



# EAST KENT SHORT MAT BOWLS ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF AGM 2016

Held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 at Canterbury

### 1. Welcome by the Chairman

Paul welcomed all members to the meeting and thanked the ladies and gentlemen of Canterbury for providing teas and coffees at all the meetings.

### 2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Trevor Elson (Minster), Liz Trappitt (Westgate), Bob Castle (Ash), Jim Greatorex, Geoff Jones and Jean Harrison (Hoverspeed), Ray Owen, Jim Bellingham (Chislet), Iris Crossley (Minnis Bay), Paul Andrews (Sturry) and Lew Harrison (Aylesham).

### 3. Minutes of AGM 2015

These were taken as read, agreed and to be signed.

Proposed by Les Marsh (Wingham) and Seconded by Bob Pullen (Swalecliffe).

### 4. Matters Arising

Ros Chandler stated there was an error on page 4. Item 8 - it should read Ros Chandler (Capel) and NOT (Chilham) the amendment to the minutes has been made.

There were no other matters arising.

### 5. Officers Reports

#### 5a. Chairman's Report Paul gave his report

I would like to start by thanking the President and all the other Officers for all their support, co-operation and hard work again this year. We have had a change of Fixtures Secretary and our sincere thanks go to Barbara Hadler and Bryan Nicholson as well as Lynn Hall and Diane Harris designate in the role of Association Secretaries. Thanks again to the East Kent Reps for turning out regularly to our meetings and to Canterbury for the use of their venue and for making us tea etc.

My personal goal as chairman has once again been to continue with the feeling of goodwill and common sense running alongside the rule book, stopping the needless time wasting for us all and trust that we are still achieving this.

We continue this year with the format of an independent venue for our association competitions and once again have had nothing but positive feedback on all of them. Next season also comes a new opportunity, with enough support, for a Ladies' Singles Competition as well.

A couple of mentions for the well supported social events i.e the quiz night and the great Mel Harris 60@s presentation evening which was a pleasant way to end the season. We tried a different format this year with the presentation at the start of the evening which again worked very well.

I have arranged a friendly again against the Kent Invicta summer team to be held at Hawkinge on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July and would expect to see as many clubs as possible making up the 12 teams.

Finally, if elected again for a further term, I can assure you and all East Kent Members of my commitment to the Association and its aims and objectives.

**5b. Secretary's Report** - Lynn reported: As most of you know I am retiring today from the post as Hon. Secretary. I would like to thank you all for your patience and I have certainly needed some patience over the last 8 years. Thank you also for the wine and flowers and your support during my time. I have enjoyed your company and everything that goes with it!! It has been a rewarding time getting to know you all - but you haven't seen the last of me because the next time you see me will be as a player. Thank you all once again.

**Hon. Secretary** - I would like to welcome Diane Harris as our new Hon. Secretary. And I'm going out on a 'high' as on the Agenda I have slotted Bryan Nicholson in as Hon Secretary and Diane Harris in as League Secretary for which I apologise - now you know why I'm retiring.

**Invicta Match** - Those clubs who have so far expressed interest for the Invicta Match to be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July are:

Wingham - Canterbury - Sturry - Whitstable (2) - Swalecliffe - Barham - Chilham (2)

Are there anymore clubs wishing to submit a team for a day's bowling at Hawkinge?

**Presentation Evening** - The Presentation Evening went very well which I hope everyone enjoyed - and the entertainment by 'The Mel Harris 60's Show'.

**League's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** - Unfortunately I was unable to book Hawkinge during November/December for a day of bowling to celebrate the League's 30 year anniversary. So it has been decided to use the triples competition day which I have booked for Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

**5c. Treasurers Report** - Hugh's report: - spreadsheets had been circulated earlier Financially, another good year with a slight surplus of £240. Income was £3090, slightly down on last year, with an expenditure of £2850, down by £656 on last year mainly due to not having to buy any Spray Chalks. As you can see from the Balance sheet we have a total Asset Value of £2639.38 sufficient for emergencies.

If we now look at the details of income and expenditure, on income, Registration Fees and Competition Fees were almost identical to last year. The presentation night was up by £100, a very good night, especially the Raffle, with thanks to Clubs for the prizes. The quiz night was down by £117 but last year was a record. Spray Chalks were slightly down by £33.

Miscellaneous income was for trophies requested by Clubs and Account Interest was very slight again.

On expenditure, Insurance and Secretarial costs are about the same. Postage is down by £76 (more on line) and we have a small charge for meetings. As said before we didn't have to buy any Spray Chalks. Trophies were about the same. Presentation and Quiz nights are slightly up as was the Oyster Cup expenses. The competition expenses were down mainly due to the change in venue. The miscellaneous was for the special presentations made this year.

The income and expenditure report and the club payments are there for completeness as they are the sheets I normally give you. The function sheet just gives the detail for each function we ran. The Quiz Night and the Presentation Night both realise a profit, Oyster Cup and the Knock-Outs both cost.

