KENT COUNTY
SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

AFFILIATED TO E.S.M.B.A.

PRESIDENT	CHAIRMAN	SECRETARY
E. Messer	L. Frampton	Mrs. A. Rycraft

MINUTES OF THE SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF KENT COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION HELD AT DITTON COMMUNITY CENTRE ON SUNDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER, 1995

OFFICERS/ COMMITTEE PRESENT	Mr. D.J. Butters	President
	Mr. E. Messer	Chairman
	Mrs. A. Rycraft	Secretary
	Mr. J. Rycraft	Treasurer
	Mr. A. Mulcuck	Vice President/Regulations Officer
	Mr. L. Frampton	Vice Chairman
	Mrs. F. Clarke	Committee
	Mr. B. Smith	Committee

Representatives of the following Clubs were present at the Meeting:

Allhallows	Downswood	Marden	Stoke
B. Monchelsea	Grain	Minster	S. Valence
B.U.Blean	Hamstreet	New Romney	Tunbury
Bromley	Hempstead V.	Rochester	Wye
Burham	Hildenboro'	Ryarsh	Y.M.C.A.
Capel	Hythe	Shorne	
Detling	Langley	Snodland	
Ditton	Lympne	S. Darenth	

The President opened the Meeting by welcoming everyone to this, the Seventh Annual General Meeting. He stated that last season had been another successful year which was due in a large degree, to a very good Committee, with the support of the members.

He confirmed that during his term as President, he had tried to assist as much as he could but after 7 years, he was now standing down. With this, he handed over to the Chairman.

The Chairman thanked the retiring President and confirmed that the Association would be eternally grateful to Mr. Butters for all he had done during his 7 years in office.

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from:

Mr. Graham Barker (Competition Secretary)
Mr. Percy Wright (Retiring Competition Secretary)

Aldington S.M.B.C	Coxheath S.M.B.C.
West Kingsdown S.M.B.C.	St. Mary's Bay S.M.B.C.
Culverstone S.M.B.C.	

2. MINUTES

The Chairman asked if there were any Matters Arising from the Minutes of the Sixth Annual General Meeting.

3. MATTERS ARISING

The Vice President referred members present to Section 8 of the 1994 A.G.M Minutes which had raised the query as to whether individual members had a right to vote at the A.G.M. The Chairman confirmed that, since a proposition had been put forward covering this point, this matter would be dealt with later in the Meeting.

It was proposed by Mr. C. Henry of Grain that these Minutes be accepted.
Seconded by Mr. G. Allard of Hempstead. Carried unanimously.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Chairman opened his report by confirming that, as stated at the 1994 A.G.M. he would be standing down as Chairman of Kent County Association.

The Chairman gave a brief report on how, following the inception of the Maidstone Triples League, the Kent County Association had been formed in 1988. He went on to inform members that, in that first year, all the Competitions had been played over one day which had resulted in the winners playing until 10pm with one particular member, i.e. John Monk of Detling Club, limping out of the hall after winning the Singles, Triples and Fours Competitions on the same day! He stated that we had learnt a lot from that first year and had progressed over the years to the format now used.

Kent County had moved on by forming the County side and entering the S.E. Region League, which they had won in that first year. The following season, it was decided that they would enter the Inter-County League with one team which reached the quarter finals, where they were beaten by Merseyside. The following year two teams were entered and it was decided that a "home venue" would be sought to give them some advantage over the away team. Last year had been a very successful season for Kent when the 'A' Team reached the final but lost against Cheshire after playing extremely well and the Premier Team won the League by beating Cambridge in the Final and becoming the English Inter-County Champions. The Chairman informed members that, as a consequence, the team had now been invited to play Ireland.

The Chairman paid tribute to Mr. Ted Pocklington who died earlier in the year and who had, for a number of years, been Competition Secretary of the Association and a member of the Premier Squad.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to all those who did not bowls but gave their support to the Association in other ways, with a further vote of thanks to the Umpires of the Association for their hard work and finally, to the Committee, many of whom have served for the last 7 years and who put in a lot of work for members in a very professional manner.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer opened his Report by stating that all matters were clarified in the letter accompanying the Accounts but asked if their were any questions from the floor.

