

KENT COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION
 MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING
 Held 20:00pm on 15th July 2021 at Zoom Meeting Room

1	CHAIRMANS OPENING REMARKS	The chairman welcomed members and opened the meeting.
2	MEMBERS PRESENT	Mr G Allard (chair), Mr B Baker, Mrs L Wynn, Mr R Offord, Mr R Berry
3	APOLOGIES	Mr A Plowman, Mr A Ellis, Mr N Tresadern may be attending later.
5	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	Approved.
6	MATTERS ARISING	Nothing had been heard from NT regarding the status of the personal accident insurance of a registered player in a club with less than six registrations.
7	CORRESPONDENCE	NLL had confirmed hire cost of £50/hr. AE had contacted Invicta Grammar School but cost was the same. He had also contacted other county 'B' teams but none restarting yet. BB had circulated latest ESMBA minutes and Covid statements to the committee.
8	REPORTS	<p>Treasurer – absent</p> <p>Registration – LW had been speaking to Brian Baker of ESMBA about a discrepancy between her number of players and clubs and the ESMBA records. All matters had now been resolved. She was not sure if James Smith was still the ESMBA registration secretary. Headcorn club had e-mailed her questioning the benefits of registration for a club that only played a few friendly matches and were not involved with any league. BB would reply to them. BB reminded the committee that he was proposing to the West Kent league that all participants in league matches should be registered players. He thought that this was unlikely to be successful if the Kent element of the fee remained and suggested that we should consider just having the ESMBA fee plus some admin cost. Also that we should be encouraging other leagues in Kent to adopt the same proposal.</p> <p>Rules & Regs – BB pointed out that we now have only three recognised ESMBA umpires one of whom may be an 'A' team member so it would be difficult to always have three non playing umpires at a venue with all teams playing. With the Premier and 'A' only using two mats each this season that may not be so much of a problem as two umpires could probably be sufficient for the three games. When back to 'normal' he would like to promote workshops on how to do measuring etc leading on to hopefully having some interest in becoming an umpire.</p>
9	FEES	<p>There was a discussion about fees that we would be proposing to the AGM for next season.</p> <p>In line with the previous comments on registrations it was decided to just have the basic ESMBA plus admin charge of £5 with free registration for under 18s. The club affiliation fee to be £25 for all clubs regardless of number of registered players.</p> <p>In order to cover the likely venue cost the county match fee would need to increase to £10 and the county competition fees to £7. County practice games should be at smaller venues with a fee remaining at £5 and the junior match fee should remain at £3.50.</p>
10	AGM	<p>RB to notify all affiliated clubs of the AGM date of 14th September together with request for submission of any proposals or nominations from clubs to be received by 14th August.</p> <p>BB described a number of constitution change proposals to be submitted by the committee which need to be finalised by the next meeting. Included with these are a need for the Registration Secretary and Safeguarding Officer positions to be defined in terms of duties and qualifications as with the other positions in section 5. LW and NT asked to draft these parts.</p>

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		Financial proposals for committee allowances also need further discussion. RB proposed that Tim Rycraft and Sonia Watson should be awarded life membership for the work they have done for the county.
11	VENUE HIRE	No definite venue bookings should be made until it becomes clear which 'B' team matches may make use of NLL feasible with all three teams playing at the same time. ICC does not start until weekend of 9 th /10 th October.
12	AOB	GA and BB will see if they can look at the porta-cabin this coming weekend. BB to check with NLL and the person interested in our equipment. BB asked if Tunbury hall had Wi-Fi so that the AGM could be accessible remotely. RO thought it did not but GA to check.
13	NEXT MEETING	Monday 2 nd August 8:00 pm on Zoom.
	MEETING CLOSED	22:00
	SIGNED DATE	<i>g.allard</i> 02/08/2021