



EAST KENT SHORT MAT BOWLS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Monday 26th September 2011 at Aylesham

1. Welcome by the Chairman

David welcomed all members to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Hugh Bradbury, Les Marsh (Wingham), Colin Hadler (Whitstable) and Tony Fitzgerald (Macknade).

3. Minutes of Pre AGM Committee Meeting held on 21st March 2011

These were taken as read, agreed and to be signed. Proposed by Jim Greatorex and seconded by John Huckle (Hoverspeed).

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Secretary's Report

Lynn gave her report: "Welcome to the new bowling season and to the new venue at Aylesham for our meetings this season.

Address and Fixture booklets: These have been produced and sent out to all clubs.

Public Liability Insurance: Insurance Certificates have been despatched. Some clubs have not yet sent in their full list of club members - this is a requirement of the insurance company. The clubs concerned are: Arca, Boughton, Canterbury, Capel, Hoverspeed, Macknade, Minster and Staple would these clubs please ensure I have these forms as soon as possible.

I would also like to remind everyone when friendly fixtures or tournaments are arranged clubs must inform me before the event takes place. It has been brought to my attention that this has not been happening. Again this is a requirement of the insurance company. You can inform me either by post, e-mail or even a telephone call

New Venues: Two clubs have changed their playing venues, they are Macknade who have moved to West Faversham Community Centre, Bysingwood Road, Faversham and Cavaliers have moved to St Paul's Hall, St Martin View at Herne.

Singles and Pairs Competition: Clubs expressing interest in hosting the Singles and Pairs competitions and their costs are:

<u>Singles Competition:</u>	Swalecliffe	- £75
Sunday 22 nd January 2012	Capel	- £25
	ARCA	- £ 8 per hour

<u>Pairs Competition:</u>	Capel	- £25
Sunday 19 th February 2012	ARCA	- £ 8 per hour

<u>Finals Day</u>	Capel	- £25
Sunday 15 th April 2012	Aylesham	- no charge

Presentation Evening: Clubs, who have expressed interest in hosting the Presentation Evening on Saturday 28th April 2012, are:-

Hoverspeed	- £50
Aylesham	- £25
Swalecliffe	- £140

If any club is interested in holding any of the above events then please let me know urgently. (The draw for venues will take place at the November meeting).

Rules and Constitution Booklet - Amendments: These have been prepared by Brian. When printing has been completed they will be sent out to all clubs.

Website: Some web users have experienced difficulties when completing and sending forms on-line. Les Marsh has advised; "The forms work ok but if you are using Adobe Reader X ensure the email program you use is set as default by name. 'Use my current email program' won't do".

Please also remember to use the website for information - you will find dates of meetings, events, agendas and minutes of committee meetings these can be found via the Noticeboard.

6. Treasurers Report

Hugh's spreadsheets were circulated earlier. In the absence of Hugh, Lynn read out Hugh's report: "First let me apologise for not being there. At this time I should be just about landing at Heathrow. As can be seen Income, up to now, this year has been £1425.40 and Expenditure £879.70. The majority of the income has been down to the payment of annual fees and insurance and the income from the very successful Presentation Night.

Expenditure has been down to Insurance, Trophy costs, postage and secretarial. The latter being consumables, a high cost of which was for printer cartridges that unfortunately was required by three Officers at the same time, not a regular occurrence.

Hopefully there are no urgent questions but if there are any, and if Lynn records them I can put any answers with the minutes when they are circulated.

Spray Chalks haven't arrived yet, they were ordered a week and a half ago, so if any are needed urgently please contact me direct. They should be in by the time I get back".

7. League Secretary's Report

Barbara gave her report: Thanks to all who sent the renewal forms and fixture forms in good time, enabling me to update the Address and Fixtures booklet and complete the fixtures.

Following Hoverspeed Seals and Tyler Hill's departure, and the addition of Sturry Skylarks; at the Officers meeting in July the 10:11:11 format, as you see in the fixtures, was agreed.

Hugh Bradbury and Les Marsh have been working hard to update the website and database ready for next season. The results will be published after I have received at least a couple of match results from each team.

Please ensure that copies of the Rules and Constitution, plus our Gentle Reminder Notice on the rules are available to all players this season. Any new players and those who have played under the English Short Mat Bowls Association may need to check that they are conforming to our rules which do differ slightly.

I have the Licenses with me tonight - in line with our insurance policy these should be displayed on your notice-board.

I also have scorecards, in bundles of approx 50. If you need more cards please take one bundle for each team your club has entered into the league.

You may already know that Cavalier Labradors had to change venues and now play at St Paul's Hall, St Martins View, (off School Lane), Herne CT6 7AP and Macknade Monarchs have changed venues and play in West Faversham Community Centre, Bysingwood Road, Faversham ME13 7RH. (in the Address and Fixtures booklet I inadvertently added an extra letter H at the end of the postcode).

Derek Hewitt (Swalecliffe) requested that the Poster 'A Reminder of the Most Common Rules' be circulated to clubs again.

8. Competitions Secretary Report

Brian reported he had so far received 17 entries for the Pairs Competition and 8 entries for the Singles Competition. Four clubs with 8 teams had entered for the Silver Jubilee Oyster Cup.

