

**Minutes of the meeting held by the above Association at Donyatt Bowling Club June 29<sup>th</sup> 2017 at 7pm**

**Present**

Chairman.	Mr. Geoff Nixon
Vice Chairman	Mr. Deryck Lemon
Secretary	Mrs. Eileen Zoers
Treasure	Not present
Competitions Organiser	Mr. Keith Hawkins
County captain	Mr Andrew Cowlin
Taunton Deane Rep	Mr James Scoins
+ Communications Facilitator	
Mendip Rep.	Mr Ian Bolton
South Somerset rep.	Mr Alan Berry

Action by members.

**1) Apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Karl Hudson. Joe was unable to attend the meeting.

**2) Minutes of the meeting held on March 21st.**

Deryck 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.**

a) Donyatt. Due to Joe being unable to attend the meeting the matters waiting for discussion will be postponed.

b) Future Development of Short Mat Bowls in Somerset.

Deryck tabled a paper entitled Promoting the Game of Short Mat Bowls in Somerset. It was proposed by Keith and seconded by Andrew that the paper is sent to clubs prior to the AGM. All agreed. James to up load PGSMB in Somerset to the website and copies also be available at the AGM.

EZ to send out paper prior to AGM.

JS to upload paper to Website

Deryck has mapped where the clubs, currently registered, are located in Somerset. Further research will be needed to identified clubs in operation but not registered, in order to establish a full picture of bowling in Somerset.

**4) Treasurers report.**

In the absence of Mike Prowse, Eileen and Geoff reported to the meeting that he had changed his mind about continuing as Treasurer for a further year, therefore he would not be seeking re-nomination.

Treasures report sent by email.

The figures from 1/05/2017 until 29/06/2017 are:

Saver 4720.63

Saver 1676.99

Currant 1865.78

Total 8263.40

All members to seek Replacement treasurer before AGM.

**5) SSMBA Development project update.**

This was covered under matters arising.

**6) Competition organiser**

Different people had entered the competitions which was felt to be a good sign however, perhaps more could be done to encourage players not to feel intimidated by players in the county squad.

Eileen suggested that perhaps county players should not play with the bowls

bearing county stickers, except when playing for the county. This idea was well received. All agreed this should be implemented by the County Captain for the coming season.

County Captain to implement for next season.

Treasurer to create column in accounts in order to ring fence youth funds

MP to provide figures to help establish fair and affordable fee for both SSMBA and the players.

KH and JS to report back by April 30th before registration forms go out.

EZ to check availability of venue with Joe.

**7) Youth Team.**

Alan reported that the numbers now were so low that effectively there was no under 18 youth team.

He advised members that the Dorset manager has written to all clubs in Dorset about the need to encourage young players, perhaps something Somerset could consider doing.

Dave Watson was prepared to continue in a low key manner.

The youth team have small pot of money, £280, that they would like to be kept by the SSMBA for used in the future should the picture change.

It was proposed by Alan Berry that the £280 should be kept ring fenced in the SSMBA accounts and used for work with young bowlers, seconded by Deryck Lemon. All agreed.

Alan indicated that he would continue with the Safe Guarding role.

**8) County Captain's Report**

Andrew gave his verbal report to the committee.

**9) District area Representatives reports**

None given.

**10) Web Site**

James reported there were no issues.

**11) ESMBA**

ESMBA have agreed the extra £1 on registration fees for personal accident cover for members.

**12) Any other business.**

There was no other business.

**13) Date of the next meeting.**

Next meeting date to be arranged after the AGM.

Signed

Date