

Minutes of the County Committee meeting held At Donyatt Bowling Club September 25th 2018

Present:

Chairman	Deryck Lemon	(DL)
Secretary	Carol Hawkins	(CH)
Vice Chairman	James Scoins	(JS)
Competitions Secretary	Keith Hawkins	(KH)
Mendip Rep	Ian Bolton	(IB)
South Somerset Rep	Alan Berry	(AB)
Membership Secretary / Sedgmoor Rep	Judith Shackelford	(JSH)
County Captain	Andrew Cowlin	(AC)
Webmaster (Co-opted)	Jack Baker	(JB)

Action required:

Deryck opened the meeting at 7:30pm.

1. Apologies for absence.

Liz Rixon

2. Donation

Yvonne Connolly and Dave Watson had been invited to attend the meeting to present a cheque for £1,195.02, funds that had been raised through various social events. It was agreed that these funds would be ring fenced and used for future junior players. On behalf of the committee and the Association Deryck thanked them for their generosity and agreed they would be advised how the money was spent.

Yvonne is also holding a short mat bowls taster session for the local scout group on 19 October.

CH to write to Yvonne and Deidre to thank them officially

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 19th July 2018

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

4. Matters arising from the Minutes:

- Trophies – One of Donyatts trophies has already been allocated for the Order of Merit and will be presented to Dan Winmill (Kingscliffe). Alan Berrys name has been included as the first winner.

5. Treasurer report

Liz had provided an income and expenditure breakdown for the first quarter. Expenditure exceeds income but county competitions have not yet started so entry fees should balance the deficit.

Since the squads were progressing further in national competitions this had cost the Association more in travel expenses so there had been a review on how this was to be funded in future. Keith proposed a budget for the county squad showing that players would be self funding. Andrew seconded it and the proposal was carried with 1 abstention. The Association would continue to pay the cost of the competition entry fees.

6. Secretary report

- ESMBA ladies match against Somerset ladies on 18 Nov 2018. To date 20 ladies, from Somerset and neighbouring counties, have expressed an interest in playing.
- Milborne Port had not received the entry form for the Champion of Champions so their player had not been able to play. The competition has

CH to contact the club

passed so this could not be rectified although an apology would be issued.

- Curry Rivel were chasing the registration forms for 2018/19.
- There had been a good turnout for the county AGM and the Forum that followed. There were no nominees for either Taunton or West Somerset Area Reps. To mirror the council these would now be combined into 1 area and Deryck has already approached Malcolm Sheen who has agreed to be co-opted to this post. He has also been asked to take on Development of the game within Somerset.
- The Forum will be discussed at the next committee meeting.
- Deryck and Keith gave feedback from the ESMBA EGM, convened to accept the accounts of the previous year.

7. Social Media

- The Direct Debit for West Country Media has been cancelled and there will be a new host for the Somerset website. The future format of the website was discussed. Three people will have full Admin rights: Jack who will be updating it as the main webmaster, Andrew & Deryck, as overseer.
- Facebook - James and Carol currently have Admin rights for the Somerset page and Jack will be added.
- Twitter – Andrew passed this to Jack

8. Competition Secretary report

Keith advised that all of the competition forms had been sent out to clubs. Some have been amended as the ESMBA require the National entries to be submitted earlier than our competitions were due to be held.

TLH has offered 3 weekends to run competitions. Keith suggested these could be used as fundraising events to raise money to purchase faster mats for our county. The committee agreed this was a good idea.

Keith suggested a county-wide league open to all county clubs and wants to gauge if there would be enough interest. He was asked to bring a format to the next meeting.

The committee agreed the principal of running short mat bowls as an after school activity locally or getting it added to the curriculum. Both Keith and James are ESMBA qualified coaches with the required DBS clearance to take this forward.

9. Honours Board

It was agreed that the old names would be peeled off at the next county get together. Before agreeing to the work, costings are required for adding all the historical names. Joe to be invited to the next meeting to discuss the Honours Board and committee members to consider the required content.

Meeting closed at 9:30pm

Date of the next meeting agreed for Nov 13th 2018 at Donyatt for 7:30pm

Signed

Date

KH to do a draft format

KH to seek quotes

All to consider content