

KENT COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

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			MINUTES of a Committee Meeting held on 10th December 2012 at Langley Village Hall
1.	MEMBERS PRESENT		Mr T Rycraft, Mr T Coles, Ms M Fitzgerald, Mr B Smith, Mr Peter Richards, Mr Barry Baker, Mrs S Watson, Mrs I Benton, Mr F Davis, Mrs J Davey & Miss D Tomlinson.
2.	APOLOGIES		None
3.	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING		It was proposed that the Minutes of the last Meeting held on 1st October 2012 be accepted.
4.	MATTERS ARISING	(a)	<p>COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mrs Watson opened her report by confirming that there is one domestic round robin to complete; that is the Triples and this is being held on January 20th.</p> <p>Clubs have been contacted with confirmed finalists for the Singles, Pairs and Fours. There will be 64 Singles, 32 Pairs and 8 Fours.</p> <p>She also confirmed that Medway Park have cancelled the date of the Pairs final, she will confirm new details to the relevant clubs accordingly.</p> <p>She expressed her disappointment at the number of non attending participants this year, the Singles & Pairs were particularly poor and as such she asked players and club contacts to ensure she is informed of any non attending teams or players.</p> <p>She went on to thank Debbie Tomlinson for running the National Fours and Singles local heats; the winners were:-</p> <p>Singles - Gary Best Pairs - Matt Dillon & Debbie Tomlinson Triples - Gary Best, Matt Dillon & Nicky Bartlett Fours - Derek Ford, Jason Smith, Derrick & Chris Groom</p> <p>She confirmed that the Christmas Triples is now fully booked and wanted to thank Don Cribbens from Snodland Club for arranging the paperwork.</p>

		<p>(b) <u>TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT:</u> Mr Rycraft reported that since the Committee last met Kent has played the following matches;</p> <p>Saturday 6th October - Hampshire v A - 11 (130) - 29 (196)</p> <p>Saturday 20th October - East Sussex v Premier - 12 (154) - 28 (179)</p> <p>Saturday 27th October - East Sussex v 'A' - 8 (151) - 32 (226) West Sussex v "B" - 14 (153) - 26 (200)</p> <p>Saturday 3rd November - 'B' v East Sussex - 36 (240) - 4 (126)</p> <p>Sunday 11th November West Sussex v Premier - 23 (194) - 17 (171)</p> <p>Saturday 17th November Surrey v 'B' - 18 (170) - 22 (173)</p> <p>Sunday 25th November Premier v East Sussex - 31 (215) - 9 (151) 'A' v East Sussex - 30 (230) - 10 (137) 'B' v Essex - **Cancelled** Mr Rycraft extended a Thank You to Dave Kruse as he ran a Pairs competition for the ~B team instead.</p> <p>Sunday 9th December Premier v Surrey - 23 (220) - 17 (170) 'A' v West Sussex - 20 (162) - 20 (186) 'B' v West Sussex - 26 (207) - 14 (171)</p> <p>Mr Rycraft wanted to congratulate the squad for a good start to the season and special mention to the Premier and A Team who both qualified from their groups. The above results mean that the Premier team has finished 2nd in their group and are now confirmed as playing Somerset in a Prelim on Saturday 12th January 2013. The A Team finished top and go straight into the quarter final playing the winner of West Midlands or Essex. He went on to congratulate Dave Kruse and the B Team for remaining undefeated this season.</p> <p>Mr Rycraft confirmed a squad day for the 6th January at Medway Park in anticipation of the ICC knock out rounds.</p>
		<p>(c) <u>TREASURER'S REPORT:</u> The Treasurer reported that the balance in the bank stood at £21,896.96 plus £321.50 for the junior fund making a total of £22,218.46.,</p> <p>A forecast sheet showing estimated income & expenditure for the rest of the 2012/13 year was discussed by the Committee. She was pleased to report that for the second year running, membership has risen and the number of clubs registering had remained steady. A few clubs are still to affiliate; this may be important if they have ESMBA public liability as the insurance is invalid without membership.</p> <p>Main expenditure since the last meeting was confirmed as;</p> <p>ESMBA Membership £1974</p> <p>Teams £170</p> <p>Secretary Allowance £575</p> <p>Competition Secretary Allowance £220</p> <p>Coaches £2050</p>

		(d)	<p>BOWLS DEVELOPMENT ALLIANCE (BDA): Mrs Davey reported that the open day at Medway Park attracted 16 participants, which is below the target set by the KBDA, however, some useful contacts were made including one outdoor club seeking to set up a short mat in their club house. Mrs Davey will follow this up.</p> <p>Mrs Davey was extremely pleased to report that Tony Drew, David Parfitt and herself had completed and passed their assessments for the EBCS Level 2 Coaching Certificate. This means that there are now 5 qualified coaches in Kent with insurance for short mat courses. She requested that a coaching database is recorded on our website. This was agreed by the Committee and she will contact the web master.</p> <p>She went on to report that the BDA has completed a Level 2 module for use by recognised coaches with qualifications in other sports that could be transferred to gain a bowls coaching qualifications by completing bridging modules. Anyone interested should contact Mrs Davey who will then confirm if the KBDA can assist with the funding of the courses.</p> <p>Mrs Davey was even more pleased to announce that the KBDA had funded equipment for use at open days and coaching session. The equipment of a target wedge, new age bowls, disability arm and pick up bowls stick were shown to the Committee and will be stored in the bowls trailer.</p>
		(e)	<p>COACH UPDATE: Following a discussion on future responsibilities regarding the booking of coaches, it was agreed that once the Committee approves the requirement then the Squad Manager will book all county team coach requirements. The Squad Manager will then liaise with the Treasurer for payment.</p> <p>The Bruges trip was discussed and Mr Richards confirmed that sadly 8 people had dropped out on the day. There was some concerns that will be discussed with the coach company and reported at the next meeting. The Committee expressed a big Thank you to Mr Richards for running the day.</p>
		(f)	<p>RULES & REGULATIONS OFFICER: Mr Baker confirmed receipt of information from the ESMBA that confirmed that spinning centre blocks were not being recognised as legal equipment for national or international competitions. It was agreed that Kent would also adopt this position for all of its competitions.</p> <p>He highlighted to the Squad Manager that some county games were being played incorrectly as far as the rules go. In particular some thirds were staying at the head end when they should have been swapping with the leads and two's meaning it was impossible to call a foot fault. Mr Rycraft will highlight this to the squad.</p>
5	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	(a)	<p>EQUIPMENT: Mrs Davey confirmed there was only one mat for sale although should any club be looking to update or purchase new equipment the KCSMBA would consider purchasing their 2nd hand equipment.</p> <p>Following the disappearance of some Jacks, the Committee agreed to organising a lockable cupboard into the current racking system.</p>
		(b)	<p>GENERAL: The secretary reported that no additional communication or correspondence had been received.</p>
6.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING		<p>The next Meeting will be held on Monday 4th February 2013 in Burham Village Hall at 7.30pm.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 10pm</p>

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