

# KENT COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT  
B. Smith

CHAIRMAN  
T. Rycraft

SECRETARY  
Ms M Fitzgerald

MINUTES of a Committee Meeting held on 23rd April 2012 at Burham Village Hall

1. MEMBERS PRESENT  
Mr T Rycraft, Mr T Coles, Mrs S Watson, Mrs I Benton, Mr F Davis, Mrs J Davey, Ms M Fitzgerald, Mr D Carpenter & Mr M Wiedeholz.
2. APOLOGIES  
Mr B Smith.
3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING  
It was proposed that the Minutes of the last Meeting held on 14th March 2012 be accepted. Agreed unanimously.
4. MATTERS ARISING  
(a) **COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Mrs Watson opened her report by confirming that the Club Championships went very well with 18 teams, she thanked Mrs Benton for taking over the running of the competition at the last moment due to personal reasons. The winner was Joydens Wood with Burham being runners up and Hempstead Valley finishing third. The winners and runners up were invited to attend the annual Presentation Day.

The Open Pairs now has a confirmed entry of 60 teams, this is being held in Swale IBC on Sunday 13th May, this entry is slightly higher than last year. Mrs Watson asked for a confirmed amount to spend on the raffle which was agreed by all. Refreshments will be provided all day.

The move to Medway Park and the exit from Strood Leisure Centre is now complete. Mrs Watson asked that a thank you is noted to Jim & Jan Davey for their efforts in moving the equipment and arranging the installation of the storage facilities.

As a introduction to the centre Mrs Watson asked the committee for agreement to a free days bowling in August for Kent members only. As an incentive to this change the winners will be rewarded with one years free entry to the singles, pairs, triples and fours whilst the runners up will receive a half price entry into the same competitions. This was agreed and full details will be published in due course.

The ranking list was reviewed with an agreed cut off point of 'top 60' being agreed, the Competition Secretary will issue this list to the clubs.

- (b) **TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mr Wiedeholz asked to note that the end of season meal is booked for the 12th May in Swale IBC.

To assist the change over with the new manager Mr Wiedeholz agreed to forward the Squad availability sheets and collect the responses and pass them onto his replacement in due course.

- (c) **TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer reported that the bank balance stood at £17,195.21. The accounts are now being audited.

She confirmed that the Demelza House would be sending a representative to our Presentation Day event to collect the Associations' £500 donation.

Mrs Davey requested help in moving the mats and other equipment from Swale to Medway Park after they are finished with. After some discussion it was agreed that the next Committee meeting would be held in Medway Park at a slightly earlier start time so the committee can help relocate the equipment. This was agreed for the 11th June at 7pm.

She confirmed that a £50 deposit had been paid to the coach company for the Christmas markets trip to Bruges on 1st December 2012.

She went on to confirm that 2 mats have been sold to a new start up club in Grafty Green. This means the county has 2 more mats left to sell if anyone is interested.

- (d) **FUND RAISING:** Mrs Benton will investigate dates for a race night; she will report back at the next meeting.
- (e) **BOWLS DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE (BDA):** On behalf of the BDA, Mrs Davey reported that their AGM will be on Thursday 17th May at Mote Park IBC at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The 'Have mat will Travel' has been re-branded as 'Play Bowls' and the next event will be between the 2nd to 5th June at the Spring Garden Show in the Detling Show Ground, as this is a large event lots of help and volunteers are needed....please contact Mrs Davey for more information.

- (f) **COACH UPDATE:** The Secretary confirmed that 33 places out of a possible 53 had been taken already for the Christmas Markets Bruges trip on the 1st December. Anyone else interested should contact the Secretary asap.
- (g) **KENT COUNTY TEAM MANAGER:** The sub committee confirmed that the selection panel was being organised but could not be confirmed at the time of the meeting as it was not fully completed. Once sorted they will organise the interviews and confirm this to the three applicants.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) **AGM:** This year's AGM will be held on Monday 16th July at Burham Village Hall at 7.30pm for 8pm start. The Secretary confirmed that a full set of proposals for the officers and committee has been received. This included the vacancy left by Mr Derek Carpenter who was sadly standing down after many years service to Kent. The Chairman asked that a thank you is made as Derek has been a tireless worker for Kent and will be sadly missed.

The Committee have also made a proposal for a change to the constitution with regards the requirements for the Rules and Regulations Officer. The full set of proposals and nominations will be sent with a copy of independently verified accounts.

- (b) **GENERAL:**

The following meeting dates have been agreed;

- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2012 - Medway Park - 7pm START
- 16th July – AGM – Burham Village Hall.

The Secretary confirmed an invitation from the ESMBA for their Presidents day bowling, this is an event they hold as a thank you to the bowls workers around the country. The committee agreed that Mr Smith should be asked first, the Secretary will forward a copy of the invitation for his review.

The Chairman confirmed that he had written to the ESMBA for further clarification on their recently proposed financial administration changes, this was acknowledged by the ESMBA Secretary and will be reported upon in their next meeting.

The Secretary confirmed receipt of a new Charity nomination for the 2012/13 season for 'Chypps' Elleonar Lions Hospices from Detling SMBC. The Committee would like to remind all clubs to forward to the Secretary any charities that they would like considered for the coming season.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on Monday 11th June 2012 in Medway Park, commencing at 7pm.

Meeting closed at 9.50pm

SIGNED \_\_\_\_\_

DATED \_\_\_\_\_

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