



# EAST KENT SHORT MAT BOWLS ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING

Held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016  
at Canterbury

### 1. Welcome by the Chairman

Paul welcomed all members and Herne Bay Bowls Club. He also thanked Canterbury for holding the meeting and the helpers for the teas and coffee.

### 2. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Tony West and Paul Andrews (Sturry), Liz Trappitt (Westgate), Carol Vinter and Charlotte Wares (Chilham), Tony Fitzgerald (Macknade) and Jean Harrison (Hoverspeed).

### 3. Minutes of Committee Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2015

These were taken as read, accepted as a true record and to be signed.  
Proposed by Ros Chandler (Capel) and Seconded by Geoff Hall (Whitstable).

### 4. Matters Arising

Paul said a replacement is required for Lynn (Hon. Secretary) and reiterated - "no secretary - no Association." After sending out letters and e-mails requesting volunteers he has had no response, and added, "as Reps to clubs you all need to go back to your clubs and explain the need for a secretary by the next meeting - the AGM on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016."

Paul continued with a reminder - on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July, an all-day event is being held at Hawkinge against Invicta. Looking for 12 teams of triples and would like each club to submit at least one team. Some clubs will want to submit more. At the AGM in May I would like a list from clubs wishing to put in a triples team.

Lynn said an amendment to the last minutes Item 2 Apologies - it stated no apologies received from Preston. This is an error in fact Preston actually attended the meeting - apologies for the error.

### 5. Secretary's Report Lynn's report "I would like to welcome Bryan Nicholson our new League Secretary to his first meeting.

I have sent out to all Clubs requesting Proposals for the AGM to be with me as soon as possible. I also included an invite to bid to host Committee Meetings and Social Events 2016/2017 season. Aylesham have applied to host the Social Events next season and Canterbury to host Committee Meetings.

I have produced a poster for all clubs to display on their notice boards advertising the Invicta Match on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July (all day). Some copies have been distributed this evening. 12 teams are required. Please let me know if any clubs are interested or if any individuals wish to take part in this return match with Invicta - the match will be held at Hawkinge Community Centre. So far we have 5 clubs/teams and one individual who have expressed interest.

I have written thanking the Over 55's Community Bowls Club who very kindly loaned the use of their mats for our Oyster Cup Competition held last December - and enclosed a £10 cheque as a donation to their club.

The Mel Harris 60's Show will be entertaining us at the Presentation Evening. Don't forget that those who will have won trophies this season, will be expected to attend and collect them - if not would they please nominate someone to receive their trophies on their behalf.

The Quiz Night went very well last Saturday. Three teams ended up joint top - a tie breaker question was held and Chilham won.

**6. Treasurers Report** Spreadsheets were circulated earlier. Hugh reported "As agreed, there hasn't been a meeting since September last year but I did do an interim report in November that Lynn kindly circulated. Since that report, income has been £696.71 and expenditure £773.36. Income has been League Registration and Affiliation (£12), Oyster Cup (£30), Oyster Cup raffle (£109), KO Competitions (£501), Spray Chalks (£42), Interest (£2.41) and Rule Books etc. (£1.50) + £200 credit. Expenditure has been Secretarial (£51.23), Post (£41.85), Quiz (£28.67), Oyster Cup (£208.64) and KO's (£442.97).

As you know, I was unable to do the Quiz Night as I had managed to double book myself (both Quizzies). So my thanks to Paul for stepping in as Question Master and Jim for running the raffle.

**7. League Secretary's Report:** Bryan wished to thank Barbara for a sterling job she had done as League Secretary over the past years and thanked the captains. Bryan asked clubs to make sure to check their cards before sending them in. He would like to see Swalecliffe and Chislet after the meeting!!

Division 1 - Winners - Arca                      Runners up - Capel.      Squirrels will go down

Division 2 - Winners - Hoverspeed      Runners up - Whitstable Pearls  
Ash Arrows and Whitstable Winkles will go down

Division 3 still have matches to play.

Potential new teams for next season are: Barham, Chilham and Herne Bay. Canterbury may have another team. With added teams the Divisions will be equalized.

**8. Competitions Secretary Report:** Brian said first of all he would like to give thanks to all those who helped him raise £1,260 for cancer charity - (he had his curly locks and beard shaved). Competitions at Hawkinge had gone very well just one more to go this Saturday (triples) - the draw is on the website and can be printed off.

**9. New Club Applications**

We have received written applications from Chilham and Barham to join the league next season (2016/2017). Herne Bay have also expressed interest in joining the league with two teams. Paul asked if there were any objections.

Voting took place - Vote carried unanimously to accept Herne Bay.

**10. Next Season Competitions and Possible Ladies Singles**

Paul said there is the possibility of holding a Ladies only Singles Competition if enough Ladies apply. It will be Brian's (Competitions Secretary) decision if enough Ladies enter to warrant a competition. If not, then the Ladies will be brought into the Singles Competition (mixed).

**11. AGM Proposals**

Lynn said proposals have been received from Aylesham to host the social events and Canterbury to host the Committee Meetings. No other proposals had been received.

**12. Any Other Business**

Terence Terry (Aylesham) said he thought there was going to be a money competition to celebrate the leagues 30 year anniversary next season. Paul asked the meeting what their thoughts were as venue bookings would need to be made. Bob Holliday (Boughton) suggested using the mixed triples competition for the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Ros Chandler (Capel) suggested using the Oyster Cup date in December. Paul said just for one year we could look at using Oyster Cup or mixed triples competitions, but would check first what bookings we could get.

Terence Terry warned everyone to check their club insurance regarding Fire and Safety Certificates, visitors must be shown where fire exits are etc. etc. He recommended Jack of Clubs website which specialises in bowls clubs.

The meeting closed at 8.25p.m.

**REMINDERS**

The next Meeting will be the AGM - to be held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at Canterbury @ 7.30 p.m.

Signed .....

Date .....