

# KENT COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLS ASSOCIATION

AFFILIATED TO E.S.M.B.A.

PRESIDENT

D.J. Butters

CHAIRMAN

E. Messer

SECRETARY

Mrs. A. Rycraft

MINUTES of a Committee Meeting held at Tovil Working Mans Club on 6th February, 1990 at 7.30 p.m.

1. MEMBERS PRESENT  
D. Butters, E. Messer, E. Mulcuck, E. Pocklington, L. Frampton, Mrs. L. Hampson, J. Rycraft and Mrs. A. Rycraft.
2. APOLOGIES  
Apologies were received from R. Owen and G. Hibbert.
3. MINUTES  
Minutes of the last Meeting of 11th January, 1990 were read and agreed.
4. MATTERS ARISING
  - a) The Chairman confirmed that Wygreen would not be supplying the mats for the Pairs Competition on 24th February, since they were unable to supply sufficient. Therefore, arrangements had now been made with Lodge Sports.
  - b) Mr. Frampton confirmed that Appledore Club was running well and hoped to purchase their own mats shortly.
  - c) Lodge Sports had not approached us regarding the slightly damaged mats but did however, have a proposal whereby Clubs in the Association would be offered a complete package deal at a reasonable price. They had also agreed to loan mats to Association Clubs at the rate of £30.00. per month for a 3 month period, after which time, if the Club wished to purchase the mat, the £90.00. paid would be deducted from the purchase price.
  - d) Mr. Mulcuck stated that he had been contacted by another proposed new Club at Chiddingstone Causeway.
  - e) The Chairman stated that he had been informed by the Black Lion Sports Centre that 2 foot mats, 2 jacks and a centre block missing after our recent Singles Competition. The Chairman confirmed that these would be replaced by the Association. The Treasurer proposed that equipment loaned at the Centres should be checked and possibly signed for, both on loan and return. Agreed.
  - f) It was agreed that the mat for sale from Egerton Club was not suitable for Association requirements and we would not therefore be purchasing it.
  - g) The Chairman confirmed that it had not been necessary to purchase the two foot mats and jack from Lodge Sports as 2 foot mats and 2 jacks had been donated by them to the Association.
  - h) It was confirmed that the A.G.M. would be held at Snodland Community Centre since Detling Hall was not available. Meeting to commence at 10 a.m. on Sunday 25th February, 1990.
  - i) The Chairman thanked the Official Umpires for attending the Singles Competitions.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS a) A.G.M.

The Secretary enquired whether she should inform Clubs who were not at present members of our Association but proposed to join, that they were welcome to attend the A.G.M. It was agreed that she should do so.

The Constitution and Rules of the Association as amended, were agreed by the Committee and would be handed out at the A.G.M.

It was agreed that Clubs should be registered with the Association as well as individual Members. The Secretary agreed to incorporate a section to this effect on the Members Application Form.

It was also agreed by the Committee that all players in the Triples League should be Association Members.

b) UMPIRES

Mr. Mulcuck requested that he be allowed to make arrangements for examinations for Association Official Umpires. Agreed. The Chairman also agreed to enquire at the National Competitions if the E.S.M.B.A. would accept the Certificates of our present Umpires for registration with them.

c) PHOTOSTAT COPIER

The Chairman informed the Committee that he had made enquiries into the purchase of a second-hand photostat copier for the Association and would be able to purchase a machine to meet our requirements, for in the region of £225.00. It was agreed by the Committee that such a machine was needed by the Association and it was further agreed that one should be purchased.

d) NEXT SEASON'S COMPETITIONS

It was proposed and agreed that the East Kent region should participate in Competitions with Mid and South East Kent next season and not compete between themselves as previously.

e) SOUTH EAST REGION

Mr. Frampton confirmed that the South East region would be holding a Meeting next month between the Clubs in that area. It was proposed that this Meeting would become a monthly event.

f) TREASURER'S REPORT

Copies of the Income and Expenditure Account, together with the Balance Sheet (un-audited) to be produced at the A.G.M. was handed to the Committee Members present with an explanation from the Treasurer as to their contents.

g) COMPETITIONS

The Chairman requested Committee Members to be at Strood Sports Centre by 8 a.m. on 24th February, in order to lay the 18 mats necessary for the competition.

Since 24 mats were required for the Club/Junior Championships on 1st April, it would be necessary to borrow 3 mats from one of the Clubs. Mr. Frampton kindly offered to loan 3 Hamstreet mats for the day. However, Mr. Mulcuck confirmed that should the Association need the loan of further mats, Aylesford would be pleased to loan 3 of theirs.



5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS g) COMPETITIONS  
CONTINUED

It was agreed that the Junior Competition would be played on 2 mats on a round robin basis. It was proposed and agreed that the number of ends be reduced to 8. The Chairman proposed that when the Junior Competition reached the finals stage, play in the hall would stop, enabling Members to watch the Final and give the Juniors their support. He confirmed that he had written to the Mayor of Gillingham, requesting that he present the Junior trophy. It would be necessary for someone to "look after" the Mayor should he agree to be present and the President agreed to do so. The Chairman also confirmed that he had written to Whitbread Brewers requesting sponsorship from them for our Club Championship Trophy. Should Whitbreads agree to sponsor us, it was proposed that they should be given a complimentary ticket and be invited to the Presentation Dance to present the trophy.

The Competition Secretary requested that the President be Official Umpire at the forthcoming Pairs Competition. Agreed.

The Chairman proposed that Clubs be informed next season that a reserve list would be made up at Competitions, for players who had originally been unable to enter but would like to play on the day. It was proposed that these players would book in at the table on the day of the competition and should a registered player fail to arrive, the first person on the reserve list would be allowed to fill the vacancy. However, no player would be allowed to do this on a regular basis.

The Competition Secretary requested that a decision be made by the Committee as to a deadline on latecomers at competitions. It was agreed unanimously by the Committee that a maximum of 15 minutes grace be given to players after which time, they would not be allowed to take part.

The Chairman stated that he had been handed a letter addressed to the Secretary, from Miss B. Kilby of Detling Club, with a complaint regarding the running of the recent singles competition. It was agreed by the Committee that the Chairman should reply to this letter on their behalf.

The League Secretary confirmed that the Ted Messer Knockout Competition in the Triples League, was under way.

It was agreed that Competitions this season had generally run very smoothly and it was proposed that the same format would be used next season, circumstances permitting.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Committee Meeting would be held on Monday 19th March, 1990 at Tovil Working Mans Club, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed at 9.45 p.m.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Dated 19.3.90