

KENT COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION
 MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING
 Held on 26th September at Ryarsh Village Hall

1	CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS	The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all those present.								
2	MEMBERS PRESENT	Mr T Coles, Mr R Berry, Mr T Rycraft, Mr N Bartlett, Mrs L Wynn, Mr D Ford, Mr K Austen								
3	APOLOGIES	Mr B Baker, Mr A Plowman, Mrs A Rycraft								
4	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	First full committee meeting with this committee, but no objections to previous minutes.								
5	MATTERS ARISING	None								
6	COMPETITION SEC'Ys REPORT	<p>Keith reported that currently we had the following entries for the county competitions.</p> <table style="margin-left: 20px;"> <tr> <td>SINGLES</td> <td>122 ENTRIES</td> </tr> <tr> <td>PAIRS</td> <td>68 ENTRIES</td> </tr> <tr> <td>TRIPLES</td> <td>48 ENTRIES</td> </tr> <tr> <td>FOURS</td> <td>26 ENTRIES</td> </tr> </table> <p>Keith also remarked that the free entries appeared to be bringing back/in different players this year as roughly 25% had qualified for the scheme.</p> <p>The Fours are due to be played this coming Sunday. The number of mats needed was discussed and it was proposed that we use all mats to finish the day faster. It was agreed that timings would also be trialled to see if that helped us keep target.</p> <p>Nicky reported that the National competitions were showing a better interest than normal and he would report more at the next meeting.</p>	SINGLES	122 ENTRIES	PAIRS	68 ENTRIES	TRIPLES	48 ENTRIES	FOURS	26 ENTRIES
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7	TREASURER'S REPORT	Not present								
8	SECRETARY'S REPORT	The Secretary reported that we currently stood at 401 members and 46 clubs. St Michaels will probably be re-joining but no major changes to member numbers are expected from here on. Rob also said that a mistake in last year's membership registrations had been identified. The Committee agreed that the Secretary should write to the ESMBA and attempt to see if any kind of refund could be secured.								
9	TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT	<p>Since we last met I can confirm that the season and ICC has started, we completed two squad days although compared to previous years we struggled with the numbers (49 and 35 players respectively)</p> <p>We have started our ICC campaigns and have enjoyed the following results:</p> <p>17th September 2017 Kent B v Essex - 38 points to 2 points and 251 shots to 148 Kent A v Surrey - 24 - 16 points and 194 to 186 shots Kent Prem v Surrey - 33 - 7 points and 210 shots to 154 shots</p> <p>23rd September East Sussex A v Kent - 36 - 4 points and 268 to 132 shots</p> <p>24th September Essex Prem v Kent 22 - 18 points and 191 to 199 shots</p>								

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		Tim also confirmed that the home game to Essex would be Saturday 7 th October.
10	RULES & REGULATION OFFICERS REPORT	Umpires Report. All inter-county matches have been allocated an umpire. Umpire coverage for domestic competitions will be completed when the entries and draws are known.
11	Correspondence	Thomas read out an email that had been received from B Baker. After discussion between the committee, it was the agreed position that due to ongoing difficulties with New Line Learning, we should start discussions about feasibility with a possible new venue.
12	Vice Chairman	Thomas informed the committee that after some discussion, Derek Ford has agreed to be co-opted into the vacant position of v Chair until the end of the season. This opens a position as committee member, it was agreed that we should consider also filling this if possible.
13	Sponsorship	Tim reported that we have had a response to our advert for a new sponsor. Discussions are on going and will be reported when it becomes possible to do so. The Committee would also like to thank A Ellis and R Toms for their current ongoing efforts to raise money for new County Shirts. No final figure is yet known but it has been a significant amount.
14	County Shirts	The Chairman presented 2 different shirt ideas to the Committee. One of which came out a clear favourite. There were some new ideas given to Thomas who would get a second version created.
15	Club Championship	The rules for the return of the club championship were discussed, it was eventually agreed that no current Kent squad player would be allowed to enter. It was also agreed that we open the competition up to non-registered players in order the promote the County more. A nominal fee of £6 per team would be charged.
16	National Fours	Nicky suggested new dates for the National Fours, which were agreed. The venue will remain unchanged at St Marys Platt.
17	DBS/Under 18	It was discussed who needed to be DBS checked and what sort of checks everyone on the committee had. Several members either needed adding to the auto update register or having the process started. Nicky would take charge of ensuring this was completed.
18	A.O.B	The jacks were the only topic raised. Several jacks have been identified of in urgent need of repair. It was agreed that 8 jacks would be refurbished immediately, with more potentially being done later in the year.
19	Next Meeting date	Secretary to confirm
20	MEETING CLOSED	The meeting was closed at 22:21
	SIGNED BY	
	DATED	24/11/2017