CORNWALL COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 204th Management Committee Meeting held via Zoom on Monday 11th July 2022.

Present: Elise Daniell, Peter Hore, Sandra Worton, Nick Truscott, John Worton, Rita Hancock, Steve Williamson, Dennis Shorthouse, Nigel Nicholls

204.00 Chairman's welcome:

In the absence of the Chairman, Peter Hore was appointed Chair. The meeting was opened at 7.00pm and the Chair thanked everyone for attending remotely.

204.01 Apologies for absence:

Chris Roberts, Steve Fletcher

204.02 Approve and sign minutes of the 203rd committee meeting:

The minutes were taken as read and approved by those present.

Proposer: Sandra Worton Seconder: John Worton

204.03 Matters arising from previous meeting:

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

- An email was sent out to Club Secretaries along with the minutes of the last meeting appealing for volunteers for the vacant positions on the committee.
- Player opinions and new County shirt designs are yet to be investigated – deferred to next meeting for discussion with County Team Manager.
- Updates to the information pack (including terminology such as "CRB checks" within the Constitution) are yet to be issued. The updates will be sent out to Club Secretaries ahead of the new season once the rules revisions have been confirmed by the committee.
- A letter was sent to Lanreath SMBC in response to their recent correspondence.
- Invites to the County Team trials are yet to be sent out – Team Manager to be contacted for an update.
- The ESMBA are also yet to be contacted regarding the previously awarded Covid-19 Grant as evidence of expenditure is required in order to claim the grant and the CCSMBA's Accounts are currently being audited by an independent person.
- The new County Safeguarding Policy is still to be drafted – deferred to next meeting.
- A letter was sent to Lanteglos SMBC regarding their failure to attend the Bebbington Cup.
- The annual Rules Revision meeting is yet to be held but will be scheduled ahead of the next full Committee Meeting to ratify any proposals.
- The draft proposal for a County led marketing campaign is yet to be put together – deferred to next meeting.

204.04 Correspondence:

Email from Linda White (ESMBA General Secretary) attaching the ESMBA's AGM pack. Unfortunately the CCSMBA will not have a delegate in attendance at the AGM however the committee agreed that there are no concerning proposals due to be discussed at the meeting therefore it was not necessary for a delegate to attend.

Email from Geoff Risdon (Lanteglos SMBC) appealing Lanteglos B's points deduction following their failure to attend the Bebbington Cup. It was agreed that it is not the Committee's aim to discourage members from playing

the sport however it is important to protect the integrity of the competitions that are held for those wishing to take part in them. Lanteglos B entered the County League with full knowledge of fixtures, including the league final (Bebbington Cup), and any associated risks relating to Covid-19. As with any competition, there are rules that must be followed in order to protect it's integrity and, in reference to the Bebbington Cup, rule 11.8 (Section 8 of the CCSMBA Information Pack) refers to a team failing to attend. The Management Committee therefore agreed that the penalty of a 12-point deduction will still apply for the 2022-23 season. As the North Area League format has been changed for the 2022-23 season, the Committee agreed that the penalty will follow the majority of those players from the Lanteglos B team from the 2021-22 season. Should the players be distributed evenly then the penalty will be split equally between the teams in question.

204.05 Treasurer's report:

No report.

204.06 Membership Secretary's report:

Most clubs have now sent in their affiliations lists and membership currently stands at 748 members. Central area is the only area for all clubs to have responded so far, I am still waiting for Liskeard and St. Germans from the East area, Stratton from the North and Mabe, Redruth and Troon from the West. I would be obliged if the area reps could contact these clubs to find out what's happening. On a positive note we have had Poughill re-join in the North area. All cheques received have been banked.

204.07 Competition Secretary's report:

No report.

204.08 Team Manager's report:

No report.

204.09 Social Secretary's report:

No report.

204.10 Press & Promotion Officer's report:

No report.

204.11 Area Representatives' report:

Central Area: Firstly, the two outstanding cup games from 2020 being the Rae Francis and the Central Area Knockout trophy have finally been played with Ladock beating St. Newlyn East in both. Congratulations to Ladock. The 2021-22 season saw only 6 teams competing with St Agnes Choughs winning the league and no Knockout trophy being played for. This season, the Central Area has 7 clubs registered with Lostwithiel joining the 6 teams from the previous year. Of the 3 non participating clubs being Kea, Mylor Bridge and Truro the response was a definite no from Kea, interest was shown by Mylor Bridge but more for an afternoon than an evening league and Truro are still trying to get more players interested. With Covid numbers once more on the increase some of the summer league fixtures have been affected with matches having to be cancelled and re-arranged. Who knows what lies ahead - we can only hope for the best.

East Area: At the moment we have eight Premier teams and six First Division teams. I have asked Nick Truscott to help with the fixtures and a draft fixture list will be published shortly. I have been in contact with those clubs that have not entered the league and hope that they may return in the future.

North Area: I have seven entries from teams in the Winter League. I have contacted St Minver as they had hoped to enter however it doesn't look as though they will have enough players. Stratton have also confirmed that they would not be entering the league this season. Wadebridge have entered one team so far but will be checking with their registered players to see if they would be able to enter a second team. Blisland, Tintagel and Boscastle have asked me to thank the committee for allowing the North Area to play as a triples league for the coming season.

West Area: I have received entries to the league from all of the usual clubs except St Ives and Porthleven to date. I have contacted the two that are missing and their entries may have been sent but, as I am currently away, I can't tell.

204.12 Safeguarding Officer's Report

No report.

204.13 Any other business:

ICC Travel Arrangements: Some indicative quotations for coach travel have been obtained and the usual contractor has given some competitive prices. The committee therefore agreed to book Hopleys as the transport for the fixtures with Dorset and Devon. A further quotation will be requested from Hopleys for a smaller coach to Hampshire for the Premier Team and the County Team Manager will be asked to contact those players to confirm their preference as soon as possible.

Rules Revision: Deferred to next committee meeting.

204.14 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on 12th September 2022 7.00pm via Zoom.

204.15 Close meeting:

With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.42pm.

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

Signed……. (Chairman) Dated…….

Hon: Secretary: Elise Daniell Dated: 3rd September 2022

Action List

- E.D to contact County Team Manager re Trials invites, County shirts and transportation to Hampshire.
- S.Wi to draft a new Safeguarding Policy for the CCSMBA
- E.D to write to Lanteglos in response to their appeal
- E.D to arrange Rule Revision Meeting via Zoom
- N.T to draft a proposal for a CCSMBA led marketing campaign in Cornwall.
- E.D to send League Entry Forms in January each season before clubs close.