Mr. V. Streater of Hempstead Valley Club asked what % of depreciation was used for equipment and the Treasurer replied by giving an example on the mats of a 10 year life span, depreciating by 10% each year.

It was proposed by Mr. J. Hallet of Hamstreet that these Accounts be accepted. Seconded by Mr. T. Coles of Sutton Valence. Carried unanimously.

A vote of thanks was proposed by the Vice-Chairman to the Treasurer for his hard work during the year.

6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At this stage, the retiring Chairman handed over the chair to Mr. D. Butters in order that he could proceed with this part of the Meeting.

The proposition that Mr. Len Frampton become Chairman of Kent County Association was put before the Meeting and since this proposition was unopposed, Mr. Frampton was instated as Chairman of the Association.

The proposition that Mr. Bryan Smith become Vice-Chairman of Kent County Association was put before the Meeting. This proposition was also unopposed and after a show of hands, Mr. Smith was welcomed as the new Vice-Chairman.

A further proposition that the retiring Chairman, Mr. Messer, be given the position of Life President of the Kent County Association was put forward and passed unanimously.

It was also carried unanimously that the Secretary, Treasurer and Rules & Regulations Officer stand for a further year of office.

7. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

It was confirmed, in his absence, that Mr. Barker was prepared to re-stand in his position as Competition Secretary.

It was also confirmed that Mr. Percy Wright had now retired from his position as Competition Secretary and thanks were proposed to Percy for the work he had done for the Association over the last 2/3 years.

One nomination had been received from Mr. L. Smith and seconded by Mr. I. South, both of Hempstead Valley that Mr. Gary Allard be put forward as a Committee Member. Agreed unanimously.

It was proposed by Mr. T. Mulcuck and seconded by Mr. J. Gittens that Mrs. Faith Clarke should stand a further year on the Committee. Agreed unanimously.

It was confirmed that one position as a Committee Member remained vacant and it was proposed by Mr. P. Cannon of Bromley and seconded by Mr. V. Streater of Hempstead Valley that Mrs. Babs Morokuti should stand. Agreed unanimously.

The final proposition put forward to the A.G.M. was raised at this point which referred to the query raised at the 1994 A.G.M. as to the alteration of the Constitution with regard to members being registered individually and as to their voting qualification. After much discussion on the proposition put forward, it was agreed to amend this proposition and omit the word "affiliated" to read:

3.4 Any player may become a member of the Kent County Association in their own right, on payment of a joining fee, but must be a registered member of a Kent Club for purposes of administration and voting.

It was proposed by Mr. M. Sayer of Langley that the above amendment to the proposition be approved. Seconded by Mr. G. Hibbert of Minster. Agreed unanimously.

The Secretary agreed that a new copy of the Constitution would be sent to all Clubs in due course.

8. ELECTION OF SELECTION COMMITTEE

Mr. Messer was asked if he was prepared to stand for re-election as Manager of the Kent Team and he replied by stating that he would not commit himself to this position until a decision was made as to the length of office for this position, as he felt that it should be over a number of years in order to give the Manager the opportunity to prove himself.

A query was raised by Mr. T. Rycraft of Wye as to whether Mr. Messer would be standing as Manager of both Squads or just the Premier Squad as he felt there should be a separate Manager for each Squad to which Mr. Messer replied that yes, there was an argument that two Managers were needed because of the workload.

Following a proposal that the Manager be selected internally by the County Team, it was agreed that this selection should remain an A.G.M. decision.

It was proposed by Mr. J. Gittins of Hamstreet and seconded by Mr. A. Mulcuck of Ditton that Mr. Messer should be Manager of the Premier Squad for a minimum of 3 years office. Carried unanimously.

