

SOMERSET SHORT MAT BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting held by the above Association at Donyatt Bowling Club on 10th December 2015 at 7.30pm.

Present

Chairman.	Mr Ian Collier
Vice Chairman	Mr Geoff Nixon
Secretary	Mrs Eileen Zoers
Treasurer	Mr Mike Prowse
Competitions Organiser	Mr Keith Hawkins
County Captain	Mr Andrew Cowlin
South Somerset rep.	Mr Alan Berry also Youth Team organiser
West Somerset rep.	Mr Mike Browring
Taunton Deane rep.	Mr James Scoins

Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs Judith Shackelford and Jan Evett.

Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held 29th October 2015 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising

- a) Donyatt up date.
The portable step to assist access to the main rink has now been fitted with a handle.
Paper towels are now available in both ladies and gents toilets.
Fire exits. The exit door to the left of the rink does not open. Joe is aware. It was agreed to write to Joe and ask him to do whatever is required to make it operational.
- b) Website.
Ian reported that he has been in contact with the web developer. Following the decision made at the last meeting to provide access to the County Captain, Competition organiser, web master/secretary for more the general association business. It was agreed that Andrew as County Captain and Keith Hawkins as Competition organiser and James Scoins who would deal with the more general association business passed to him, by email or in writing, to him by the other SSMBA committee members and club committee officers.
Ian reported that the web developer required 50% payment, £375, in order to progress matters further. Cheque signed and given to Ian to pass on and he would arrange for the necessary receipt to be sent to Mike (Treasurer)
- c) New to us Mats.
Our thanks to Andrew for arranging collection of the mats, and thanks also to Keith for assisting him.
James has sent out, via facebook, that we have mats for sale for £150 complete with fenders. Price would be negotiable if purchasers are SSMBA members or do not require the fenders.
- d) Review of National Qualifying and Autumn continuing to be combined or not.
A letter has been received from Templecombe SMBC suggesting that the two competitions should revert to being run as two separate competitions. They felt that no significant advantage had been achieved by combining them, and had been detrimental to numbers entering the Autumn competition element.
They also noted that they had paid the fee as indicated on the entry form, however it had come to their notice that some others had paid a £1 less.
After discussion it was agreed to accept the Chairman's recommendation to run the combined competitions for a further year and review again after the 2016 competitions have taken place.

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Regarding the over payment of entry fees it was agreed to ask Templecombe to provide a list of those players who have over paid and SSMBA would provide Templecombe with the funds to repay them.

Treasurers report

Mike provided the following report. Bank balance as of 9/12/2015.

Current Ac. £5,719.30. Saver Ac.1 £4,717.68. Saver Ac.2 £4,174.39. Totalling £14,611.37

Secretary's report.

Eileen reported that she had received a telephone call from Mrs Randle complaining about the treatment she and her husband had received from Mark Village SMBC they had been asked to leave the club. Members were provided with details of the reason they were given for asking them to leave the club.

Eileen had discussed the issue with Geoff Nixon and subsequently wrote to Mark village asking for a copy of their constitution. There was no discrimination clause in their constitution nor was there a clause allow an appeal against a decision made by the committee.

After discussion by members they agreed that the action taken by the club would be considered discrimination and that a letter be written to the club advising them of this and that they should revise their constitution to include both a clause not permitting discrimination and that a member could appeal a decision made by the club committee.

Competition organisers report.

a) Spring Competition. No details of the results for 2015 have been received from Karl.

Dates for 2016 Spring Competition were agreed as 12th & 13th March and 19th & 20th March

b) National Qualifiers. Mixed Fours and under 18s to take place on December 12th 2015.

c) Champion of Champions 2015/2016.
To take place on 14th August.

d) League triples. Closing date to be 15th January.

County Captains report

Entry for the Inter County League agreed for 2016/17. Andrew to take forward.

Andrew reported that get-togethers between matches at Donyatt were well attended by squad members.

The A team and the Premier won against Cornwall. The Premier team lost against Devon while the A team won against Devon.

It is hoped to hold a County Dinner at the end of the season to which County Committee members would be invited.

Andrew is hopeful for sponsorship for the County Squad from Maston's, the brewery supplying Donyatt which he will pursue.

Youth Team Report.

A youth team won the Hospice Plate.
Numbers are down.

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Information has been received that anyone not residing in the County in which they wish to play for in the Inter County League, cannot do so unless they have not played for the County in which they reside, for a minimum of two years.

District representatives report.

Postponed to next meeting.

Any Other Business.

No other business

Date of the next Meeting.

To be arranged after the subcommittee meeting for the development of the website has taken place.

Signed

Date