



Somerset SMBA

Annual General Meeting Minutes – 15th August 2021

Attending

Ian Bolton	Chairman
Gordon Hughes	Secretary
Liz Rixon	Treasurer
Judith Shackelford	Registration Secretary.
Sue Smith	South Somerset District Rep

Clubs Represented

Keinton Mandeville	Baltonsborough	Kingscliffe	Odcombe
East Coker	Kingsmead	Templecombe	Middlezoy
Hadspen	Chard	Langport & Huish	West Shepton
Creech St Micheal	Evercreech	Burrowbridge	

Aplogise for Absence

Birchfield	Tintinhull	Balloil	Rockwell Green
Staplegrave	Combwich	Henton	Ashcott
Compton Dundon			

Opening Statement

Ian Bolton the Acting Chairman opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. He explained that the last 18 months had been quite traumatic and that several of the current committee had been co-opted into various roles. Those currently holding office were new to running an AGM and apologised if errors in procedure should happen.

Minutes of the 2019 AGM and EGM

These documents had been circulated to all clubs electronically and additional copies had been made available at the AGM.

Matters Arising.

Ian Bolton asked if all those attending had had the opportunity to review the minutes and if there were any matters arising. There were no matters arising from the floor. Ian requested that the Minutes be accepted so that they could be signed off. Proposed by Deryck Lemon (Templecombe) and Seconded by Dennis Matthews (Keinton Mandeville). Accepted Unanimously.

Chairmans Report.

Ian Bolton had taken over the role as Chairman following the resignation in 2020 of Deryck Lemon who, through illness, could not continue. He took this opportunity to thank Deryck Lemon, and Carol Hawkins for their efforts during their time on the committee and Andrew Cowlin for the work done as County Squad Manager during his six year tenure. He also paid tribute to Keith Hawkins and all the work he had done.

Secretaries Report.

Gordon Hughes read from a prepared report that had been circulated electronically. The report had been produced by Carol Hawkins and thanked everyone for their understanding and support during a difficult period in her life. She confirmed that she had taken the decision to stand down as Secretary early in 2021. Ian Bolton had co-opted Gordon into the role on receiving Carols resignation.

Treasurers Report.

Liz Rixon read from a prepared statement that had also been circulated electronically prior to the meeting. The report indicated that about 50% of bowlers had not registered, for the 2020/21 season and this had resulted in a substantial drop in revenue. We did receive a refund on ICC Entry Fees from the ESMBA of £170.00. Liz raised concerns regarding the viability of the 200 club. This to be discussed at the open forum at the end of the meeting. Profits made last year from the draw club had been donated to the Charity for Motor Nuerone Desease. Current balance stands at just over £9,000.00. Deyck Lemon thanked Liz from the floor of the meeting. Ian Bolton requested that the



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Financial report be accepted. Proposed by Chris Jeans (Templecombe) and Seconded by Don Carter (Baltonsborough). Accepted Unanimously.

Bob Stock from Bradford on Tone SMBC raised the point that his club had registered all of its members for the current season but that the ESMBA guidelines for Safe Play were so restrictive that they had not been able to hold club meetings. He was unhappy that his club had followed the rules and other clubs that had not registered had continued to play. He was not requesting a rebate but needed to raise the issue for his club members. There was a short debate on the Safe Play Certification and the SSMBA advised that it would do all that it could to get both registered and non registered clubs back to playing.

Competitions Secretaries Report.

Ian Bolton read a short statement that had been circulated electronically prior to the meeting. Even though Keith was very ill he and Carol had still managed to run various competitions and National Qualifiers. Regrettably most of the qualifiers for the Nationals had elected not to register for the 2020/21 season and it was looking doubtful that we would have any entries for the finals planned for mid September.

County Squad Manager Report.

Gordon Hughes had received a report from Andrew in which he thanked everyone for their support during his tenure and apologised for not being available to play but that his family had made the decision to take a break from bowling.

Ian Bolton advised the meeting that following an unsuccessful recruitment campaign for a New County Squad Manager the current committee, via Sue Smith, had approached Alan Berry for help. Alan had agreed to stand for a one year term only. His appointment was ratified by the current committee in June 2021 in a co-opted role and under the rules of the Constitution.

Proposals

Liz Rixon had proposed that the existing Constitution be changed to ensure that all members of an elected SSMBA Committee must be registered with the SSMBA and the ESMBA for their appointed term. Gordon outlined recent findings and the reasons for the proposal. Accepted Unanimously.

Constitution to be amended. Action Gordon Hughes

Election of Officers

Ian Bolton referred to the Agenda and those people that had been nominated for various roles on the committee. He advised that if there was anyone at the meeting that wanted to be nominated for a position they should make themselves known. There was no response from the meeting.

Gordon advised that since the documentation pack had been distributed there had been two late applications. One from Sue Smith for the Vice Chairmans position and another from Geoff Nixon for the Somerset West and Taunton Representative. The current committee, having checked the Constitution, had agreed to accept both nominations.

Sue Smith made a nomination from the floor of the meeting for Sean Copley to stand as Competitions Secretary. Sean agreed to stand and Dennis Matthews second the nomination.

Ian Bolton proposed that the nominated officers be voted "On Block" and this was acceptable to the meeting. Post meeting and having been elected as Chairman Ian Bolton discussed with and Co-opted Albert Scott to the role of Sedgemoor Representative.



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The following Officers were duly elected.

Chairman	Ian Bolton
Vice Chairman	Sue Smith
Secretary	Gordon Hughes
Treasurer	Liz Rixon
Registrations Secretary	Judith Shackelford
Competitions Secretary	Sean Copley
County Squad Manager	Alan Berry
South Somerset District Representative	Sue Smith
Mendip District Representative	Dennis Matthews
Somerset West and Taunton Representative	Geoff Nixon
Sedgemoor District Representative	Albert Scott
Safeguarding Officer (Acting)	Gordon Hughes

Open Forum Debate (AOB)

200 Club

Liz Rixon outlined the issues with the current arrangements and demonstrated that membership was poor and came largely from the Kingscliffe Club. Deryck Lemon asked if the draw club was actually beneficial to the association. Sue Smith (Templecombe) felt that all the effort necessary to run the club brought very little in return. Dennis Matthews (Keinton Mandeville) suggested that next years club be postponed for a year. Don Carter (Baltonsborough) suggested a 50/50 split between association and a charity be considered. Following a short debate it was agreed that we would cancel next years draw club and give consideration at committee to a new approach and new ideas.

County Trials.

Ian Bolton advised that a meeting was in hand with Huish and that a diary would be prepared over the coming weeks for roll ups and get togethers. Alan Berry would not be using the terminology of "Trials". Everyone would be welcome and dates would be advised to club secretaries in due course. Sue Smith enforced the point that all members would be welcome. The new IIC Format was outlined.

Meeting Closed 16.10pm
Report by G. Hughes SSMBA Secretary