It was proposed that Mr. Glynn Hibbert should once again stand as Manager of the 'A' Squad but due to other commitments, he was unable to accept this position.

At this point, a vote of thanks from the Committee was proposed to Mr. Hibbert for all his efforts over the past 3 years for the 'A' Team together with congratulations for reaching the final.

It was proposed by Mr. R. Clark of Snodland and seconded by Mrs. F. Clarke of Stoke that Mr. Bryan Smith should stand as Manager of the 'A' Squad. Agreed unanimously.

The 3 current members of the Premier Squad Selection Committee were asked if they were prepared to continue with another term of office.

Mr. Mulcuck of Ditton proposed that Mr. T. Rycraft, Mr. G. Allard and Mr. C. Henry serve a further term of office. Seconded by Mr. P. Cannon of Bromley. Carried unanimously.

Since Mr. Barker had requested that his name should not be put forward for the 'A' Team Selection Committee due to his workload as Competition Secretary, it was agreed that a minimum of 2 members were required to sit on this Committee and volunteers were requested.

It was proposed by Mr. T. Rycraft of Wye and seconded by Mr. J. Gittens of Hamstreet that Mr. Frank Davis and Mrs. Faith Clarke both of Stoke Club should take up these positions with a proviso that a third member be co-opted at the beginning of next season with a suggestion made by Mr. Rycraft that this third member should be from another section of Kent in order that the committee have a wider viewpoint.

Motion carried by a majority vote.

9. HONORARIUMS

Since no proposal had been received for the alteration of the Secretary's Honorarium, no changes were made.

10. INCREASE OF MEMBERSHIP FEES

Following an increase of 25p per member made by the E.S.M.B.A. for this coming season, which in turn instituted the rise in our own Membership Fees, the question was raised by the Treasurer as to whether the E.S.M.B.A. were likely to raise their fees again next season to which the answer was yes. The Treasurer suggested an increase of 50p for the season 1996/97, but only if required.

It was proposed by Mr. R. Clark of Snodland and seconded by Mr. L. Newport of Lympne that a 50p increase in Membership Fees be made for 1996/97, should it be necessary. Motion carried by a majority vote.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman informed members present that entry forms had been received from the E.S.M.B.A. for the National Competitions next year and should anyone be interested, they could take a copy. Also, if anyone were interested in running these qualifying competitions, the Committee would assist them in any way we could, other than financially.

A vote of thanks and appreciation for the Committees' work over the last year, was proposed by Mr. M. Sayer of Langley

The Competition Secretary requested , via the Secretary, that members be asked, once again, to assist at the Competitions during the coming season with the laying out and rolling up of the carpets. It was stressed that <u>any</u> assistance would be appreciated.

Three 'A' Team members were asked to come forward at this point, to be presented with their runners-up shields as they had not been present at the time these were handed out.

Mr. C. Henry of Grain was also asked to come forward on behalf of Mr. Percy Wright, to receive a small token of appreciation for his efforts to the Association during his term of office as Competition Secretary.

It was confirmed that the Committee were attempting to raise funds towards the match to be played against England at Meopham early next year and to this end, Mrs. Faith Clarke had offered to run a stall at a Boot Fair. She stated that she was prepared to visit Clubs to collect any items donated but that this would have to be before the end of September.

A request was also put forward for anyone who knew of a possible sponsor for the County Squad. The Chairman informed members that the County Players were in need of assistance towards costs, particularly the venue when the team would be playing Ireland and a stay of 2 nights away was necessary.

The Rules & Regulations Officer informed the meeting that the National Body were currently reviewing the Rules & Regulations of the Game. Changes had not yet been notified but immediately they were, members would be informed

Meeting closed at 11.55a.m.

SIGNED _____ (CHAIRMAN)

DATED _____

KENT COUNTY
SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

AFFILIATED TO E.S.M.B.A.

