMBA AGM proposals. The County Secretary informed the committee that the calendar and AGM proposals have been received separately however the ICC Format and a response to the CCSMBA's letter are still outstanding. A further email will be sent to the ESMBA requesting a response.
- The vacant positions on the committee have been advertised to all Club Secretaries.
- Club Registration and Membership Affiliation renewal letters have been sent to all Club Secretaries.
- The CCSMBA's application for Safe Bowls Status remains outstanding.
- Area Representatives have contacted clubs in their areas to gauge opinions regarding the County League for 2021/22 to be discussed later in this meeting.
- A general post on the CCSMBA's social media page has also been published inviting comments from members regarding the return to bowls.

198.04 Correspondence:

Email from Linda White (ESMBA General Secretary) providing copies of the ESMBA's Committee Meeting Minutes from May and June 2021. Copies attached for club records.

Email from Barry Hedges (ESMBA Chairman) providing a brief outline of the ICC Format for 2021/21.

Email from Barry Hedges (ESMBA Chairman) clarifying some points of the ESMBA's Route Map back to bowls. In particular, an explanation for the 12 hour rule for internal competitions while playing under National Restrictions. (This was correct at the time of the meeting.

198.05 Treasurer's report:

No report.

198.06 Membership Secretary's report:

Following our previous meeting the annual letter and affiliations listings were sent out to all clubs on the May 12th 2021. Response was slow so a reminder was sent on June 20th 2021. To date 28 clubs have responded with amended lists and payment but there is still a long way to go. It is clear that clubs are having difficulties regaining members and some, through the venues not yet being available, are not able to return to bowling. So far Central have lost 2 clubs completely being Cubert and Truro City, East have lost Pensilva and West have lost Centenary and Millbrook. I have been in communication with several clubs who have promised to send in their paperwork and expect to receive their lists in the next few days. I currently hold cheques to the value of £2600.00 with one direct payment £105.50 having been made. Membership numbers currently stand at 539.

198.07 Competition Secretary's report:

No report.

198.08 Team Manager's report:

No report.

198.09 Social Secretary's report:

No report.

198.10 Press & Promotion Officer's report:

No report.

198.11 Area Representatives' report:

Central Area: No report.
East Area: The County Secretary will write to East Area Clubs to request that a replacement Area Representative is appointed to ensure that the East Area is represented at County level.
North Area: No report.
West Area: No report.

198.12 Items for discussion from correspondence (if necessary):

None.

198.13 Any other business:

Back to Bowls Update: Little has changed since our last meeting, however two more Cornish clubs have now been granted Safe Bowls Status and will be returning to bowling shortly as per the ESMBA's Route Map. As yet, the ESMBA have not provided any indication as to their position once the Government restrictions are lifted.

Open Sessions at Carnmoggas: Deferred to next meeting where it is hoped the CCSMBA will be closer to getting Safe Bowls Status for the County Venue.

CCSMBA County Calendar: The committee began initial discussions regarding the County Calendar for the 2021/22 season. Possible formats for the County League were also briefly discussed alongside the opinions from clubs collected by Area Representatives. However, as no further guidance had been received from the ESMBA, the committee agreed that it was too early to consider formats and fixtures until this information has been received. Therefore, it was agreed to defer the discussion until after the latest Government update in the hope that further advice would be published by the ESMBA and after the ESMBA's AGM which is scheduled for Saturday 24th July. A Special Committee Meeting will be held on Tuesday 27th July to discuss the County Calendar further.

Inter County Competition 2021/22: The CCSMBA were recently advised that the ICC would see a condensed format for the upcoming 2021/22 season - this format would see half of the team playing at home and half playing away on the same day. A brief outline of the format was received with the full scoring format and rules to follow however, despite requests from the CCSMBA, this information had not been supplied to the County Secretary. The committee agreed that the CCSMBA would face increased costs relating to hall hire due to fewer numbers in attendance at the "home" fixture. In addition, as there was also some uncertainty regarding the group stages and the teams the County Squad would face due to neighbouring counties not entering their usual teams, there would

be increased travel and expense for those players taking part in the "away" fixture. In view of the above, and the fact that the position of County Team Manager has been vacant since March 2020, it was proposed that Cornwall do not enter the 2021/22 Inter County Competition.

Proposer: Peter Hore Seconder: Nick Truscott Unanimously Agreed.

An email will be sent to the ESMBA advising them of the Committee's decision and a statement will be issued on the County's website / social media.

ESMBA AGM: The committee were advised that the ESMBA had requested confirmation of any attendee for the AGM to ensure that the venue's Covid procedures could be followed. It was agreed that Elise Daniell, Peter Hore and Gill Smith would attend the AGM on behalf of the CCSMBA.

198.14 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on 27th July 2021 7.00pm via Zoom.

198.15 Close meeting:

With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

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

Signed……. (Chairman) Dated…….

Hon: Secretary: Elise Daniell Dated: 26th July 2021

Action List

- E.D to write to the ESMBA once more regarding the outstanding reply to the Management Committee's letter dated 22nd January 2021.
- J.W to visit Carnmoggas Indoor Bowls Club to check the CCSMBA's equipment and request a copy of the venue's risk assessment.
- G.S to apply for Safe Bowls Status for the CCSMBA's County venue.
- E.D to write to the East Area regarding the vacant Area Representative position.
- E.D to write to the ESMBA and publish statement regarding the 2021/22 ICC.