# CORNWALL COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

## Minutes of the 199th Management Committee Meeting held via Zoom on Monday 6th September 2021.

***Present:*** Chris Roberts, Elise Daniell, Peter Hore, Sandra Worton, Nick Truscott, John Worton, Rita Hancock, Steve Fletcher,

**199.00 Chairman's welcome:**

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

**199.01 Apologies for absence:**

Nigel Nicholls

**199.02 Approve and sign minutes of the 198th 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: Sandra Worton

**199.03 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 and a response has now been received (see correspondence).
- The CCSMBA's equipment at Carnmoggas has been checked and still appears to be in good condition. Contact details have been forwarded onto the Safeguarding Officer to obtain the venue's risk assessment in order to apply for Safe Bowls Status for the CCSMBA.
- Due to the absence of the Safeguarding Officer, the status of the CCSMBA's application for Safe Bowls Status is not known.
- All East Area Secretaries have been written to regarding the appointment of a new Area Representative however no replies have been received.
- The ESMBA have been informed that Cornwall will not be entering the ICC for the 2021-22 season and a statement has been published for the members.

**199.04 Correspondence:**

Email from Linda White (ESMBA General Secretary) providing copies of the ESMBA's Committee Meeting Minutes from 15th July and 7th August 2021. Copies attached for club records.

Email from Linda White (ESMBA General Secretary) providing the draft AGM minutes and updates to the ESMBA's Constitution and Disciplinary Procedure. Copies attached for club records.

Email from Sue Ashton (Saltash SMBC) suggesting that there is no promotion or relegation for this year's winter league. Discussion deferred to "Any Other Business" on the agenda.

Email from Barry Hedges (ESMBA Chairman) in response to the CCSMBA's letter dated 22nd January 2021 regarding the ESMBA's insurance scheme. Copy attached for information.

**199.05 Treasurer's report:**

There have been very few transactions since our last meeting so a full Treasurers report has not been drafted. As

we move towards the new season there will be more activity on the account and I will provide an update accordingly. However, I have recently received a letter from HSBC advising that there will now be charges for every cheque that is paid into the CCSMBA's account which is clearly not sustainable for the amount of small cheques the County processes. I will look into alternative bank accounts available to the CCSMBA and the use of HSBC's mobile app for paying in cheques which may be without charge. Clubs are also reminded that the CCSMBA is also able to accept payment by bank transfer and the details can be provided on request.

**199.06 Membership Secretary's report:**

Membership numbers have slowly increased over the last few weeks and currently stand at 738. I am still waiting to hear from 2 clubs being Liskeard and St Germans both in the East. I currently hold 4 cheques ready to bank totalling £220.00 with Ladock making a direct payment of £154.00.

**199.07 Competition Secretary's report:**

The County Fixture List is now hopefully finalised for the 2021-22 season and this will begin with two open practice days at Carnmoggas Indoor Bowls Club on Sunday 3rd and Sunday 10th October. The continuation of the finals from last season's Two Wood Singles and Four Wood Pairs will be held on the 17th October before the first competition for 2021-22 season takes place on the 30th and 31st October. The Bebbington Cup and Truscott plate competitions will be held on 14th November for last season's league winners and Area Representatives are asked to contact those teams to find out if they wish to take their place in the competition. The Champion of Champions competition will follow the Bebbington Cup and Truscott Plate on the 14th November at approximately 2.00pm. The calendar and entry forms will be sent out to clubs once I have had confirmation from Carnmoggas that the fixture list can be finalised.

**199.08 Team Manager's report:**

No report.

**199.09 Social Secretary's report:**

No report.

**199.10 Press & Promotion Officer's report:**

As has been the case recently, there is little to report at this meeting. The views on the website are down but this will increase as our season begins again. Clearly we will need to engage in some recruitment opportunities to encourage participation in the sport within Cornwall and we await guidance from the ESMBA on the best way forwards.

**199.11 Area Representatives' report:**

**Central Area:** What a devastating 18 months since the end of the 2019-20 season caused by the Covid pandemic. At the end of that season the Central area finished with two divisions and fifteen teams but at the start of this season we have seven teams registered. Of these seven teams, one is extremely doubtful that they will have a team due to the lack of members and one team wanted to enter the first division but as we only have enough teams for one division I am not sure if they will play.

**East Area:** No report.

**North Area:** I have received five applications for the league this year, one team from Blisland, Tintagel and Wadebridge and two teams from Lanteglos. Stratton have many vulnerable players and do not wish to car share, Boscastle are in the process of reorganising the club following the pandemic but they don't feel as though they are in the position to enter the league for this season and St Minver still have no venue following the school hall being taken over. I understand previously when numbers were so low each team played twice to give them more games, if at our Northern area meeting in a couple of weeks this was to be discussed would CCSMBA agree to this format until things settle down again?

**West Area:** In the West Area, we have ten clubs with eighteen teams entered into the County League which is a loss of 9 teams compared to last year and the league will be organised into two divisions as opposed to three last year. In the West Area Afternoon League, we have eleven clubs with twenty four teams entered and this is eight teams down from last year.

**199.12 Items for discussion from correspondence (if necessary):**

None.

**199.13 Any other business:**

**Back to Bowls Update:** Deferred to next meeting.

**CCSMBA Winter League:** Following the updates provided by the Area Representatives, the committee discussed the 2021-22 Winter League for each area.

*Central / North* There had been reports of reluctance from some players regarding playing in the evening which has meant that some clubs are struggling to find enough players to field a team. The committee reiterated that should both team captains agree an earlier start time can be arranged for each league fixture however, the default start time must remain at 7.00pm to ensure that the sport remains accessible to everyone.

Due to the number of entries received for both the Central and North leagues, the committee agreed that each fixture could play twice in order to extend the league programme and increase the number of games played.
Proposer: Peter Hore Seconder: Nick Truscott Unanimously agreed.

*West* One club has queried whether they can use two mats or if a league game must only be played on one mat. The committee advised that within the league rules, two mats may be used at the agreement of both team captains however if one team does not agreed then the fixture must be played on one mat without prejudice. With regards to the Covid guidance from the ESMBA, the Safe Bowls Status covers the protocols and can be returned to in any future outbreak however, as there has been a relaxation of the guidance, play can take place over two mats should both teams feel comfortable in doing so. Should restrictions or lockdowns be re-imposed then the Safe Bowls Status guidance will apply.

*East* In the absence of an Area Representative, the league entries were received by the County Secretary however going forwards Nick Truscott agreed to schedule the fixtures and receive results for this season's league. The County Secretary advised that 12 teams had entered the league, three of which were in the First Division last season. However, due to the number of entries, it was agreed to combine the league into one Division for the 2021-22 season. This would also negate the need for any promotion or relegation.
Proposer: Rita Hancock Seconder: Nick Truscott Unanimously agreed.

**CCSMBA AGM:** Deferred to next meeting.

**199.14 Date of next meeting:**

The next meeting will be held on 8th November 2021 7.00pm via Zoom.

**199.15 Close meeting:**

With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.13pm.

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

***Signed……. (Chairman) Dated…….***

**Hon: Secretary: Elise Daniell Dated: 2nd October 2021**

**Action List**

- G.S to apply for Safe Bowls Status for the CCSMBA's County venue.
- Area Representatives to speak with 2019-20 league winning teams regarding the Bebbington Cup and Truscott Plate finals
- Area Representatives to organise league fixtures and banking of league fees