PRESIDENT
D.J. Butters
15 Cherry Orchard
Ditton
Maidstone, Kent
Tel: (01732) 844865

CHAIRMAN
E. Messer
332 Magpie Hall Road
Chatham
Kent
Tel: (01634 845764)

SECRETARY
Mrs. A. Rycraft
The Barn
Withersdane Farm
Wye, Nr. Ashford
Tel: (01233) 813418

HON. TREASURER J.M. Rycraft
The Barn
Withersdane Farm
Wye, Nr. Ashford
Tel: (01233) 813418

September, 1995

Dear Members,

As always, I submit my report on the activities of the Association for year 1994/95, our Seventh Year.

Contrary to the previous season in which we made a surplus of £344.33 (excluding a Grant received for £8,085.00) last season's figures resulted in a deficit of £389.61.

Membership last season was 1135, the previous year 1180, a slight reduction in fact.

Hire of hall charges totalled £6,989.90 (previous year £6,786.80) which included the sum of £1,900.66 (previous year £1,516.50) relating to County Games. As I always do and for the benefit of members generally, may I point out that the gross cost against this heading totalled £4,824.42 (previous year £3,652.20) but Team Members contributed the sum of £2,923.76 (previous year £2,135.70) towards costs. It should therefore be borne in mind that whilst County Games costs had risen by £384.16 to a total of £1,900.66 the Team contribution had risen greatly to last season's sum of £2,923.76 i.e. an increase, a very substantial increase of £788.06. Playing for the County is certainly exhilarating but, alas, expensive!

Tournament proceeds last season were £7,825.00 compared to the previous season's total of £6,422.00 i.e. 22% increase.

The majority of administration costs are comparable with the previous year except, however, Insurance which has incurred a substantial increase, i.e. £460.00 the previous season compared to last season's sum of £915.42. The reason for this is high risk items purchased the previous year, under terms of the Grant received, totalling £8,085.00 which, of course, must be Insured.

Regarding the Balance Sheet, may I once again remind members that I have calculated depreciation to be £2,506.62 and this, coupled with disposable losses, reduces the nett worth of the Association to £13,256.59. This does include however, the sum of £730.00 received from Insurers regarding two damaged mats.

The Cash Balance of the previous year amounting to £4,743.86 had reduced substantially to last year's figure of £1,067.73 but as advised in last year's Report, this was due to the fact that one or two Capital items, once again under terms and conditions of the Grant, had not been paid for at last season's year end. Also, the £600.00 relating to the cancelled Tour, has now been refunded to those concerned.

I shall be happy to answer any questions from you regarding these Accounts.

Yours faithfully,

J.M. RYCRAFT

INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT OF THE KENT COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOC. AS AT 30/06/95

EXPENDITURE

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP			
Subs paid to E.S.M.B.A.	1,107 members @ 50p £553.50		
Late admissions	28 members @ 50p £ 14.00		£ 567.50
HIRE OF HALLS & ITEMS RELATING			
Actual hiring costs (14 venues)		£4959.00	
Cost of raffle prizes	£000.00		
Refreshments, etc.	£ 00.00		
Sundry & miscellaneous expenses	£ 00.00	£ 000.00.	£4959.00.
COUNTY GAMES			
Actual hiring costs (12 venues) A & B teams (inc. mat hire)		£1337.09	
Coach costs (hire, petrol, driver)	£2270.00		
Less contributions from teams	(£1320.00)	£ 950.00	
Green fees charged to teams		(£1243.00)	
Buffet, refreshment costs/others	£ 755.99		
Less contribution from teams	(£ 108.26)	£ 647.73	
Proceeds from raffle	(£ 252.50)		
Cost of prizes	£ 117.46		
Sundry & miscellaneous expenses	£ 63.88	(£ 71.16)	
Other County expenses		£ 1620.66	
Fender Repair	£ 180.00		
League registration fee (Premier Team)	£ 50.00		
League registration fee (A Team)	£ 50.00		
		£280.00	£1900.66
GENERAL			
AGM Milton Keynes 25/06/95		£ 75.00	
Cost of 1994 AGM @ Ditton		£ 21.00	
Cost of E.G.M. @ Wye		£ 00.00	
Sundry & misc. expenses		£ 25.24	
Blazer Strips		£ 9 .00	£ 130.24
			£7557.40
TOURNAMENTS (COUNTY COMPETITIONS			
Cost of trophies			£ 313.95
ASSOCIATION BADGES			
Metal lapel badges			
Opening stock 30/06/94 = 2	£ 1.52		
Purchased 210	£ 237.93		
Closing stock = 118	£ 133.34	£ 106.11	

