KENT COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING Held on 13th November at Langley Village Hall

1	CHAIRMANS OPENING	The Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed all those present. He offered a special welcome to our guest Mr Crouch. He informed the
	REMARKS	Committee he had notice Nicky was running late but would be in attendance.
2	MEMBERS PRESENT	Mr T Coles, Mr R Berry, Mr T Rycraft, Mr N Bartlett, Mrs L Wynn, Mr D Ford, Mr K Austen, Mr B Baker, Mr A Plowman
3	APOLOGIES	Mrs A Rycraft
4	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	Everyone agreed the previous minutes were a true account.
5	MATTERS ARISING	None
6	COMPETITION SEC'YS REPORT	Keith reported the round robins for the Fours, Triples and Pairs were complete. The Triples final was this past Saturday and was won by Gary Allard, Thomas Coles and Linda Wynn. They beat a very strong team from Herne Bay in the final. The Singles round robins would be completed in January and we currently have 124 entries. Keith reported to the Committee he felt the competitions had run smoothly and were enjoyed by the vast majority. Keith also announced that he would be moving out of the county at the end of the year and would be relinquishing his position with immediate effect. The Committee agreed that 64 finalists would be taken from the singles round robin stages into the finals day. Tim asked if we could consider increasing the ends on competitions as he felt 8 was too low. Various options were discussed, and it was agreed we would continue to monitor the situation depending on numbers. Keith reported that he had not had many entries for the Club Championship yet, it was felt that maybe phoning clubs may help ensure a larger entry.
7	TREASURER'S REPORT	Allan reported that the accounts currently stood at £19,500. This was after paying our ESMBA affiliation fee's. Tim discussed the history of our finances for the benefit of our guest Mr Crouch.
8	SECRETARY'S REPORT	The Secretary reported that membership had still been steadily rising, we now sat at 419 members. We also have had a old club reapply so would see our club number increase again. Rob confirmed the advert for the County Manager has been sent to all of our listed contacts. He would report back on applications once the closing date has passed. The Committee was also informed that he had been in contact with the National Lottery, who confirmed they had forgotten to process our application for funding. As they agreed the fault was their end, and missed their internal deadlines, they would put our application into a fast track procedure. We should expect an answer by Christmas. Rob also asked if it was acceptable to complete an application for further funding with Kent Sport. The whole Committee agreed this should be done if possible.
9	TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT	Since we last met I can confirm that the season and ICC has started and in addition to the last reported matches the squad has played the following games with the following results: 7th October 2017 Kent B v East Sussex - victory by 34 points to 6 and 268 shots to 152 Kent A v East Sussex - victory by 32 points to 8 and 241 shots to 154 Kent Prem v Essex - defeat by 18points to 22 points and 196 shots to 211 shots

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		21st October Surrey A v Kent - defeat by 24 points to 16 and 207 shots to 194 22nd October Norfolk Premier v Kent - defeat by 31 points to 9 and 167 shots to 240 28th October West Sussex B v Kent - victory by 23 points to 17 and 202 to 185 shots 4th November Surrey Premier v Kent - victory by 21 points to 19 and 195 to 184 shots 5th November 2017 West Sussex A v Kent - West Sussex victory by 23 points to 17 and 205 shots to West and 206 shots to Kent. Next games to be played: Kent are home to Norfolk Premier, West Sussex A and the B team are playing East Kent League all on Sunday 26th November in NLL, matches will commence around 10am.
10	RULES & REGULATION OFFICERS REPORT	Barry confirmed that all events except singles were still covered for umpires. The 3-2-1 on 17 th December was now also covered.
11	Correspondence	Marion Smith: Tim informed the Committee that he had an email from Marion's daughter to let him know of her death. The Chairman asked the Secretary to make the funeral arrangements known to all members as she was known by many.
12	County Mats	Barry confirmed to the Committee that his club were interested in purchasing the mat they had on loan from the County. A price of £300 was set and Barry said he would take the offer back to his club.
13	Sponsorship	Tim reported that Alan Ellis had currently raised around £1000 this season for the County from various individuals and businesses. Tim had also received an offer of £1000 from a member who wished to remain anonymous. The Chairman took the opportunity at this point in the meeting to ask if Mr Crouch has any questions for us. After a brief discussion Mr Crouch confirmed he would like to sponsor us, he would make an initial donation of £3000 followed by other instalments at set intervals. The Committee thanked Mr Crouch for his generous offer.
14	County Shirts	The whole Committee were very impressed and happy with the latest design present by Thomas. It was decided that we would start collecting orders and sizes immediately. Tim will arrange this.
15	Venue/Container	Derek reported to the Committee that along with the Secretary they have had a very successful third meeting with the Howard School to confirm details of a possible move. The Secretary presented container leasing options for short term storage until a decision is made on our funding to purchase. With the information present the Committed voted unanimously to move venue after the next County game on 26 th November. The Secretary would be responsible for sourcing a container with immediate effect. Keith informed the Committee that NLL had advised of the need to have the school hall left in a state where it could be used for exams the next day, he advised us this was the only option to keep this booking.

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16	Van/Transport	Thomas advised that we currently have no arranged transport for the 26 th November. The Treasurer said he would let Thomas know as soon as he finds out about his company lorry.
17	A.O.B.	 3-2-1: The Secretary informed the meeting of progress in advertising our next Open competition to neighbouring counties Committee Positions: It was decided to email out about the current vacancies and invite applications Constitution: Derek to look at our constitution and see what
		improvements can be made.
	N/A	
18	Next Meeting date	Secretary confirmed it would be Monday 15 th January
20	MEETING CLOSED	The meeting was closed at 21:46
	SIGNED BY DATED	1st Feb 2018