

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 4th May 2017

MINUTES

1	Those Present:	Present: Martyn Dubb (MD), Glo Fowler (GF), Anita Bucknall (AB), Les Ricketts (LR), Mark Hollis (MH), Steve Puttock (SP), Mike Wright (MW), Barbara Sparling (BS), Jan Bunker (JanB), Tony Wall (TW), Ryan Young (RY)	
	Also Attending:		
	Apologies:	Stan Mond (SM), Ray Wheatley (RW)	
			ACTION/ COMPLETED
		MD – Warm welcome to our new committee members, Ryan & Tony	
2	Minutes of previous meeting (approval/amendments)	There being no comments or amendments, MW proposed the minutes as a correct record seconded by MH.	✓
3	Correspondence:	<p>GF- Re St Lukes proposal she has received 6 completed forms, including one by email, so far. BS has received 5, one of which is Watership who at present are not affiliated.. They will be sent to BS, later, in one lot.</p> <p>GF has emailed the 6 ICC Counties advising them of the move to Testbourne and the change in the Prem. and A team management. She also copied Brandon asking him to acknowledge receipt as he has previously said that she didn't respond to him! He hasn't as yet responded. MD asked if Surrey had been advised and AB confirmed that they already knew.</p> <p>GF read out a letter from Brian Bunker detailing the various positions he has held in his 16 years service on the Committee. It was duly noted and the letter will be attached to the file copy of these minutes.</p> <p>BS received Bramley's insurance cheque for which they need a receipt to show to their village hall.</p> <p>JB-Following the last meeting, she has emailed Barbara Mills, ESMBA Treasurer, asking if we have paid in full for the mats purchased from them in May 2015, to date she has not received a reply. She has stopped the monthly standing order following the April payment. She asked if she should contact anyone else but the meeting agreed to leave it as it is.</p>	
4	Presentation Evening	<p>GF- It went well, although there wasn't many there but JanB said that we did make a small profit. MD thanked LR for his efforts. LR said that perhaps a rethink is required. So following a discussion it was decided that, next year the trophies and a cash prize would be presented on the day of the Competition and the trophy, engraved on its return the following year.</p> <p>Proposed by BS and seconded by MH</p>	
5	AGM (& EGM)	AGM: The outstanding item is JanB and BS's meeting with an accountant. This is in	

	<p>hand. GF suggested that we hold the AGM later to, perhaps, give the accountant time to look at the accounts. JanB and BS will ask about timings when they meet up with him.</p> <p>Any change to the Constitution has to be approved at the AGM so nothing could be done until next year, but the dates will be looked at when the Sub Committee meets up in the summer.</p> <p><i>[Nb. 7.1 of the Constitution states "The Annual General Meeting shall be held not later than 30th May each year"]</i></p> <p>Following the reaction to the proposal, from the ESMBA EGM, increasing the affiliation fees by £1 to which part of the revised fee is to include Personal Accident Insurance it was agreed to hold an EGM.</p>	
	<p>EGM: SP suggested that the meeting take place on 30th July, Trials Day, after the trials have finished. This was agreed by the committee.</p> <p>We understand that certain members are not happy with the increase and suggestions have been made for the County to absorb all or part of this increase but we cannot afford to carry that cost even if it was only for one year.</p> <p>Following a lengthy discussion in which other concerns and suggestions were considered it was decided that as a County we need to table our own proposal which was voted upon unanimously.</p> <p>We propose to increase the Membership fees, commencing next season, by £1 per member which will include Personal Accident Insurance.</p> <p>GF to send out notification of the EGM with details of reasons for the EGM to the member clubs. They will be asked to send her a mandate from their club to vote on the proposal or any counter proposals by 15th June 2017.</p> <p>BS will put notification of the EGM on the Website.</p>	<p>GF</p> <p>BS</p>
6	Action Points & Carried Forward items:	
6.1	Gift for Tony Gepp (AB)- MD- well done Anita, everyone thought it was lovely. He can be presented with it at the Surrey game on 18 th June as he is playing.	✓
6.2	St Lukes Proposal – to send out forms with a covering note to the member clubs. (GF)- Dealt with in item 3.	✓
6.3	Inter Club Competition 18 th March 2018 to be added to fixture list (GF)- done	✓
	Carried forward:	
	Constitution Changes- As Tony Gepp has left the Committee LR will take his place on the sub-committee along with MD, GF and BS. A meeting of the sub-committee to be arranged at the next committee meeting.	C/F
	Children & vulnerable adults protection-update	C/F
	Secretaries and Champion of Champions- update-It has been very difficult to arrange and there are not many players involved. The meeting decided to promote them as part of the EGM on the Trials day with a qualifying date of the 1 st March 2018 and depending on the response we could run the competition by the end of March.	C/F
	Equipment repairs- update- Repairs will have to wait as we are now moving to Testbourne. We are awaiting Testbourne's decision re the cupboard etc. and the timings for moving the equipment will be decided when we receive Banister's reaction to our letter and how quickly they would want us to move out. The van is large enough to take everything in one go.	C/F

