

MINUTES of a Committee Meeting held on 14th September 2006 at Kingswood.

1. MEMBERS PRESENT
Mr B Smith, Mrs J Davey, Mr E Messer, Mr D Carpenter, Mrs S Watson, Mr M Wiedeholz, Mrs I Benton & Mr C England.
2. APOLOGIES
Apologies for absence were received from Mr T Coles & Ms M Fitzgerald.
3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING
It was proposed that the Minutes of the last Meeting held on 3rd August 2006 be accepted. Agreed unanimously.
4. MATTERS ARISING
 - (a) **WITHDRAWAL OF RULES & REGULATIONS OFFICER:** Mr Wiedeholz asked on behalf of Mr Coles that Mr T Rycraft be contacted and asked to withdraw his letter of resignation. It was unanimously agreed that Mr Smith would contact Mr Rycraft.
 - (b) **COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Mrs Watson opened her report by saying that entries for the competitions had closed. She confirmed that a number of members were not able to enter but were interested if partners could be found. The draw would be sent out as soon as possible.

She went on to report that National entries were down this season, also only 4 entries received so far for the U18's nationals.

She finished by reporting with great sadness the passing of Mr Graham Barrow of Tunstall club, winner of the domestic triple competition for 2006.
 - (c) **TEAM MANAGERS REPORT:** Mr Wiedeholz informed the Committee that the A Team played against England on the 3rd September and lost 30-2 points. He also reported that the pre-season games are going well and that Mrs Watson has taken over as the junior secretary and is organising all the paperwork at the moment.

He went on by saying that there has been a change of venue by Essex for a premier game; it will now be at Canvey Island; Mr Wiedeholz requested a coach and it was unanimously agreed. Mr Carpenter will organise a coach.

He finished his report by saying that letters regarding team selection will be sent out shortly.
5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
 - (a) **TREASURERS REPORT:** The Treasurer showed the Committee four quotations for new foot mats and score frames. It was decided to order 16 new mats and 4 new score frames from Inplay Ltd as their quotation was the most competitive. Treasurer to organise.

- (b) **GENERAL:** A full fixture list of 14 games has been organised for the juniors. The first match is against Hampshire on the 1st October. It was agreed that a coach should be provided and that Mr Wiedeholz and Mr England accompany the team. Mrs Watson will contact the players with details.

For the Nationals 2007 prize money of £100 per winner will be paid by the ESMBA.

Valence Bowls now require payment in advance. It was agreed that Mr Wiedeholz would collect money before placing an order.

Mr Wiedeholz reported with great sadness the passing of Mr Bill Parkhouse of Borden club.

Mr Carpenter reported that R & J Coaches had been used for the A Team game against England. Quotes have been obtained for all requested games and the Committee agreed that R & J Coaches should be hired as they were the most competitive. Mr Carpenter also showed the Committee a new B Team flag which has been approved.

Mrs Davey proposed a vote of thanks to Mr Messer for making the new fenders and centre blocks over the summer.

The ESMBA 2007 AGM will be held in Northampton on the 7th July.

A Thank You card from Mr & Mrs Messer had been received for the flowers on the occasion of their golden wedding anniversary.

A letter had been received from Mr Barry Baker of St Mary's Platt regarding the 2006 AGM & Mr Alan Avis about non-attendance at the selection day. The Secretary will reply to both Mr Baker & Mr Avis.

6. DATE OF NEXT
MEETING

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on 19th October 2006 at Kingswood, commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 10:10pm.

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DATED _____