Finally, may I thank you, the committee and the clubs for the continued help and support. It is that effort and support that keeps us financially sound

For the Accounts to be formally accepted and adopted  
Proposed by David Swain (Bekesbourne) and Seconded by Geoff Hall (Whitstable).

A vote took place - Vote carried unanimously

**5d. League Secretary's Report** - Bryan's report: Thanks to Barbara for her help in the past and hope I can do such a good job as she did. Thanks for those who keep a check on the website. Please check your score cards before sending them in as there are some regular offenders.

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

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

Division 3 Results - Winners Minster Abbots. Runners-up Aylesham Magpies.

With the introduction of 5 new teams for the 2016/2017 season there will need to be equalisation between the Divisions. Clubs will be informed when this has been completed.

Can all clubs please ensure they send in their registrations of all their teams by the end of this month (May).

**5e. Competitions Secretary's Report** - Brian's report: "Thank you all very much to those who took part in the competitions which all went well. The new venue for competitions at Hawkinge is very good."

## **6. AGM Proposals**

Paul said that the success of the Presentation Evening is causing a problem with numbers. Terence Terry (Aylesham) said the maximum they can take is 146 using the bar area. Paul said, for instance, Swalecliffe can take 160 but the hire would cost £190, including the bar area. Hugh added that 11 clubs actually attended.

A vote took place to continue using Aylesham for the Presentation Evening (fixed max. 146).

With 1 vote for Swalecliffe the vote was carried to continue to use Aylesham facilities.

### **(1) Venues for Future Committee Meetings 2016/2017**

Canterbury expressed interest in holding the EKSMBA Committee Meetings  
Charges are as follows: £15 club hire per meeting

Vote carried unanimously

**(2) Venues for Future Events 2016/2017**

Aylesham expressed interest to hold the Quiz Night and Presentation Evening at their club.

Charges are as follows:	Quiz Night	£50 club hire
	Presentation Evening	£50 club hire

Vote carried unanimously

**7. Election of Officers**

A vote took place for Bryan Nicholson to stand as Hon. League Secretary  
Proposed by Mick Nichol (Boughton) and Seconded by David Swain (Bekesbourne)

Vote carried unanimously

A vote took place for Diane Harris to stand as Hon. Association Secretary  
Proposed by Barry Harris (Wingham) and Seconded by Les Marsh (Wingham)

Vote carried unanimously

Paul said all those presently standing have agreed to stand again and proposed the election of officer's posts be voted en-bloc.

Proposed by Geoff Hall (Whitstable) and Seconded by Roy Piles (Eastling)

Vote carried unanimously

**8. Fees and Charges 2016/2017**

Hugh said bearing in mind we have cash balance of £2323 and I don't know of any new major expense I am recommending the fees for next season be :-

Club Registration - League Clubs	Still Nil
Club Registration - Affiliated Clubs	Remains at £10.00
League Player Registration	Remains at £3.00
Green Fees	As said before this has been £2.00 per player since I became Treasurer. As you know the prime reason for this is to cover the hall cost for the home team and we discussed this last year but is it still enough? As always this is your decision

Competition Entry, Singles, Pairs & Triples	Remain at £3.00 per competitor for each competition unless, bearing in mind the costs you wish to change this.
Oyster Cup Triples	Remain at £7.50 per team with the same caviate as above
Insurance	£10.00 per club subject to the Renewal charge

A short discussion and voting took place regarding the increase of Green Fees

- to stay the same at £2 (3 votes)
- to increase to £2.50 (10 votes)
- to increase to £3.00 (4 votes)

By a majority vote of 17 For and 4 Against - Green Fees will be increased to **£2.50**

## 9. Any Other Business

Derek Russ (Dover) apologised as Dover would not be entering the Oyster Cup.

Brian explained the change in format for next season's competitions:

There will be a separate Ladies and Men's Singles competition - on the same day. If there are not enough ladies to warrant a separate competition the ladies will be integrated in the men's competition.

The Triples competition will be our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration competition. Cost will be £1 per person.

Singles and Pairs will be £3 per person.

All competitions will be played as a Round Robin (where possible).

Entry forms will be sent out at the end of the month.

Competition dates for 2016/2017 season are as follows:

- Sunday 11th December 2016 - Oyster Cup (at Faversham Community Centre Bysing Wood)
- Saturday 21st January 2017 - Singles Competition (at Hawkinge Community Centre)
- Saturday 18th February 2017 - Pairs Competition (at Hawkinge Community Centre)
- Saturday 18th March 2017 - 30 Year Anniversary Celebrations (Triples open)  
(at Hawkinge Community Centre)

Terence Terry said that Division 1 had suffered over the past few years always having the least games to play. Could we try and equalise the divisions more fairly and try 12 - 11 - 11.

Paul said we will see what teams we get. We will know by the end of the month.

## Invicta Match

We now have 12 teams for the Invicta Match to be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2015 they are:

Minster	Wingham	Canterbury	Sturry
Whitstable	Swalecliffe	Barham	Capel
Chilham	Eastling	Bekesbourne	Herne Bay

Thanks to all the clubs entering this match.

The meeting closed at 8.36 p.m.

Signed .....

Date .....