	County Shirts- ordering (approx. 8 weeks)- MD we need to shelve this as am awaiting a decision re sponsorship from Stannah, who were having a meeting last Friday. Carry forward to next meeting.	C/F
9	Any other business:	
	BS- Item from AGM- Committee minutes put onto website. It was decided that effective from this meeting (4 th May), the <u>agreed</u> minutes, approved and signed at the next meeting, will then be put on the website.	Agenda Note
	GF has produced a new committee details list and asked if she could send it out to everyone, except Stan, by email. The meeting agreed.	GF
	GF- Umpires for ICC matches- all three (Les Ricketts, Martyn Reynolds & Chas Wood) are available for all the dates. It was decided that as Martyn & Chas are new to short mat umpiring and may also need the points we will use all three for the ICC matches. GF to email them. GF- Umpire expenses- In the ICC rules it states that they should be paid travelling expenses of 45p mile and, where a meal is not provided, a meal allowance of £5 for lunch. Although the examining umpire says that they should charge, Les has not charged the County as he has always classed Banister as “local”, but with us moving to Whitchurch and with two new umpires we must be prepared to pay. Also MD said that they may wish to play in some/all of the competitions instead of umpiring.	GF
	GF- with a view to us having to find a new venue to hold these meetings, she looked at the map and thought that the sort of centre of Hampshire is the Winchester area. MD said that some of the larger branches of Tesco , Sainsbury’s etc have community meeting rooms free of charge. It may be that they can’t be used for regular meetings but would need to ask. TW suggested holding meetings in different locations to share out the travelling time. Everyone was asked to enquire into somewhere suitable for about 12 people for approx. 2 hours.	The Committee
	TW, as the new Competition Secretary, asked when and who receive the competition entry forms. The last couple of years GF has received them and given them to AB who has completed the forms, collected the fees and collated all the paperwork for LR. TW and AB to confer. Last year the ESMBA decided that they would only accept the original coloured form and not photocopied forms which caused a few problems.	
	IF referred to the three tier trolleys, not required at Testbourne, stored at the back of the Banister building. Although it is thought that Banister are not aware of the trolleys should they need them removing they could be taken to Testbourne until sold . BS she would see what response we get on Ebay.	
	MW- Trials Day- We need to send out a notice the Clubs (MW & GF to discuss content) It was decided to charge £6 per person to include refreshments (tea, coffee, squash & biscuits). Timings will be 9.30am for 10.30am start, to allow for completing forms. The notice will have his phone number and email address for anyone unable to attend but is still interested in playing. Although he had a few ideas of how the day should run he is happy to receive any thoughts or ideas from the committee. It is dependant on numbers but he had thought to start off with rinks roll ups whilst the forms and money collecting is being done. Then break it down to Triples, pairs & singles in line with the ICC format. He added that he, along with Glo and probably someone else would not be playing. He said that on reading part of the “way forward” paper from 2008 we are sort of doing a similar thing again. The County is starting a new era and he wants to base the team on the youth, looking at the Dorset model. It may not work for the first year but we would be building for following years.	

	<p>MD- Re the National Qualifiers, we had talked about trying to get the numbers up by saying that winning teams do not have to go to the Nationals. This is a bit of a grey area and may cause problems so we need to think of other ways of attracting entries. Moving north should, hopefully, help to increase the numbers but we must make sure that as a County and Committee these “new” players are treated well and welcomed into fold.</p>	
	<p>MD- He thought that perhaps, before the Trials day, we could hold a competition at Testbourne, perhaps Open Fives, as a fundraiser for the County. It could possibly raise £400-£500 which would give us a boost possibly towards shirts etc. Following a discussion and BS’s suggestion of regenerating the “Eric Hill” trophy it was decided, depending on Testbourne’s availability, to call the competition: The Eric Hill Open Fives and hold it on Sunday 9th July</p> <p>As he is will be going to the Wiltshire competition, he will get the forms done before that and take them with him.</p> <p>It is not sure where the trophy is but will need to find it before the day.</p> <p>The money will help fund the tea urn etc. and we will hold a raffle as well.</p>	MD
	<p>MD- Raffles ICC matches- although we have in the past relied on prizes being donated he thought that we should have a fund of say £30 to buy prizes to give a good show as both teams will be there, so 80 people. GF and AB are happy to look after the raffle and it is thought that Sue Hollis and Sheila King, who have helped before, could perhaps be asked to help out as well.</p> <p>Also we will need to find “stewards” to keep an eye on the refreshments and organise the equipment as there will also be chairs & tables to put away at the end of the day on the racks provided.</p>	
	<p>GF read out the letter terminating the contract with Banister which gives the reason for moving to Whitchurch as trying to encourage new members to the County.</p>	
	<p>ESMBA AGM to be held on 15th July. Only two members of the committee can vote, MD is going and it was agreed by the meeting that Ann Dubb, as an affiliated member, will have a mandate to vote on the County’s behalf if required.</p>	
	<p>Meeting finished at 9.15pm</p>	
10	<p>Date of next meetings –Thursday 29th June at Winnall Community Centre, Garbett Road, Winchester, SO23 0NY</p>	
	<p>Signed..... Martyn Dubb (Chairman)</p>	