



EAST KENT SHORT MAT BOWLS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

**Held on Monday 23rd September 2013 at
Aylesham**

1. Welcome by the Chairman

In Paul's absence Damien welcomed all members to the meeting and gave thanks for the provision of teas and coffees.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Paul Browning, Hugh Bradbury, Ray Owen, Les Marsh (Wingham) and Janice Webb (Arca).

3. Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 25th March 2013

These were taken as read, accepted as a true record and to be signed. Proposed by Bob Holliday (Boughton) and seconded by Geoff Hall (Whitstable).

4. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

5. Chairman's Report

In Paul's absence Damien read out his report: "We are away on holiday so I cannot attend this evening. I would like to say that during the break your Committee Officers have worked together, as usual, very hard to get the new season organised and up and running. I would like to thank them on your and your clubs behalf for their extra time and extra effort which hopefully we all appreciate. Have a good and happy season bowling. Best wishes and see you soon."

6. Secretary's Report

Lynn welcomed everyone to the new season and reported as follows:

"Mobile Phones and League Games Some comments have been made to us about mobile phones ringing during league games and I have been requested to ask all clubs to make an announcement at the beginning of each league game, asking all players and spectators to ensure mobile phones are switched to 'silent' during league games. Your co-operation would be much appreciated.

Address and Fixtures Booklets have been sent out to all Club Secretaries and Committee Reps. There was an amendment which we were notified of after we had gone to print regarding the new playing venue for Hoverspeed. They have moved to The Charles Dickens School, Broadstairs Road, Broadstairs CT10 2RL. Extra copies of the booklet are available - at a cost

of £2 each.

Rules and Constitution Book we have had a reprint of the Rules and Constitution Book - all clubs are automatically given 2 new copies each. Please collect your copies from me after the meeting - additional copies are £5 each.

Public Liability Insurance certificates have been distributed to all clubs who should now have these displayed on their premises.

Spray Chalks it was agreed at the AGM that each club team would receive 8 spray chalks free of charge for the start of this season only. Please collect your spray chalks from Jim at the end of the meeting.

Finally, I would like to register our thanks to Ray Owen, on behalf of the Association for helping Les Marsh in July with a problem he had encountered on our website. Ray worked all evening to find the fault and to get everything back up and running again. We are very grateful for his help again which is very much appreciated."

7. Treasurers Report

The spreadsheets were circulated at the beginning of the meeting and in Hugh's absence Lynn read out his report:

"First let me give my apologies for not being there.

I hope everyone has a copy of the report. Since the AGM, income has been £487.18 with an expenditure of £1631.22. The income is significantly down as a result of the fee changes for this season, approved by the AGM. The majority of the income has been the payment of fees and insurance. Expenditure has been the Insurance, Secretarial, Postage, the Spray Chalks and the deposit for the hall for the competitions. On the subject of insurance, I am still waiting for one payment. Thanks to the efforts of Paul, we now have a new supplier for Spray Chalks at a significant saving, £1.95 each as opposed to £3.60 last year. Thanks Paul. The Spray Chalks are here for distribution, the agreed 8 sprays per team, if anyone wants to buy any extra the spares are here also.

As an aside, the League Results spreadsheet is being prepared by Barbara using my instruction sheet detailing all the steps that need to be taken in order to set up a program for the new season for upload to the Web Site. This is progressing well other than one query Barbara has, that I will look at when I return. I would like to record my thanks to Barbara in doing this. It should put us in the better position of two of us knowing what needs setting up for the Web Site each season, of course with the assistance of Les doing the parts he needs to do. A backup for Les should also be considered, I don't know what he has to do, and I only get the results for loading.

If there are any questions, I'm sure Lynn will make a note of them and you will allow me to reply with the circulated minutes."

8. League Secretary's Report

Barbara reported as follows: "I just have the usual "beginning of the season" reminders for all members who will be playing in the East Kent League games.

Fixtures: Any changes made during the season should be confirmed in writing, *with a copy to me from both clubs*, home and away.

Registered Players: All registered players are recorded on their club page on the database. I have been receiving the lists throughout the summer so, if at the **beginning of the season you find you need** to change or add players please let me know before any matches are played. Clubs adding new players throughout the season should send full name(s) and £1 per player, (cheques made out to **EKSMBA**) to me, the League Secretary, at any time during the season; these should arrive no later than the score cards showing the said player(s) first game.

EKSMBA Rulebook: Please remember that as the *East Kent SMBA rules differ slightly to those of the English SMBA*, please make available, particularly to new players, the rule book and ensure that our poster "**Gentle Reminder of Rules**" is displayed.

Dress: In consideration of other club's mats, please ensure **the correct footwear** is worn. Shoes should be heel-less, flat and smooth soled. Planed or ground off trainers etc. are not acceptable. White should be worn above the waist and grey below. See Constitution & Rules.

Scorecards: Last Season scanning scorecards was a successful alternative to the post, not only receiving the scores promptly but also dealing with any discrepancies. I recommend that skips and scorers read the instructions regarding scoring *that are printed in the Address and Fixture booklet*, and ensure the scores agree when they reach me. I reserve the right to request the originals to be **posted a.s.a.p. (1st class)** at any time.

Results on Web: I have been updating the computer for this coming season under Hugh's guidance. All going well the results will be posted on the Web early in November when at least 2 matches from each club have been played.

So to conclude I hope everyone will enjoy all their matches and wish you all a very happy season.

9. Competitions Secretary Report

Brian stated the entries for the Singles and Pairs competitions are to be in by **1st November**. The Singles draw will take place at the meeting on 11th November and the Pairs draw will take place at the meeting on 13th January 2014.

Brian said any club **not** playing in the Oyster Cup on 3rd November should let him know now. Macnade, Cavaliers, Dover (Affiliated) and Minster Village Hall (Affiliated) confirmed they would not be playing in the Oyster Cup.

Damien said at a previous meeting a discussion took place about visiting the head in the Singles. Brian confirmed that in the Singles a 'quick' visit to the head was only allowed **on the last wood of an end**.

10. Any Other Business

Terence Terry (Aylesham) said, in the future, could we introduce a Triples competition - as well as the Singles and Pairs - clubs could send any number of teams, the competition venue would also be at Bysing Wood. This would be in addition to the Oyster Cup.

Bob Pullen (Swalecliffe) said they would need to go back to their clubs.

Damien agreed and said this would be brought forward to the next meeting to hear clubs responses to the proposal.

David Ox berry (Arca) announced it was with deep regret they have had to pull their Jumbucks team out of the league - Division 1 - due to loss of members and health. They would hope to

get a team back next season but will have to wait and see. Players registered with the Jumbucks would be available for the Lambs.

Geoff Jones (Hoverspeed) said he had produced a note, for Division 2 teams, giving instructions to their new playing venue at: The Charles Dickens School, Broadstairs Road, Broadstairs CT10 2RL, if clubs would like to collect a copy from him at the end of the meeting.

Damien concluded by saying the next meeting would be held on 11th November and for clubs to have feedback on Terence Terry's proposal for a Triples competition next season.

Meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

REMINDERS

The next Meeting will be held on at 7.30 p.m. on Monday 11th November 2013 at Aylesham.

Signed

Date