

Minutes of the County Committee meeting held At Huish Leisure September 3rd 2019

Present:

Chairman	Deryck Lemon	(DL)
Vice-Chairman / Mendip Rep	Ian Bolton	(IB)
Secretary	Carol Hawkins	(CH)
Treasurer	Liz Rixon	(LR)
Competitions Secretary	Keith Hawkins	(KH)
Membership Secretary / Sedgemoor Rep	Judith Shackelford	(JS)
Somerset West & Taunton Rep	Malcolm Sheen	(MS)
County Manager	Andrew Cowlin	(AC)
South Somerset Rep	Sue Smith	(SS)

Action required:

Deryck opened the meeting at 7:30pm and welcomed Sue to the committee

1. Apologies for absence.

None

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2019

Liz proposed and Ian seconded adoption of the Minutes as a correct record of the meeting. The Chairman signed the minutes.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes:

- Treasurer Report – Clarification that pre-authorisation of expenditure over £50 refers to non budget expenses
- Treasurer Report – Following the Triples competition the budget forecast was now £18 in excess
- Treasurer Report – No raffle was held for the first trial date but Linda Glover would be asked to do one for 8th September. Discussed alternatives for limiting future cost of trial dates
- Secretary Report – Total of club constitutions received is now 19
- Competition Report – Keith and Ian have rearranged equipment in the storage container for safety. We have had an offer of storing foot mats and score boards in the main building.
- County Shirts – Sponsorship required to offset the cost so deferred.
- Honorary Memberships – The committee had agreed Alan Berry was a worthy nominee and would be presented with his honorary membership at the first county match on 6th October.

**AC to contact
Linda**

4. Website

As the main window of the SSMBA, the website needs to be kept up to date and it had proven difficult in the past to get someone to do this on a regular basis. Malcolm Sheen had offered to take on the role then Gordon Hughes submitted a

draft Website to committee members in attendance at the first county trials date. As there was a majority to approve it, Gordon had published within 48 hours and initial feedback has been positive. Malcolm will liaise between the committee and Gordon to feed information to be published so the layout is consistent.

There is a Google account for SSMBA showing James' home address and contact details. The committee unanimously agreed to ask James to give ownership over to enable the required amendments to be made.

Malcolm proposed that a form be sent out to all club secretaries to get consent to publish a name and phone number as club contact details for our website. Seconded by Keith and unanimously agreed.

Thanks to be given to Gordon for prompt action on the new website and to invite him to the next meeting so he can put any issues or suggestions that he might have.

MC and GH to contact James

CH to issue consent forms

DL to contact GH

5. Treasurer Report

Liz submitted a copy of the accounts for the period ended 3rd September 2019 showing that there is a deficit for the year to date.

A reminder was given that receipts are required for all expenditure.

Thanks to be sent to Matt Chapman for auditing the SSMBA Accounts for the AGM, which he has done again without charge.

CH to thank MC

6. Secretary Report

New SSMBA safeguarding officers agreed as Keith, Malcolm and Sue as Alan Berry has stood down. This will ensure someone should always be available.

Washfield club have asked us to advertise their equipment for sale. The committee agreed to ask Gordon to set up a for sale page on the website as a service to our members.

Balliol have enquired about purchasing 2 county mats. Price to include foot mats, blocks and fenders agreed as £100 per set.

Complaints had been received about the state of the toilet facilities at Huish and there had already been an accident at our first competition in the downstairs mens' toilet which gets a wet floor as it is used by swimmers exiting the pool.

Members are asking when registration forms will be issued. There is a proposal from the AGM to change the membership so forms have been held back for this to be decided. The matter has been deferred to an EGM.

CH to advise ESMBA

MS to contact GH

KH to contact Balliol

KH to tell Huish & advise players to take care

7. SSMBA AGM Feedback

Only 18 member clubs were represented at the AGM. This is a disappointing turnout given the number of clubs we actually have.

The ESMBA have replied to the questions posed about the membership proposal so and EGM can go ahead. A date was agreed for 3rd October to give the required 28 days notice as stated in the SSMBA constitution.

CH to issue the EGM Notice

The SSMBA constitution does not currently give a number of member clubs required for a quorum at an AGM or Special Meeting so it was agreed to put it to the EGM to decide and include it with the constitution amendment agreed at the AGM

8. ESMBA AGM Feedback

The majority of rules revisions had not been discussed as the proposer had not attended the meeting. The ESMBA committee had been given authority to amend the appendices attached to the rules as they could need amending more frequently than the rules revision meetings held every 5 years.

9. Competition Report

Keith confirmed that 12 teams had entered the Triples League, which starts on Friday 6th September. Half of the hall has been hired between 7-10pm but this should be sufficient time to play 18 ends, if not it will have to be adjusted for future rounds. The centre has ordered a curtain to partition the hall from the badminton courts.

The handicap system was discussed. Andrew proposed the handicap be decided on results over a 3-year period to cancel the anomaly if a senior player doesn't play in any given year. Seconded by Sue. Vote: unanimous.

Carol had received an invitation from the Planning Policy Team at Sedgemoor District Council to join a steering group for a Built Facilities Strategy. Keith had agreed to take part in her stead.

KH to note

Meeting closed at 9:30pm

Date of the next meeting Thursday 17th October

Signed

Date