



Minutes of the 145th Management Committee Meeting held at Ladock Village Hall on Monday 19th November 2012.

Present: Henry Kendall, Elise Daniell, Peter Hore, Bob Flower, Ken Horrell, Ian Perry, Nigel Nicholls, Nick Truscott, Chris Cawrse, Karen Watson.

145.00 Chairman's welcome:

The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone present and thanked Karen Watson for attending the meeting to be co-opted on to the committee in the role of Treasurer.

145.01 Apologies for absence:

Lesley Barker, Derek Newton and Sheila Hodge.

145.02 Approve and sign minutes of the 144th committee meeting:

The minutes were taken as read and approved by those present.

Proposer: Nick Truscott

Seconder: Ken Horrell

145.03 Matters arising from previous meeting:

At the previous meeting the CCSMBA were without a Treasurer and an appeal was sent out to clubs for volunteers to come forward in order for the CCSMBA to function properly. Following this appeal Karen Watson offered to take on the role and was invited to attend the meeting. As Karen was the only volunteer it was proposed that she was co-opted on to the committee and this was accepted unanimously.

Proposer: Bob Flower

Seconder: Chris Cawrse.

145.04 Correspondence:

Email from Victor Jones (ESMBA General Secretary) providing a copy of the ESMBA Committee Meeting Minutes from the 21st and 22nd July 2012.

Email from Victor Jones (ESMBA General Secretary) providing details of the ESMBA AGM which will be held at Caroline Chisholm School in Northampton on Saturday 13th July 2013.

Letters from Mrs Joyce Ward (Withiel SMBC) regarding the County Team Trials. The committee were in receipt of two letters as the original was not received. Within the letter Mrs Ward makes an enquiry as to why she did not receive an invite to attend this year's County Team Trials day even though she was listed as number nine on the County Points List. She expressed her concerns that it was due to the fact that she refused to umpire a home fixture in the previous season. The committee discussed the situation surrounding this with the County Team Manager and it became clear that there had been a breakdown of communication following the refusal to umpire however this had not been the reason an invite had not been sent to Mrs Ward. The County Team Manager and both of his Captains build the team that they feel would be the strongest to represent the County using the points list as reference only. The points list is used alongside knowledge built up throughout previous seasons after watching performances in County Competitions and Leagues. It is a fact that twenty of the top forty on the points list were not invited to attend the County Trials or have not been involved in every County game among these are other players in the top ten on the list and a recent International player.

145.05 Treasurer's report:

For the period 10/09/12 to 19/11/12:

Credits = £3917.50

Debits = £7583.98

Total = £3666.48 loss for this period.

Proposer: Chris Cawrse

Seconder: Ken Horrell

Following the appointment of the new County Treasurer the committee would like to record their thanks to Henry Kendall for keeping the accounts up to date in the absence of a permanent Treasurer.

145.06 Membership Secretary's report:

Additional member registrations are still coming in and we now have 1190 affiliated members (of which 7 are juniors) affiliated through our 61 clubs. Just to reconfirm affiliations arrangements while I am away (until 1st December), if a club wishes to put a new player into a team the name should be given to the Area Representative in advance and then details and the cheque passed to me in the normal way. I will issue affiliation numbers and updated lists on my return. The new Section 13 on Child and Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy of the information pack has been sent out to Club Secretaries and committee members together with the revised Appendix 1 to section 8. I have left a supply of rule books with Paul Whybrew of Altarnun SMBA who has kindly agreed to post them out to anyone who needs them on request. I will send out invoices when I return from holiday. His contact details are: paul.whybrew@duckford.co.uk or 01566 86596.

145.07 Competition Secretary's report

The County Competitions are running without any major problems so far. The only issue we have had is a change of date for the Inter Area Rinks Competition which has moved from 2nd February 2013 to Sunday 20th January 2013 due to a double booking at Carnmoggas. Thanks to Nigel Nicholls for running some of the competitions.

145.08 Team Manager's report:

Firstly I would like to thank Nigel, Peter, Nick and Gillian who stood in when I was ill at the beginning of the season. Both Cornwall teams have played 5 games and our last game of the round robin will be against Somerset which will be played on Sunday 2nd December 2012 at Carnmoggas. The Premier Team have won two and lost three and are currently third in the table, 4 points behind Dorset and 3 points in front of Somerset. The A Team has won three and lost two and are currently second in the table, two points behind Somerset and 32 points in front of Dorset.

