

# KENT COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

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## **KENT COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION** **MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING** **Held on 19th November 2018 at Great Danes Hotel**

### 1) CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chairman welcomed all to another meeting at the Great Danes Hotel.

### 2) MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr G Allard, Mr M Doorey, Mr T Rycraft, Mr R Offord, Mrs L Wynn, Mr R Ferguson, Mr N Tresadern & Mr B Baker

### 3) APOLOGIES

Mrs A Rycraft & Mr A Plowman

### 4) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 20th September were agreed by the committee members present and duly signed by the Chairman.

### 5) MATTERS ARISING

None

### 6) TREASURER'S REPORT

Despite being absent Mr Plowman confirmed via email that the bank balance stood at £20,603.94; this balance included £2,398.40 surplus left over from the initial shirt sponsorship. Fees for the ESMBA membership and venue hire costs to NLL were to be deducted from this figure

### 7) TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT

Mr Rycraft confirmed that since the committee last met the Premier, 'A' and 'B' teams have played as follows:

#### **Saturday 22nd September 2018**

Kent 'A' away to East Sussex winning 38 points to 2 and 313 shots to 101 points

#### **Sunday 7th October**

Kent 'A' home to East Sussex winning 36 points to 4 and 268 shots to 132 shots

Kent Premier to Essex winning 23 points to 17 and 181 shots to 170 shots

#### **Sunday 21st October**

Kent 'A' home to Surrey winning 25 points to 15 and 195 shots to 158 shots

Kent Premier to Norfolk losing 18 points to 22 and 181 shots to 203 shots

#### **Sunday 4th November**

Kent 'B' home to West Sussex winning 28 points to 12 and 202 shots to 160 shots

#### **Saturday 10th November**

Kent 'B' away to West Sussex losing 10 points to 30 and 167 shots to 242 shots

The next sequence of matches see's the Premier team play Northampton, whilst the 'A' team play West Sussex and the 'B' team play away to Surrey.

Mr Rycraft requested that the current Squad uniform be reviewed as the traditional blazer was not progressive and was holding the team back and that something more modern was required. It was agreed that Mr Rycraft could survey the squad on this basis for feedback which would be reported upon in the next meeting for further discussion.

To assist with the travelling costs to Tamworth(Premier & A teams) being held in Tamworth Mr Rycraft asked if the KCSMBA could help in anyway. After some discussion it was agreed that any driver taking 3 players would be paid a £10 expense.

#### 8) COMPETITION SECRETARY

Mr Tresadern reported that like most seasons the start has been challenging to set up; he has been chasing clubs for entry paperwork and requested that everyone considered the consequence when things were sorted and then people ask to change things around. He confirmed that all competitions have been written up and were ready to go; as it stood the following entries have been received and are listed as a comparison to last year:

Discipline	2017/18	2018/19	Difference
Singles	102	118	16
Pairs	62	63	1
Triples	42	39	-3
Fours	27	29	2
Total	233	249	16 = 7% increase

The pairs were completed without any problems seeing Richard Stagg and Jody Frampton from Tunbury winning the final against Chris Bull from Hawking and Alan Harwood from Tunbury

Mr Tresadern confirmed that the first two rounds of the singles have been played and has proved to be the biggest challenge for this season so far with the first rounds of the singles clashing with a B team game against West Sussex.

The triples and fours are almost complete and will be published on the website soon. In the fours we have 29 entries ; we will try to increase that to 32 teams. Mr Tresadern raised the question that due to smaller entries whether we should reduce the fours into a 1 day event . This would save the county approximately £200 by not having a second date with a finals day. It was agreed to discuss this again at the next meeting.

With regards the Nationals it was reported that entries are slowly trickling in from the same clubs; this will be updated in the next meeting.

#### 9) UMPIRES

Mr Baker confirmed that new members are entitled to a free rule book; anyone interested to claim their rule book should contact him with their request.

He also requested that anyone interested in becoming an umpire contact him as we are always looking for more umpires.

#### 10) FUND RAISING

Although not present in the meeting Mr Plowman had forwarded details on the 'Race Night' this is confirmed for 1st February 2019 in St Mary's Platt village hall and Mr Plowman will start to publicise with tickets being on sale soon. The proceeds from this event will go toward the KCSMBA.

#### 11) VENUE & STORAGE UPDATE

The racking in the container had been built and completed and thanks to Mr Rod Wynn for his work were extended by the committee. With the darker nights the lack of light in the container and walk way was an issue; Mr Baker has kindly donated a rechargeable light to assist. Mr Rycraft will write to NLL to see if they will add some outside lighting along the walkway between the hall and the container.

Keys to the container have now been issued to the whole committee with a spare key being given to NLL for emergency use.

Mr Plowman confirmed that the rental costs for the container were £1.716 per day meaning a 30 day month costs the Association £51.48. Whether KCSMBA should purchase the container would be reviewed in the next meeting.

Mr Ferguson expressed a concern over moisture in the container; it was agreed that he would investigate purchasing some de-humidifying crystals to help prevent any damage to the equipment.

Mr Rycraft offered to refurbish the fenders and centre blocks at a cost of £30 per set. The committee voted upon this and agreed unanimously. Anyone else wishing to help with this can also do so on the same terms.

It was agreed that Mr Tresadern would investigate having 12 jacks refurbished.

#### 12) MEMBERSHIP & REGISTRATION UPDATE

Mrs Wynn confirmed that she had received and processed the membership documents. Current membership stood at 420; this is likely to rise slightly as odd players come forward with registration requests.

The payment to ESMBA was now due; it was requested that the Treasurer organise their payment asap.

#### 13) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was repeated that the County needed a Secretary and that the current arrangements were not sustainable; anyone interested should contact the committee urgently.

Organising Grants for the replacement of Kent's equipment was discussed and it was agreed that any individual who helped to successfully organise an application that resulted in monies being given to Kent would have a reward sent to their bowls club to the value of 10% of the fund won. This would be paid out of existing Kent funds and was being offered as a means to encourage members to help with this urgent requirement.

Kent has 4 damaged mats and Mr Tresadern agreed to investigate if we could make a claim on our Insurance. This would be confirmed at the next meeting.

Mr Tresadern also confirmed that the ESMBA are offering Coaching courses; this is normally a chargeable course. Kent is seeking volunteers as this course will provide level 1 coaches. The course is held in Tilbury in Essex.

To assist with the movement of mats between the container and the hall Mr Allard agreed to investigate trolley options and report to the committee at the next meeting.

It was also requested that the email previously used by the Secretary be resurrected as members might be emailing on this and the committee could not see or check the messages; Mr Rycraft confirmed that this had not been done. Mr Doorey agreed to take this up and will report to the committee accordingly.

The members should note that we are still missing a Secretary and that the committee desperately need a volunteer as this was post that needed filling and without one we could not function successfully moving forwards.

#### 14) NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was agreed for Wednesday 16th January 2019 in the Great Danes hotel.

#### 15) MEETING CLOSED

The meeting closed at 21.45

SIGNED BY:  
(Chairman)



DATED: 16th January 2019