



EAST KENT SHORT MAT BOWLS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF PRE AGM COMMITTEE MEETING Held on Monday 19th March 2012 at Aylesham

1. Welcome by the Chairman

David welcomed all members to the meeting.

Voting Cards. David asked all Committee Representatives to come and collect a voting card, this would become the normal procedure for future meetings. He explained the voting card would help us know which club's have been able to vote on any issue raised at Committee and, if necessary, for us to contact absentee clubs. These voting cards will be given out at each meeting and to be returned at the end of the meeting. There will be the normal two voting cards per club at AGM's.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Les Marsh Wingham, Mick Heath Eastling, Roy Piles Eastling, Bob Holliday Boughton and Janice Webb ARCA.
No apologies were received from Preston SMBC

3. Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 7th November 2011

These were taken as read, agreed and to be signed. Proposed by Terence Terry (Aylesham) and seconded by Bob Castle (Ash).

4. Matters Arising

Lynn had written to Staple reminding them they had not paid their annual fees. Hugh confirmed they have now paid and letters of apology received - an oversight had occurred after the resignation of their secretary.

Lynn had been in contact with Kent County SMBA regarding the hiring of their mats. Our request for information was being put forward at their next committee meeting. No reply has yet been received.

Bob Castle (Ash) wished to clear up any confusion (Item 7. League Secretary's Report) the e-mailing of confirmation slips he was referring to were the ones between clubs.

5. Secretary's Report

Lynn gave her report. Public Liability Insurance. "A reminder to everyone about insurance. All the names of members, casual or leisure bowlers at your club, whether they play in the league or not must be named on your Public Liability Insurance forms that are sent to me to ensure everyone is covered. This is a requirement of the insurance company."

E-Mail Addresses. "We are attempting to reach out to all club members giving them as much information as possible regarding events, competitions and minutes etc. Would you please ask your members if anyone is interested in receiving this information via e-mail. If so, please let me know relevant e-mail addresses. This would also save us money on postage. All future forms will include the option to include an e-mail address."

Presentation Evening. "A reminder - the Presentation Evening will be held at Aylesham on Saturday 28th April at 7.00p.m. All league, competition winners and runners-up are expected to attend the evening to receive their trophies. A poster will be sent to all clubs."

6. Treasurers Report

Hugh's spreadsheets had been circulated earlier. Hugh gave his report: "Income since the last meeting has been £346.60 and Expenditure £246.62.

Income has been the payment of annual fees and spray chalks plus the annual Quiz Night. Expenditure has been the KO competitions, the Quiz and some secretarial expenditure.

On the subject of the annual Quiz Night, thanks to those for their help and to those clubs that supported the event. I hope they all enjoyed themselves. The financial detail is as follows:-

Income:	Tables	£132.00			
	Raffle	£124.00			
Expenditure:	Catering	£39.86			
	Prizes	£27.98	Net	-	£188.16

To add to this is the cost of the hall which I have unfortunately overlooked.

We have agreed to pay for "Publisher" for Brian at a cost of £250.00"

Roy Vinter (Chilham) questioned Hugh's spreadsheet as it showed Preston had only 1 player. Hugh apologised for the 'slip of the finger'. This would be amended.

7. League Secretary's Report

Barbara gave her report: "Next Season. The annual renewal forms for League and Associate clubs are available to print out on line. These should be completed and returned at the AGM or by 31st May at the latest.

Hotshots. So far 46 teams have won hot shots this season. I will print out all the certificates won this year as usual. However, I propose for next year that clubs either claim their hotshots independently from Bowls International or they use the in-house hotshot template which I can pass onto club secretaries on request. I believe that hotshot badges are available from Bowls International for individual clubs to purchase"

8. Competitions Secretary Report

Brian thanked all the players who had participated in the Singles and Pairs competitions. Finals Day will take place on Sunday 15th April at Capel commencing at 9.30 a.m.

The semi finalists for the singles are: Kevin Oxberry (ARCA), Dusty Miller (Whitstable), Janice Webb (ARCA), and Martin Bull (ARCA).

The semi finalists for the pairs are: Tony Lewis and Gail Phasey (Whitstable), Rachel Chandler

and Barry Mansfield (Capel), David Swain and Dot Austin (ARCA), and Dusty Miller and Charles Maxted (Whitstable).

9. Recommendations for the Singles and Pairs Competitions

An officers meeting was held in February to discuss the way forward for the Singles and Pairs Competitions. It was agreed the following recommendations would be put forward to the Committee Members at the meeting on Monday 19th March.

David read out the recommendations:

1. Neutral grounds to be sought for the Singles and Pairs Competitions.
A day for the Singles competition and a day for the Pairs competition.
The venue should be able to accommodate a minimum of **four** mats.
2. The Finals of these competitions would be held on the same day.
The Competitions Secretary would decide on how many ends to be played etc. depending on the number of entrants.
3. The Competitions Secretary and Sub-Committee would be responsible for the running of the competition.

After much discussion regarding the above recommendations and also whether this should be a recommendation or a proposal, Tony Fitzgerald (Macnade) proposed the recommendations go forward to the AGM as a proposal. Seconded by Colin Rolfe (Minster)

Voting: In favour: 15 Against: 1

The proposal was carried forward to the AGM.

10. AGM Proposals

A copy of the proposals had previously been circulated. After a short discussion on the first two proposals had taken place it was agreed by the Committee members to take all the proposals to the AGM.

David asked for a vote on this:

Voting: In favour: unanimous Against: none

All proposals were carried forward to the AGM

11. Any Other Business

Damian Mageean (Chilham) said he had tried to post some photos on the Association's website but was unable to do so. Hugh said he would require a password and Les Marsh was the person to contact. Damian had sent Les an e-mail but had had no response. It was agreed that Lynn would contact Les to assist Damian.

Paul said we appreciate everyone coming to the meeting venues and at the next meeting (AGM) there will be tea and biscuits/cakes laid on for all members attending.

Paul had been looking for items to commemorate the Association's 25 years. He had brought along some items other clubs had produced i.e. a magnetic bookmark, notebook and pen, and various styles of pens. If anyone has any similar ideas please let him know and we can then put

recommendations forward.

Derek Hewitt (Swalecliffe) asked about next year's Officers. Hugh explained the nominations are held at the AGM.

Officers were asked if they would be willing to stand again next year. All officers agreed to do so.

Hugh said he thought it was now time he let everyone know about himself. He explained that he was on medication and had 'Parkinsons'. He stated it was his intention to carry on as Treasurer and playing bowls for his club. Hugh was applauded for his openness of his situation.

The meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.

REMINDERS:

Nominations/Election of Officers

All nominations for Officer posts must be with the Hon. Association Secretary, Lynn Hall, 14 days prior to the AGM meeting.

Presentation Evening.

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Next Meeting

The next Meeting will be the AGM which will take place at 7.30 p.m. on **Monday 14th May 2012** at Aylesham.

Signed

Date