

Minutes of the County Committee meeting held At Donyatt Bowling Club Sept 28th 2017

Present

Chairman	Deryck Lemon
Vice Chairman & Taunton Deane Rep	James Scoins
Secretary	Carol Hawkins
Treasurer	Liz Rixon
Competitions Secretary	Keith Hawkins
County Captain	Andrew Cowlin
Membership Secretary & Sedgemoor Rep	Judith Shackelford
Mendip Rep	Ian Bolton

Deryck opened the meeting at 7:30pm and welcomed the newly elected officers to their first county committee meeting: Liz, Carol and Judith.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Alan Berry (South Somerset Rep).

2. Minutes of the meeting held on June 29th

Keith proposed and Ian seconded acceptance of the minutes as a correct record of the meeting. The Chairman signed the minutes.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

- Joe is to be invited to the next meeting to discuss the Donyatt venue.
- Copy of the Minutes to be published on the county website.

4. Treasurer report

Liz has not received any paperwork from the previous treasurer, Mike Prowse, and has been unable to contact him. Geoff is away on holiday but Eileen has signed the forms required to action a change of signatories with the bank. Once actioned, the new signatories will be Liz, Deryck and Carol.

Without access to the bank account there is no update since the accounts produced for the AGM and finances are currently operating on a cash-only basis from monies collected at the county matches. Andrew currently has £421.50 cash in hand to pass over to the treasurer.

The county currently holds 3 bank accounts. Liz proposed closing the 2 savings accounts, as the interest is negligible, and putting the funds into the current account. Seconded by Keith and passed with a unanimous vote.

Keith presented a draft expense form to the committee with his proposal it be adopted to submit with all claims for payment of expenses. Seconded by Judith and passed with a unanimous vote.

There is no active youth team at the moment. Deryck to ask Alan if the youth cheque has been banked.

5. Secretary report

- **AGM** - Carol had amended the 2016 AGM Minutes, as agreed at the 2017 AGM on 20th August, and they were presented to the committee to ratify before being sent out to delegates, as requested by them.
- **Correspondence** – The ESMBA had forwarded an enquiry from a bowler moving to Somerset requesting details of potential clubs. Carol had advised him

Action required:

CH to contact Joe
JS to upload

AC to give Liz a
breakdown of cash
2016/17 & 2017/18

DL to ask AB

CH to send them
out to clubs and
JS to upload to
website

of several in the immediate area and understands he has contacted Middlezoy.

- **Constitution** – The ESMBA have requested a copy of every county constitution for their records. Carol has updated the Somerset constitution to include the office of Membership Secretary, as passed at the 2017 AGM but the committee agreed that the constitution needs to be reviewed in full to include disciplinary and appeals procedures with any proposed amendments being presented to the AGM next year. Deryck proposed that a sub-committee be appointed to review the constitution.

Carol will comply with the ESMBA request but advise them that the current Constitution is under review.

6. Competition Secretary report

Keith advised that all of the entry forms for the Autumn competitions/National Qualifiers had been sent out to clubs.

The 2 county umpire kits need to be checked for content and, as Judith knows what is required she offered to do this to make sure they are complete.

7. County Captain's report

Andrew advised that the 2 county practice sessions held so far had both been well attended, 34 and 37 bowlers respectively. There are 13 more planned over the coming season prior to matches.

The county teams have played 2 matches each as follows:

17 Sept 2017 Away to Devon - Premier team won 27-13 A-Team lost 15-25

24 Sept 2017 Home to Cornwall - Premier team lost 18-22 A-Team won 30-10

Andrew thanked Deryck for his continuing support at county matches, with the pre and post match speeches and collating the scores during the day.

A complaint from a past squad member in relation to the county shirts was discussed. Andrew is aware that there is a problem with having sufficient shirts for the county squad as that design is no longer obtainable and any available shirt for new squad members is reliant on shirts being provided by past members.

Judith queried why county match dates had been changed causing her difficulty in arranging umpires. Andrew confirmed that this was due to Dorset swapping the home and away matches with the ESMBA.

8. Membership Secretary report

Judith confirmed only Wyrall Park has yet to submit their registrations to her. Two clubs have not re-registered, Charltons and Kolve, only half of Chard members have re-registered and Comeytrowe club has closed.

The current county membership is now 60 clubs and 909 members, down on last year.

9. District Representatives' reports

- **South Somerset area** – Alan had sent his apologies for absence
- **Mendip area** – Ian proposed a review of the area boundaries to even them out, as he has 9 clubs in his area compared to 25 in South Somerset area. Seconded by James and passed with a unanimous vote.

John Godfrey, Baltonsborough secretary, is in hospital. Deryck suggested a card be sent from the county association.

Action required:

C/F to Nov

CH to send copy constitution to the ESMBA

Judith to d/w

C/F to Nov

Ian to provide CH with the contact details

- **Sedgemoor area** – Judith had nothing to report
- **West Somerset area** – No rep
- **Taunton Deane area** – James had attended a bowls session with Eileen Zoers at Wellsprings Leisure Centre, Taunton, which is now run by GLL, a not for profit Charitable social enterprise. They also have a half term childrens' sessions and Holiday camp. He has been invited to another session and is looking forward to a working partnership with GLL, the ESMBA and Somerset county association.

Action required:

10. Honours Board

Deryck proposed having a county honours board at Donyatt and gave his suggestions as to what ought to be included on it. He asked the committee to give it some thought and to bring their ideas to the next meeting. At the next AGM Deryck would also like to propose the county having an Honorary President role, with a 3-year tenure, to present competition trophies, attend county matches etc.

All committee to d/w

C/F to AGM

James advised that Joe had offered the SW Counties honours board to us as it was no longer used.

11. Donyatt Sign

James submitted a design for an aluminium sign to be displayed on an outside wall at Donyatt to welcome people to the Somerset SMBA home venue. He could get one made at no cost to the Association, the usual cost would be £70. The committee discussed and agreed a design for James to go ahead.

James to d/w

Carol suggested a Somerset flag might also be added at the entrance to the car park with the other flags.

C/F to Nov

12. Coaching Scheme

James advised that the ESMBA have relaunched the coaching scheme and would like all counties to have at least 1 or 2 accredited coaches, depending on whether they have more or less than 500 members. Somerset would therefore require at least 2. Coaching courses for these 2 would be funded by the ESMBA from the commission from the national insurance scheme. The committee suggested Alan and Keith be officially asked if they would be willing to go on the course. Expressions of interest will also be considered from other members.

CH to ask AB/KH
James to post on the website

Meeting closed at 9:25pm

Date of the next meeting agreed for 30 November 2017 at Donyatt for 7:30pm

CH to book the venue

Signed

Date