INCOME

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP			
County members = 1,107			
Late admissions	28 = 1135 @ £2.50		£2837.50
HIRE OF HALLS & ITEMS RELATING			
Proceeds from Umpire Courses			£ 78.50
Sale of Blazer Strips			£ 8.20
TOURNAMENTS (COUNTY COMPETITIONS)			
Entry fees @ £4.00 per person			
Singles		£1512.00	
Pairs		£2100.00	
Triples		£2004.00	
Rinks		£1584.00	
Club Championships (inc. Juniors)		£ 625.00	£7825.00
ASSOCIATION BADGES			
Metal lapel badges 64 x £1.75	£112.00		
Sold 2 x £1.50 each	£ 3.00	£ 115.00	
28 Gifted F.O.C. to other Counties			

Ladv bowler badges				Ladv bowler badges		
Opening stock 30/06/94 = 84	£ 65.52					
Closing stock 30/06/95 = 77	£ 60.06	£ 5.46		Actually sold 7 @ £1.00 each =	£ 7.00	
Gentleman bowler badges				Gentleman bowler badges		
Opening stock 30/06/94 = 47	£ 37.60					
Closing stock 30/06/95 = 42	£ 33.60	£ 4.00		Actually sold 5 @ £1.00 =	£ 5.00	
Kent County Design (Cloth) Badges				Kent County Design (Cloth) Badges		
Opening stock 30/06/94 = 10	£ 40.00					
Closing stock 30/06/95 = 0	£ 00.00	£ 40.00		Actually sold 10 @ £5.00 =	£ 50.00	
County (Cloth) Badges (New Caps)				County (Cloth) Badges (New Caps)		
Charged to this period = 20 (say)	£ 139.00					
Residue of last period (Credit Balance)	£ 25.30	£113.70		Free issue to qualifiers	NIL	
Umpire Badges				Umpire Badges		
Opening stock 30/06/94 = 23	£103.50					
Closing stock 30/06/95 = 10	£ 45.00	£ 58.50	£327.77	Actually sold 3 @ £4.50 (7 lost)	£ 13.50	£ 190.50
ASSOCIATION OTHER ITEMS				ASSOCIATION OTHER ITEMS		
Rule Books				Rule Books		
Opening stock 30/06/94 = 343	£212.66			Gifted - 1 F.O.C.		
Closing stock 30/06/95 = 279	£172.98	£ 39.68		Actually sold 63 @ 75p =	£ 47.25	
Ties				Ties		
Bought 70	£ 359.19					
Closing stock 30/06/95 = 44	£ 225.72	£ 133.47		Actually sold 24 @ £5.50 (2 lost) =	£ 132.00	
Scarves				Scarves		
Opening stock 30/06/94 = 8	£ 29.12					
Closing stock 30/06/95 = nil	NIL	£ 29.12		Actually sold 8 (clearing price)	£ 16.00	
Cravats				Cravats		
Opening stock 30/06/94 = 13	£ 54.47					
Bought 60	£ 251.22			13 x £4.50 =	£ 58.50	
Closing stock 30/06/95 = 48	£ 201.12	£ 104.57	£306.84	12 x £5.50 =	£ 66.00	£ 124.50 £ 319.75
PRESENTATION DINNER DANCE				PRESENTATION DINNER DANCE		
Cost of tickets Meals/Hire		£1006.40				
Music		£ 180.00				
Printing of admission tickets	£ 18.00					
Photographs for Assoc. archives/Photographer	£ 80.00					
Cost of raffle prizes	£ 18.18			Sale of tickets 74 x £15.00 =	£1110.00	
Confectionery, flowers, o/p, etc.	£ NIL	£ 116.18	£1302.58	Proceeds from raffle	£ 69.00	£117900
ADMINISTRATION EXPENSES				OTHERS		
Insurance	£ 915.42			Mat hire		£ NL
Postage	£ 367.71					
Stationery	£ 248.35			Sports Council Grant		£ NL
Travelling expenses	£ 128.59					
Telephone	£ 351.78					
Audit 94/95	£ 25.00					
Photostat electricity	£ 95.00					
Sundries	£ NIL	£2131.85				
Sec.		£1000.00	£3131.85			
FINANCE				FINANCE		
Bank charges			£ NIL	Interest received from Alliance & Leicester B.S.		£ 11233
Deficit of Income over Expenditure transferred to Balance Sheet			(£389.61)			
			£12550.78			£12550.78

