

SOMERSET SHORT MAT BOWLS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the meeting held by the above Association at Donyatt Bowling Club on 21st March 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present

Chairman.	Mr Ian Collier
Vice Chairman	Mr Geoff Nixon
Secretary	Mrs Eileen Zoers
Competitions Organiser	Mr Keith Hawkins
County Captain	Mr Andrew Cowlin
Taunton Deane rep.	Mr James Scoins

Apologies

Apologies were received from Mrs Judith Shackleford, Mr. Mike Browring, Mr. Mike Prowse, Mr. Alan Berry and Mrs. Jan Evett.

Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held 10th December 2015 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Matters arising

- a) Donyatt up date.
- b) Eileen reported that she spoken with Joe about the Fire door he reassured her he had new opening gear on order. After discussion about the area outside of the other fire doors it was agreed that Geoff would speak with Joe to see what could be done and how we could help.
- c) Website.
Ian reported that draft pages have been done and the designer needs feedback. Andrew has issues with the logo and how it looks only slight changes are needed.
There would be club pages however clubs would not have direct access, they will need to submit information through the webmaster.
James Scoins reported that he had been in touch with the leagues operating in Somerset and they are all happy to pass on results etc. on a regular basis for the SSMBBA website.

Sale of old mats.

James reported that 3 mats had been purchased by North Curry SMBC and 2 to Langport SMBC. Members thanked James for dealing with this issue.

The secretary took the opportunity to remind committee members that they can only act on decisions of the committee where it has been agreed by whom and when such actions should be taken.

- d) Mark Village update.
Mark Village has updated their constitution to include a Disability Discrimination clause, however they have asked for guidance about a Disciplinary Procedure.
Eileen reported that currently we do not have an agreed Disciplinary Procedure for clubs to adopt. It was agreed we should look at correcting this omission.
It was agreed that as it is some time since we asked clubs to provide a copy of their constitutions that we should repeat the exercise done some years ago, as soon as possible.

Treasurers report

In his absence, Mike provided members with current figures reported as follows:

Deposit (1)	£4,174.91
Deposit (2)	£4,718.27
Current	£2,455.55
Total	£11,348.73

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Mike had also provided members with draft copies of the break down income and expenditure for Inter County league and competitions.

Keith asked that raffle figures be shown gross.

There were questions about the cost of hire of the venue in that rinks were charged per rink not part rinks not as Andrew had felt had been agreed with Joe when we were using just the lower part of the bowling hall. Andrew was asked to seek clarification from Joe and to be confirmed in writing to Joe. Mike to advised accordingly.

It was noted that as it currently stands, it appears costs are not meeting the minimum aim of breaking even.

Secretary's report.

Eileen reported that she had renewed our insurance, cost was the same as last year with the exception of the rise in the government insurance policy tax.

Eileen advised the committee that we should have an inventory of the equipment we own which should be updated annually. Eileen and James offered to take on this task to do this

Competition organisers report.

Keith reported that:

- a) The Spring Competition. The dates for the competition had to be changed from those originally agreed.

March 12th March Pairs, Singles March 20th, Triples April 23rd , Fours April 24th

Entries for Pairs 20, 32 for Singles.

Pairs results:

Pairs winner Martin and Andrew Cowlin. Kingscliffe. Runner up Alan and Hazel Berry. Templecombe

Pairs Plate winner Keith and Carol Hawkins. Kingscliffe. Runners Up. Lyn Sandbach and Pete Luckhurst. Compton Dundon.

Singles results Singles. Winner Alan Berry. Templecombe. Runner up Keith Hawkins Kingscliffe.

Plate Singles. Winner James Scoins. Comeytrowe. Runner up Jack Baker. Kingscliffe

- b) Dates for Autumn/National.

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1stOctober - fours

15th October – triples

29th October – singles

6th November – pairs

19th November – Under 18s and mixed fours.

- c) Nationals Substitutes. ESMBA need to be informed before competition takes place. Eileen offered to inform ESMBA base on list reported by Keith.

- d) Champion of Champions 2015/2016.

To take place on 14th August.

- e) County Club Fives competition 9th July

- f) League triples. This has yet to get off the ground.

County Captains report

Premier ICC and Rinks

The Captain, Andrew Cowlin, reported that the in the ICC the premier got to the quarter finals where they played Cheshire, they finished 20 all and had to have a play off of 3 deciding ends

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in singles which they unfortunately lost. Andrew said he was pleased that they had reached his first target for the first year of his Captaincy.

Rinks. The team did not qualify for the finals day as they finished 3rd in their group of four, however they had done well to get to where they did.

A Team

The team had a very successful season.

Rinks. The team had a tough group however in the final they won against Kent 20/18 to become the first winners of the new County Rinks competition.

ICC The team to date have reached the Semi Finals.

Youth Team Report.

Alan sent in the following report.

On 13/1/16, the team had a meeting in East Coker between the youth team organisers.

On 28/2/16, the team had 5 youth team members playing for the England u/21 against Somerset and Dorset

On 3/3/16. Three players took part in the Yeovil League triples at Milborne Port

Also the youth team played in the East Coker GIVELL LEAGUE where they finished 4th out of 15 teams.

ESMBA

Nothing to report

District representatives report.

It was agreed that the District Reps. could help with finding out contact details for clubs operating in Somerset but not registered with SSMBA.

Any Other Business.

There was short discussion about SSMBA doing more to develop the game in Somerset.

Keith reported that the Bowls Development Alliance would help with funding should we wish to do projects to develop short mat in our county.

Date of the next Meeting.

Date for the next meeting to be Thursday 12th May 2016 at Donyatt Bowling Club.

Signed

Date