9. Silver Jubilee Oyster Cup Tournament

Jim gave an update on the Tournament:

"1) Hopefully every club has received a copy of joining instruction and rules etc. and hope you have circulated these and posted them on your clubs notice boards. These were drawn up by a sub-committee of me, Dave Oxberry, Paul Browning, High Bradbury, Brian Castle and Lynn Hall who 'titivated' the joining instructions and got them out to you.

Regretfully Hugh is not with us tonight but we have Brian who is up to speed on the playing arrangements, and the remainder of the committee have taken on specific tasks to make the day go well.

2) Firstly, I get the impression that some are under the impression that clubs can only enter a limited number of teams. Not so. To run the competition fully we need a maximum of 40 teams. This means any one club may enter as many teams as they wish. The teams will be selected as you have been advised by the information Hugh put out regarding selection, we are assuming we will get a good response.

The day is open to all members' friends and family.

I have been asked if teams can be made up from members of other clubs. As you are aware this tournament is intended as a celebration day, so although it is called 'Oyster Cup' the normal annual cup that is played for will not be played this year. So it is not a club event as far as I can see, it is a whole Association event where as many as 40 teams can enter albeit, you, as clubs have been asked to submit teams, this is for administration purposes, as is the selection format which you have been advised of. I will of course put this to the sub-committee for a positive answer and let you know in due course.

3) The time schedule for the day is very tight due to it being on a Sunday. We cannot get into the hall until 9.00 a.m. and we must finish by 6.00 p.m. We have been allowed to take all the equipment over the night before so the hall can be ready for a prompt start at 9.30 a.m.

4) Hugh has tried many combinations to try and get the playing schedule to work so that each team will play a game and miss one etc. Those of you who have experience of

organising tournament games will know that with certain numbers it will not work out, so there will be some who will possibly play two games in succession. He has also tried to ensure that you will have a set time to have your food. This applies to food ordered. It is imperative that these times are adhered to.

- 5) We will require volunteers to help set up the hall the night before and to roll up mats at the end. If you would like to help please either see me or one of the sub-committee.
- 6) We are looking for sponsors. Our cost is not high. We have worked out the total cost for running the event would be about £500.00. So if anyone knows of a generous sponsor, we would be obliged.
- 7) Brian will be running the days competition as he has done so successfully for us in the past. Hopefully we will have volunteers to run the Bowl in the Hole, Target Bowls and Bowling for a bottle of Bubbly. There will be prizes, cups and prize money for the competition winners.
- 8) Please ensure your teams entry form is in by no later than the 21st October 2011.
- 9) Order forms for food will be given to you on registration. These you will have to take to the bar, order and pay for your food. A time will be allotted according to your game time to have your meal.
- 10) There will be coffee and tea available at the bar to purchase when you arrive.
- 11) At 9.15 a.m. I will welcome you and your guests and introduce our celebrity guest to formally open the proceedings. Prize giving will be at the end of the day.
- 12) Remember this is a celebration tournament and we want everyone to enjoy the day. Don't forget that your family and friends are welcome, so get them along to enjoy the day with us. The venue is big and the facilities are great. It will probably be your last chance to visit Pfizer Sports facilities as the gates will definitely be closed on the 31st December. Unless of course, someone with very deep pockets takes the facility over."

David Swain said Broomfield Express Couriers have sponsored £100. Jim thanked David.

Bob Castle (Ash) asked if all clubs will be guaranteed at least two teams. Jim asked for clubs to please put as many teams as they like into the competition.

Gordon Parfitt (Aylesham) said two weeks ago, in his local paper, it reported that Pfizer would be wound up on 4th December. Jim reiterated that Pfizer will run until 31st December.

Gordon also expressed concern about the heating at Pfizer. Last year in December they had a match with Pfizer and it was 'freezing cold' - no heating. Jim said he would look into the heating issue with Pfizer.

Terence Terry (Aylesham) asked if clubs would be penalised if they did not send a team and asked how many mats would be used. Jim said teams would not be penalised - it is not the Oyster Cup as such, it is a 'special' event and 10 mats would be in use.

Terence also asked what happens if a team doesn't turn up. Jim said the sub-committee would discuss and decide - there could be a possibility of byes.

Brian stated the clubs who have put teams in so far are; Capel, Swalecliffe, Bekesbourne and Boughton.

Jim asked all clubs to keep pushing their members to get teams to enter.

Mick Nichol (Swalecliffe) asked if food had to be ordered on the day. Jim said yes, and you will be given a time (at your request) alternatively, you can take your own food - there is a gallery where you will be able to go and eat - no food or drink is allowed in the main hall. Gordon Parfitt (Aylesham) proposed a vote of thanks to Jim for all the hard work he has undertaken - all agreed.

10. Any Other Business

Terence Terry (Aylesham) asked when the draw for venues and events going to take place. A brief discussion took place and it was agreed the draws would take place at the 7th November 2011 meeting.

Terence Terry also asked if in the future, the Finals Day could be brought forward from April. David Swain asked when the singles and pairs preliminary rounds would be drawn. A short discussion took place regarding the draws and closing dates of the competitions.

Brian proposed the draw for the venues to take place at the 7th November meeting and the closing date for all entries would remain the same. The Singles and Pairs playing draw will take place at the 9th January 2012 meeting.

A vote took place: For - unanimous Against - none

The meeting closed at 8.15 p.m.

REMINDERS

The next Meeting will take place at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 7th November at Aylesham.

Signed

Date