BALANCE SHEET OF THE KENT COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION AT 30/06/95

CAPITAL

Income & Expenditure Account i.e. accumulated fund b/f from previous period				15609.40	
Deficit from current period transferred from Income & Expenditure Account			389.61		
Add depreciation for this period		2506.62			
Add loss on disposals	186.58				
Money received re Insurance Claim	(730.00)	(543.42)	1963.20	2352.81	13256.59

CURRENT LIABILITIES

Hire of halls				532.00	
County Blazer Badges				139.00	
ESMBA				14.00	
Sundry creditors				364.50	
Photostat electricity				NIL	1049.50

With the books of Account & supporting documentation presented to me, I confirm the above Accounts to be a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Association and of its profit/losses as at 30th June, 1995

Signed ..... Dated 30/8/95

14306.09

FIXED ASSETS

Value of 3 trophies					
(Singles, Pairs & Triples)	420.00				
1 Rose Bowl (Rinks)	96.00				
Club Championship Shield	57.30		573.30		
2 mats inc. jacks & delivery mats	NIL	(both disposed of - Insurance Claim)			
5 mats ex Lodge Sports	2300.00				
4 second-hand mats ex Inplay	549.70				
7 carpet bags ex Inplay	310.00		3159.70		
1 portable typewriter			258.75	3991.75	
7 mats	3181.50				
8 sets of woods	464.00		3645.50		
1 VT9 van trailer			3525.00	7170.50	
1 wheelclamp for trailer				58.75	
Jacks & mats				147.00	
4 heavyweight jacks				117.50	11485 .50
13 heavyweight jacks				305.50	
Personal computer			1173.83		
Software			299.00		
Laser printer			544.40	2017.23	
Olympia Photocopier				2798.85	
Furniture & fittings (desks & equipment)				799.46	5921.04
					17406.54

Purchased this period:				
Answering Machine			74.99	
Answering Machine			59.99	
Flip Chart			76.35	
New Fenders			200.00	
2 new Wygreen Mats		960.00		
8 Score Frames			540.00	
1 secondhand mat (ex Woodchurch S.M.B.C.)			350.00	
Calculator/Adding Machine			134.29	2395.62
				19802.16
Less:				
Depreciation 1989/90 to 1993/94	)see separate		5184.00	
Depreciation 1994/95	)schedule		2506.62	7690.62
				12111.54

CURRENT ASSETS

Sundry Debtors		155.00	
Fees 1995/96 paid in advance		100.00	255.00
Stock			
Metal lapel badges x 118		133.34	
Lady Bowler badges x 77		60.06	
Gentlemen Bowler badges x 42		33.60	
Rule Books x 279		172.98	
Ties x 44		225.72	
Cravats x 48		201.12	
Umpire badges x 10		45.00	871.82
Cash			
National Westminster Bank PLC		230.68	
Alliance & Leicester Building Society		812.40	
Petty Cash		24.65	1067.73
			14306.09