145.09 Social Secretary's report:

Although Sheila Hodge was unable to attend the meeting she asked the Chairman to discuss and confirm plans for this seasons Presentation Luncheon. The Committee agreed that the meal and facilities provided by the Sandy Lodge Hotel in Newquay for the last two luncheons had been very good; therefore they were happy for Sheila to request menus and make a provisional booking for Sunday 5th May 2012.

145.10 Press & Promotion Officer's report:

The website has been updated weekly with league scores and press reports. All reports are sent all local media outlets every week however it is out of our hands as to whether they decide to publish each report. I would like to remind clubs that their league results sheets should be received by their Area Representatives either by email, first class post or personal handover no later than two days after each fixture where possible which should enable me to get them included in each weekly report.

145.11 Area Representatives' report:

Central area: We are now well into the Winter League programme and all are going without any serious problems. The only games to be rearranged were Lostwithiel v Ladock due to County Games and Luxulyan v Treviscoe due to hall availability. The leaders of the Premier are Ladock Chiefs but the division is very close. Division One leaders are Kea Plums but again only by three points. Two Inter Area games have been played and Central has won both of these.

East area: With the first half of the bowls season coming to the Christmas break the two leagues are looking interesting. In the Premier Saltash Blues and Callington Eagles are neck and neck with Duloe A and Landrake close behind. In Division One it is a two horse race at the moment with Liskeard and Saltash Whites, both of which were relegated last year. It is also good to see the new club of Torpoint doing well, keep it up. Finally I would like to remind all clubs to get their score sheets in as soon as possible which will enable me to get the results to the Press and Promotions Officer. I look forward to the second half of the season and I will take this opportunity to wish all players in my Area a Merry Christmas and a successful New Year.

North area: In the North Area it is the teams with an outdoor green that have been the most successful in the first half of the season. Again I would like to remind clubs in the North Area to get the results sheets in asap.

West area: The league programme appears to be running smoothly and we have just held the second area competition (4 wood singles) which reached a final 8 stage on Saturday. This even was conducted for the first time along county lines with entrants drawn into groups and playing a minimum of three games. A few minor problems were identified and these will be addressed before the next event which will take place in early January. Those competing on Saturday were, on the whole, positive about the new system and it is hope that this attitude will spread and encourage more to participate next season.

145.12 Items for discussion from correspondence (if necessary):

None.

145.13 Any other business:

ICC Consolation Competition: The committee held a discussion relating to the ICC Consolation Competition as to whether they should put forward a proposal for the ESMBA AGM which would allow teams to opt out of the competition without penalty. The committee considered the Consolation Competition to be a big drain on County funds due to the increased cost to hire a coach for the multiple journeys to Northampton for the later stages of this competition. They also considered this competition held no prestige as the counties taking part had already been knocked out of the main Inter County Championship, a view that is shared by other counties around England. The County Team Manager regularly encounters difficulties raising a team to travel to Northampton to fulfil these fixtures and under the current rules if Cornwall were to pull out of the competition a penalty would be imposed. It was therefore decided a proposal should be drawn up to send to the ESMBA for consideration at the AGM.

Proposer: Nigel Nicholls

Seconder: Chris Cawrse

Umpires Training Course: An enquiry was raised regarding the situation surrounding the training course for umpires as the committee had become aware that there are three new candidates wishing to take the course. The Chairman agreed to contact the Umpires Co-Ordinator for an update to be relayed to the committee at the next meeting.

Markers: A concern was raised following one of the rounds of the Inter Area League Competition regarding some of the markers being provided to mark the Singles games. Area Representatives were reminded that each area should arrange a competent marker for each session of the singles to prevent further issues arising from this.

Weather: The Press and Promotions Officer asked if the committee would have a plan in place if Cornwall was to have a period of bad weather which could prevent the County Competitions to run. A discussion was held and it was decided that it would not be possible to plan in advance as there could be varying levels of disruption throughout the County. It was decided that it should be left up to the Competitions Secretary to make the decision which will be published on the County Website and players will be contacted where possible.

Storage of Mats: The Competition Secretary asked if the storage frame for the County's mats had been modified to make it free standing as the mats had been stored on the floor at the new venue for a while and were at greater risk of being damaged. The Chairman said that he would get the frame modified and deliver it to the venue in the next couple of weeks.

145.14 Date of next meeting:

The next meeting will be held on 7th January 2013 7.30pm at Ladock Village Hall.

145.15 Close meeting:

With no further business to discuss, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

These are a true record and representation of the minutes taken at the above meeting.

Signed..... (Chairman) Dated.....

Hon: Secretary: Elise Daniell

Dated: 25th November 2012