

Minutes of the County Committee meeting held At Donyatt Bowling Club January 15th 2019

Present:

Chairman	Deryck Lemon	(DL)
Secretary	Carol Hawkins	(CH)
Treasurer	Liz Rixon	(LR)
Competitions Secretary	Keith Hawkins	(KH)
Mendip Rep	Ian Bolton	(IB)
South Somerset Rep	Alan Berry	(AB)
Vice Chairman	James Scoins	(JS)
County Captain	Andrew Cowlin	(AC)
Development Officer (Co-opted)	Malcolm Sheen	(MS)
Webmaster (Co-opted)	Jack Baker	(JB)

Action required:

Deryck opened the meeting at 7:30pm.

1. Apologies for absence.

Alan Berry and Judith Shackelford

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 13th November 2018

Ian 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:

Individual clubs and county players are supporting the 200 club lottery but very few other members even though forms had been sent out via all club secretaries. Rather than delay the draw for those who have joined, Keith proposed a closing date of 1st September 2019 to review the success and viability of the lottery. Seconded by James and passed by the committee on a vote.

It was agreed to publish Minutes on the website, backdated from May 2018.

Due to the more pressing matter of the possibly imminent sale of Donyatt IBC the following items are held in abeyance:

- Proposition to change county membership
- Vision and Organisation for the county
- Proposal for a county-wide league

4. Treasurer report

Liz provided her income and expenditure report up to 31st December, which showed a profit of £1,558.76. The budgets are working. The balance of the players fund account at 31st December is £809.77.

Deryck thanked Liz for efficiency and transparency of the accounts.

Alan had confirmed he has made a trophy cabinet and would give the county first refusal to purchase it. After discussion it was agreed that the dimensions of 700mm wide by 800mm high were not big enough to house our bigger trophies and as a future venue is not yet confirmed where any trophy cabinet could be stored a decision whether to purchase it was inappropriate.

5. Secretary Report

Previously clubs had advised of 24 ladies interested in playing a match against Avon ladies on 30th March. These now need confirming so final arrangements can be made.

6. Competition Secretary Report

Keith advised there were 3 county competitions left to be played: Over 55s Pairs, County Singles and Champion of Champions.

The ESMBA have confirmed the allocation for the National Finals: 1 entry each for The Singles, Pairs, Fours, U-18s and Mixed Fours, 2 entries for the Triples and 3 entries for the Over 55s. These are calculated on a formula based on the county entries for each competition.

7. Donyatt IBC

Joe joined the meeting and confirmed that he has accepted an offer on the venue, subject to approval of the planning permission submitted for a change of use, due to be discussed by the planning department on 19th February. He agreed to provide figures of potential income should it be possible for a consortium to apply for a lottery grant, Sport England funding or similar.

The committee considered what requirements they thought would be essential for any future venue and suggested several possibilities. A minimum of 2 officers would have to view the options to gauge their potential before the next meeting is convened after the planning meeting so a decision can be made whether to make an official approach to move the county venue.

8. County Team Report

Andrew advised that both the 'A' and Premier teams had qualified for the ICC knockout stages. The 'A' Team finished top in their group and are due to play a preliminary match against Suffolk on Sunday 10th February. The Premier Team finished 3rd in their group and are due to play Essex in the ¼-final on the weekend of 23/24th February.

More dates have been added for county practice evening sessions.

The ESMBA have changed the date of the ICC Rinks and now clash with a SMPT Competition and the annual Blackmore Vale Cup which will affect players availability.

It was agreed that the county would send a letter to the ESMBA advising that their lack of planning and moving of dates with little notice has wide reaching effects on counties who have already worked their own diaries around the ESMBA.

Malcolm confirmed the price of team shirts from A1 Print and Stitch (Honiton) at £17.55 each plus VAT. Andrew agreed to compare prices with other suppliers.

Meeting closed at 9:30pm

Date of the next meeting agreed for Feb 27th 2019 at Donyatt for 7:30pm

Signed

Date