

**Minutes of the meeting held by the above Association at Donyatt Bowling Club  
on March 21<sup>st</sup> 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
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.

Date for completion  
or report.

**1) Apologies for absence.**

Joe was unexpectedly unable to attend.

DL re issue invitation  
to Joe for next  
meeting

**2) Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January.**

After amendment the minutes were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**3) Co-option of representative for Sedgemoor District.**

The secretary read out the email from Karl Hudson asking to be considered for the role of Sedgemoor representative role on the SSMBA committee. After some discussion: Alan Berry proposed Karl Hudson to be co-opted to the committee to undertake the role of Sedgemoor representative. Seconded by Deryck Lemon Following a majority vote of 5 votes to 3 against it was agreed to appoint Karl as Sedgemoor Representative.

EZ to advise Karl he  
has been appointed  
to the committee.

**4) Matters arising from the minutes.**

a) Donyatt. This item to be postponed until the next meeting. Deryck would extend the invitation again to Joe for the next meeting.

b) Future Development of Short Mat Bowls in Somerset.

Deryck reported that he had spoken with Sue Smith and Neil Middleton who were happy to be members of the sub-committee.

Deryck outlined the themes he felt the subcommittee should consider.

i) Non affiliated clubs joining

ii) Marketing to young people especially encouraging family groups to join clubs.

ii) Encouraging "social bowlers" to competitions.

iv) Develop an sense of "belonging" to the association

v) How the association can support the clubs reaching out to their own communities

vi) Practical advice to be given to establish and newly developing clubs ie. financing/coaching etc.

vii) Publicity- local press

viii) Any other ideas

DL suggested we need someone with marketing skills. JS suggested a request could be put on the website for someone with such skills.

All agreed.

Deryck felt there was a need for a data base and map of where clubs are located. EZ would provide website details to DL for the Community Council for Somerset as they have a map for locating village halls in Somerset.

JS to put request on  
the web site for  
marketing person.

EZ to provide email  
address for CCS.

Eileen reported that she had by chance heard that Wellsprings Leisure Centre was holding a taster session of a variety of activities, including Short Mat Bowls. She went along to find out more. It soon became apparent that the staff there knew very little about the game, equipment, rules etc.

Since offering help and leaving contact details EZ together with GN have met with staff to tell them about SSMBA and how we could help.

EZ suggested that there may be opportunities elsewhere in Somerset where SSMBA could offer assistance to other leisure centres and perhaps schools.

Keith reminded members that if they wished to help in this way they must be CRB cleared through ESMBA as part of Safe Guarding policy.

EZ reported that she receives emails from the Somerset Activity and Sports Partnership (SASP) who offer help with sports development.

#### **5) Treasurers report.**

MP reported the figures for the three accounts held at Baclays Bank.

Business Current Acc.	£1,267.36
1. Business saving Acc	£4,720.63
2. Business saving Acc	£4,176.99.
Total	£9,658.65

Current Account includes recent competition fees and holds £880 for travel payment to drivers to Inter County league and rinks for knock out rounds. MP proposed that £2,000 be transferred into the current account. Seconded by KH All agreed.

MP asked that in order to speed up the payment of cheques, that no more than 3 cheques be pre-signed at a time with one signature, to enable him to send cheques out quickly on receipt of invoice/s, the committee member responsible for the invoice having been raised must confirm by email to the treasurer that the said invoice is correct. The treasurer to keep the secretary informed when the pre signed cheques have been issued. Members accepted this as an acceptable arrangement.

#### **6) Job descriptions.**

EZ noted that the dates on the job description did not line up with those in the constitution. It was agreed the dates in the Secretary's job description be amended accordingly.

KH proposed and DL seconded that the job descriptions are agreed. All agreed.

The area representatives job descriptions to be presented at the next meeting.

#### **7) Competition organiser.**

##### **a) Increase of completion fees.**

KH to report at the AGM, that there will be an increase of fees for the Autumn Competition to £5.00 per person. The Spring Competition to stay the same as this season.

##### **b) Spring handicap club competition report.**

##### **c) Singles entries up on last year.**

KH informed members that the draw had already been done. This generated discussion where concerns were expressed that draw had already taken place with no independent witness. It was felt this was unwise. It was suggested that it could be possible for the draw to take place live on the website. All agreed if this was possible that this would be the preferred way the draw should take place. If not possible, the draw must take place where one or two committee members other than the organiser are present.

Dev Sub  
com. Follow  
up.

AC to  
provide MP  
details re  
travel.

See  
nomination  
form for  
basic job  
expectation.

JS to  
explore the  
possibilities  
of a live  
draw for the  
rest of the  
spring  
Comps.

**8) County Squad.**

- a) Captains report: The A team took a bit of a hammering by Cheshire. The Premier team were fortunate to get byes which took them through to the semi final. In their final match they drew 20 all but when the bonus points came off the score, Somerset lost the game. In the Rinks the A team lost in the final to a very strong team. The A team must be congratulated making it to three finals out of four. AC extended his thanks to DL for the work he has done over the season.
- b) Trials. The dates have been set and are on Sundays August 6<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> dates are available on the website.
- c) Increase in players fees. MP will provide figures of venue costs and travel for last 5 years to help establish a fair affordable fee for both SSMBA and players.
- d) Letter re player of the year. Reported by DL. AC will raise at the AGM.
- e) A team match against Cheshire. In response to the email sent by GN to the Chairman of ESMBA, he was reassured that Cheshire had not broken any rules.

**9) AGM.**

- a) Date. It was agreed that, subject to availability, to hold the AGM on Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.
- b) Proposals. None suggested. Await suggestions from members for discussion at next meeting.

**10) ESMBA.**

ESMBA are holding an EGM on 7<sup>th</sup> April to discuss raising the membership fee to ESMBA by one pound in order to include Personal Accident cover for all members. After discussion it was proposed by KH and seconded by DL that Somerset SMBA would support the proposal to raise the registration fee by one pound in order to provide personal accident insurance for all members. Proposed by KH and seconded by DL. All agreed. It was further agreed that that Keith Hawkins and James Scoins would be our named delegates to vote according our agreed wishes, as above.

**11) Any other business.**

There was no other business.

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

It was agreed the date to be Thursday June 29<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Signed

Date

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

EZ to check availability of venue with Joe.

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

EZ check venue availability with Joe.