

# SOMERSET SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

## **Minutes of the meeting held by the above Association at Donyatt Bowling Club on November 14<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 7.30pm.**

### **Present**

Chairman.	Mr. Geoff Nixon
Vice Chairman	Mr. Deryck Lemon
Secretary	Mrs. Eileen Zoers
Competitions Organiser	Mr. Keith Hawkins
County Captain	Mr. Andrew Cowlin
Taunton Deane Rep	Mr James Scoins
+ Communications Facilitator	
Mendip Rep.	Mr Ian Bolton

### **Apologies**

Apologies were received from, Mr. Mike Browning and Alan Berry. Mrs Judith Shackelford has indicated that she will not be attending meetings.

### **Minutes of the last meeting.**

The minutes of the meetings held on 20th September were amended due to the error of including Mrs Judith Shackelford from the list of those present. After amendment minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> November were signed by the Chairman as being a correct record.

### **Matters arising**

- a) Website. James reported that everything was going well with the website. He was intending to show Andrew the site in detail. Available to view is the Role of Honour relating to past County Competition winners. A lot of interest has been shown in the site by ESMBA and local county associations. It was hoped we will be able to get an idea of the number of 'hits' on the site. Local league information and results including Woodspring, Yeovil, Taunton & District, Blackmore Vale and Mendip is available. Deryck suggested a Club of the month feature.

Competition results to be on the website.

It was queried by the secretary if it was acceptable to include the email addresses of club secretaries on the website, as prior to the launch of the website they have not been in the public domain in this manner. Keith Hawkins stated that by providing the information on the club registration forms the secretaries had affectively given their permission. It was noted the secretaries had not been advised that their email address would appear on the website.

Suggest that a form should have tick box if secretaries do not wish email details to be on website.

Keith Hawkins expressed concerns about the apparent isolation of the West Somerset area should be addressed. Agreed it should be an item for a future agenda.

### **Donyatt Cost of rinks.**

The meeting by Andrew and Deryck with Joe regarding the cost of rinks and a future 3 year arrangement and the ownership of the equipment, has not taken place. Other items such as the fire door, condition of the gents toilets and general appearance was also highlighted.

Action by members.

Date for completion or report.

AC, DL, GN  
To arrange meeting with Joe.

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It was agreed to invite Joe to the next meeting to discuss any of his and our concerns.

It was agreed that in future Action points for named members and Target dates to appear in the minutes.

### **Treasurers report**

None tabled.

Chairman and secretary to chase up urgently.

Keith Hawkins suggested that we should have budgets for each area of expense for example County Competitions/ Inter County League/ Administration. There was general agreement that this would be useful.

### **Secretary's report.**

The inventory of equipment has been completed by James and Geoff. Annual update required. Entered on to Spread sheet held by secretary.

This exposed that we are:

- are down on fenders.
- there are insufficient score boards for use on mats during competitions (there has traditionally only been enough for ICC matches).
- there are some shortfall of umpire equipment in the umpire kits available for use.
- some jacks need re-coating.

It was proposed by Keith H. seconded by Deryck L. to purchase four score boards. All agreed. Both umpires kits to be brought up to full list of equipment.

E. cigarette.

The secretary had brought the decision about use of e cigarettes to the attention of members via a newsletter.

It was agreed that a notice, be produced by SSMBA, that No Vaping is to take place in the bowling arena and to be displayed in the arena. To inform Joe of this action by SSMBA.

Members wished to record their thanks to Rick Mergel for painting the fenders and blocks use in ICC matches.

### **Competition Organisers report**

The National /Autumn competition fours will take place on 10/11<sup>th</sup> December. Main fours on the Saturday, Mixed Fours on Sunday.

### **Handicap principal.**

The idea of was discussed and agreed a trial of the idea, could take place with the singles and triples. Keith H. to work up the proposal for the next meeting.

### **Country Championship.**

The County Championship would be open to all Somerset clubs members. It was suggested that consideration should be given to an increase of Competition the entry fees, KH suggested £5.00.

Budgets to be agreed by KH, AC, JS, EZ.

GN & JS.  
Completed  
13/11/2016

GN to seek costs.  
To be reported  
17/01/2017

EZ to produce.  
By 17/01/2017

KH. Handicap principals.

By 17/01/2017

Increase of fees to be agenda item.

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Keith enquired who was responsible for organising Umpires for competitions. He was advised that Judith Shackleford generally organised the umpires as County Umpire co-ordinator.

He agreed to take on the organisation of umpires for Competitions in liaison with Judith and the County Captain should liaise with Judith for Inter County matches.

### **County Captains report**

Rinks. Both teams have qualified for the next round of the rinks, due to take place on January 28/29<sup>th</sup> 2017.

ICC league. The 'A' team was going well and favourite to come second in the group.

However, due to the loss of players the Premier team was currently in a rebuilding phase and was the weaker team in the group. There had been some tough results.

County Dinner. Andrew announced that it was planned to hold a County Dinner on April 29<sup>th</sup> 2017.

### **Youth Team Report.**

No. report

### **ESMBA .**

Nothing current to report.

### **District representatives report.**

Ian B. Mendip rep. noted items to be discussed with clubs.

To include:

- Views of suggested arrangement for handicap at competitions
- Obtain contact details for other known clubs in the area but not registered with SSMBA
- Need to recruit additional Umpires.

### **Any Other Business.**

There was no other business

### **Date of the next Meeting.**

17<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7pm.

Signed

Date

Umpires for comps.  
KH to liaise  
With Judith S.

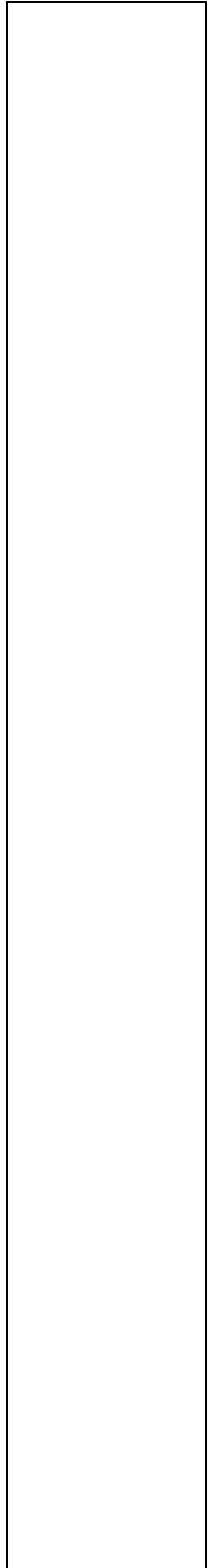
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