

**Minutes of the County Committee meeting held  
At Huish Leisure November 7<sup>th</sup> 2019**

**Present:**

Chairman	Deryck Lemon	(DL)
Vice-Chairman / Mendip Rep	Ian Bolton	(IB)
Secretary	Carol Hawkins	(CH)
Treasurer	Liz Rixon	(LR)
Competitions Secretary	Keith Hawkins	(KH)
Membership Secretary / Sedgemoor Rep	Judith Shackelford	(JS)
Somerset West & Taunton Rep	Malcolm Sheen	(MS)
County Manager	Andrew Cowlin	(AC)
South Somerset Rep	Sue Smith	(SS)

**Action required:**

Deryck opened the meeting at 7:30pm

**1. Apologies for absence**

None

**2. Minutes of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019**

Judith proposed and Liz seconded adoption of the Minutes as a correct record of the meeting. The Chairman signed the minutes.

**3. Matters arising from the Minutes:**

- Website – James advised he had lost his password to the Google account
- Website – Consent request forms to be issued to secretaries with Minutes
- Website - Gordon declined to attend the next meeting as he has no concerns to raise at this time
- Treasurer Report – The deficit was due to memberships not yet having been received as clubs were waiting for confirmation of fees at the EGM
- Secretary Report – Sue has since stood down from safeguarding
- Secretary Report – The Somerset EGM rejected reform of social membership
- Competition Report – 2 more teams have since joined the Triples League
- Competition Report – Keith will be attending a meeting of the Planning Policy Team on 21 November
- Date of next meeting – This was originally 17<sup>th</sup> October but was put back to 7<sup>th</sup> November as the Chairman was unavailable

**MS to contact  
Google direct**

**CH to issue**

#### 4. Treasurer Report

Liz submitted a copy of the accounts to the end of October 2019. The current bank balance is £8,383.67. Request for the Budgets to be given more detail and reminder that authorisation required for expenditure in excess of £50. County player payments for shirts have yet to be collected to offset cost of shirts.

Individual memberships collected to date show 150 less than last year.

#### 5. Secretary Report

- The ESMBA have published the rules for their competitions. There are no major amendments from the previous rules
- Proposal received for amending the format of the Premier ICC. These were discussed and, after due consideration, were rejected
- The SSMBA insurance certificate ought to be on display, if only on competition 3days and at matches
- E-mail received from Kent SMBA with suggestion for players's next of kin details to be collected by each member club following an incident where none were available. County players' details also to be collated
- Notification of an Adult Safeguarding module had been received. Agreed for it to be forwarded to club secretaries
- ESMBA have requested confirmation that all players in any of the national squads, (main, ladies or U-21s), have made themselves available for the required minimum 60% of county matches. Confirmation has been given of those that do and don't comply with that rule
- Query received whether SSMBA Honorary Memberships also include the ESMBA membership fee. It was confirmed that they only apply to the SSMBA membership and individuals are still responsible for their own club and ESMBA fees. SSMBA currently has 2 honorary members

#### 6. Competition Report

- Keith confirmed there were 27 entries received for the Singles competition and only 7 of these were also National entries. Getting markers is always an issue at singles competitions
- Ian offered to attend to replace the tape where necessary on the county mats
- The cost of staff to provide the catering at Huish is not being covered by the sales so they will be discontinuing the catering. Cornwall had given poor feedback about the standard of food There would be no more bacon rolls on arrival either
- The County Triples League on Friday nights has 14 teams now and is running well. Some fixtures have had to be rearranged due to other commitments or illness. Teams are reminded to check the website for updated fixture list to avoid missing a game and inconveniencing their opposition

**CH to advise  
ESMBA**

**CH to advise  
clubs to collate  
details**

**CH to issue**

- The loading of the container is rendering it unsafe. The honours boards are also taking up space as we are waiting for the staff at Huish to put them up on the wall outside of the hall. The smaller honours boards are surplus to requirements and can be sold on. The metal trolleys are being stored on top of the mats which is leaving indentations

**GH to  
advertise for  
sale on our  
website**

## **7. AOB**

- The Signed contract between Huish Leisure and SSMBA has been received. the first annual review is due in June 2020.
- Devon SMBA have requested to change our scheduled ICC match as they have players who want to play in a SMPT event instead. The ESMBA will not agree to this so the fixture remains as 1<sup>st</sup> December.
- 80 individuals or clubs have entered the SSMBA 200 club lottery to date. No draw has yet been made because we were waiting to reach 100 minimum target which would pay out all the prize money and not make any profit for county funds. It was agreed to commence monthly draws as of 1<sup>st</sup> January with a reduced payout equal to monies raised to date (£80) and to increase the prize money as more tickets are purchased.

Meeting closed at 9:00pm

**Date of the next meeting Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020**

Signed

Date