

SOMERSETSHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting held by the above Association at Donyatt Bowling Club on January 17th 2017 at 7pm

Present

Chairman.	Mr. Geoff Nixon
Vice Chairman	Mr. Deryck Lemon
Secretary	Mrs. Eileen Zoers
Treasurer	Mr Mike Prowse
Competitions Organiser	Mr. Keith Hawkins
Taunton Deane Rep	Mr James Scoins
+ Communications Facilitator	
Mendip Rep.	Mr Ian Bolton

Also present Dave Watson to update on the Youth Team in Alan Berry's absence.

Apologies

Apologies were received from, Mr. Andrew Cowlin and Mr. Alan Berry. It was noted that as Brushford had not joined the SSMBA this season that Mr Mike Browning would not be eligible to be a members of this committee. Secretary to write and advise Mike.

Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the meetings held on 14th November 2016 following the amendments indicated by Keith H, were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising

- Meeting with Joe. It was agreed that Joe be invited to the next meeting to discuss items pertaining to Donyatt and SSMBA use of the venue.
- Future development of Short Mat Bowling in Somerset. Geoff N reported that he understood that ESMBA intended to appoint a short mat bowls development officer.
KH said that BDA would support Somerset in their aims to develop short mat bowls in the county, for example they would help fund open days.
Ian B reported that his club were planning to hold an open day.

Deryck L said that we must be clear about our criteria. KH proposed that a subcommittee be formed of 3-4 people with Deryck L as chair, with the aim to increase membership and participation in short mat bowls in Somerset. Seconded by Ian. B. All Agreed. It was suggested that Sue Smith and Neil Middleton could be approached as they had expressed an interest in development of short mat bowling in our county.

- Increase in Competition fees. It was agreed that increasing the playing fees for competitions would be an item for the next agenda with a view of taking a proposal to the AGM.

Treasurers report

Mike P. Reported the following:

Saving Acc 1 £4720.60

Saving Acc 2 £4176.99

Current Acc £ 1568.65

This represents totals with outstanding cheques taken out.

Action by members.

Date for completion or report.

EZ

DL to speak with Joe about attending next meeting.

EZ comp fee rise
Next agenda

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Mike P noted there had not been a payment for the website since Dec 5th.

- a) Budgets. Keith H presented the suggested budgets for Committee Officers with whom he had consulted in the process.
County Team Budget. In Keith H opinion the current fee paid by squad players, the contribution made by SSMBA to matches for travel and venue costs and entry fees to the ICC and Rinks is not sustainable. Players must be told at trials stage of the commitment required by them relating to costs. It should be suggested to County Captain that the playing fee should go up to £5.00 for both home and away matches to pay for venue costs. Travel costs to knockout stages need further discussion.
Competitions budget. Keith said he was his aim to buy all the trophies for both the main game and plate competitions on an annual basis.
Admin. Budget It should be noted that membership is down. Eileen Z, secretary said that she had not been consulted by KH about the budget as presented.
- b) Geoff N email re expenditure and expenses. Keith H proposed That Competition organiser agree bills for SSMBA competitions organised and that the County Captain agrees bills for the County squad matches before they are forwarded to Treasurer to be paid with 7 days. Seconded by EZ. All agreed. To be reviewed by the end of the season.
- c) Procedures for cash payments. KH requested that he is provided with a paying book to avoid hold on to cash and cheques. MP agree he would sort this out as soon as possible. EZ reassured KH that SSMBA had taken out insurance of cash up to £300 as offered with ESMBA insurance.

Secretary's report.

- a) Job descriptions for committee officers and members.
It was agreed that Keith H, Deryck L and EZ would draw up Job descriptions to be discussed at the next meeting.
- b) Procedure for calling or changing meeting dates.
It was agreed that if there became a reason for a date to be changed or an additional meeting to be called, all members are to be advised of the reason for such a change or addition and all committee members are contacted.

Competition Organisers report

- a) Autumn / Nationals Report
Results for the remaining National/ Autumn competition Fours and Mixed fours can be found on the website.
- b) Order of merit/handicap.
How it would work to be sent to committee members. Agreed it would be reviewed in a year. It would be an open competition.
- c) Future competitions.
Entry forms would be available on the website for the Open Handicap Championship.

County Captains report

- a) Rinks. Both teams have qualified for the next round of the rinks, due to take place on January 28/29th. 2017.
- b) ICC league. The Premier team have qualified for the Consultation Plate and as the result of some counties with drawing from the competition they have a bye through to the quarterfinals.
The A team will be playing Cheshire. Concerns were expressed about the suitability of venue at Wyken near Warwick.

JS to chase up asap.

Budgets to be agreed by KH, AC, JS, EZ.

KH, AC, MP to implement with immediate effect. To be reviewed by end of the season.

MP to organise paying in book for Comp organiser asap.

KH, DL, EZ to produce examples of job descriptions for the next meeting.

KH to send out details to committee members how handicap system would work

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Youth Team Report.

In Alan Berry's absence Dave Watson, who organises the matches etc. for the Youth Team gave the following report.

Twelve months ago there were fifteen under 21 players in the Somerset Youth Team however; the numbers have gone down dramatically. They have held introductory sessions and have a session planned with the Cubs and Brownies. Until such time that the numbers improve, Somerset Youth are unable to field a team.

Members thanked Dave for all the work he has done on behalf of the youth team and hope together we can bring the team back to strength.

Website report

James S. reported that everything was functioning well and he was looking forward to getting feedback from the ICC results.

There is now a pop up form to sign up to the website.

ESMBA News and information.

There is now a new website and there has been a change to the email system.

District Representatives reports.

Nothing to report.

Any other business.

James Scoins said it was his intention to stand for the ESMBA Chairmanship and asked that Somerset nominate him with nominations having to be in by the end of February.

After some initial discussion it was agreed to meet the request made by James and nominate him for the role of ESMBA Chairman.

Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday 21st March at Donyatt Bowling club.

Signed

Date