KENT COUNTY
SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

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PRESIDENT
B. Smith

CHAIRMAN
T. Coles

SECRETARY
Ms M Fitzgerald

			MINUTES of a Committee Meeting held on 4th February 2013 at Burham Village Hall
1.	MEMBERS PRESENT		Mr T Rycraft, Mr T Coles, Ms M Fitzgerald, Mr Peter Richards, Mr Barry Baker, Mrs I Benton, Mr F Davis, Mrs J Davey & Miss D Tomlinson.
2.	APOLOGIES		Mr B Smith & Mrs S Watson.
3.	MINUTES OF LAST MEETING		It was proposed that the Minutes of the last Meeting held on 10th December 2012 be accepted. Agreed unanimously.
4.	MATTERS ARISING	(a)	**COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT:** In Mrs Watson absence the Chairman read her report by confirming that due to the bad weather the triples round robin due to be held in January had to be postponed. After exploring a couple of options the following dates have been agreed; Triples round robin will be run on the 17th March and the Pairs final on the 7th April. The Fours final also had to be rearranged due to Medway Park cancelling the date and will now take place at Malling Village Hall on Sunday 10th February. The singles final was successfully carried out on Sunday 3rd February with the results as follows; Winner ; Carol Smith from Ryarsh and Runner Up: Gary Best from Tovil. Big congratulations to Carol who is the first female winner ever! To date we have 32 entries for the Club Competition. Unfortunately Mrs Watson is unable to run this event due to family commitments so Mrs Benton has agreed to run this on her behalf. Mrs Watson has asked if Mr Richards and Mrs Davey could speak with Medway Park to discuss the issue of cancelling dates. This was agreed.
		(b)	**TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mr Rycraft reported that since the Committee last met Kent has played the following matches; Kent Premier played Somerset in the ICC main cup and won after a very close day running out eventual winners 21-19 and 172 shots to 161 shots. The following weekend the 2nd leg of the Essex Shield was played with the A Team continuing their strong 1st leg winning on the day 28-12 and 215 shots to 145 shots. This result confirmed an overall win of 55pts to 25pts. The Premier team did not do so well despite a very close day losing 22-18 and 179 shots to 178 shots. The overall result over the two legs went to Essex who won 56pts to 24pts. The Kent A team retained the shield and Essex retained their Premier shield. The two squad managers agreed in principle to combine the overall scores next season so the games become a true Kent v Essex competition with a potential rinks international event also included. Special thanks to all the players for supporting the county and the event and a special "Well Done" to Cliff Lorkins who was Kent's most successful competitor notching up the highest wins and shots whilst remaining undefeated.

		(b)	The B team have continued their run of not losing with two wins and a draw with the following results: Saturday 5th January Kent B home to Surrey 20-20 and 170 shots to 176 shots Saturday 12th January Kent B away to Essex 26-14 and 206 shots to 158 shots Sunday 2nd February Kent B home to London 33-7 and 204 shots to 165 shots. The A team look forward to their ICC quarter final on Sunday 17th February against West Midlands and the Premier look forward to playing Cheshire on Sunday 24th February. The annual squad dinner is confirmed for Friday 19th April in The Plough at Langley. Mr Rycraft wanted to thank St Mary's Platt and Ryarsh Clubs for helping out the ESMBA with a venue for a consolation match. Mr Rycraft will investigate the cost of coaches for next season and obtain quotes for the next meeting. Mr Rycraft requested confirmation on how tea/coffee money is paid when the teams qualify into the knockout stages of the ICC. After some discussion it was agreed that Mr Rycraft would pay ESMBA out of the match fees collected. He was also given authority to spend up to £20 on any match day if required. This option is not available to the cascaded managers.
		(c)	**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer reported that no payment had been made for this year to Medway Park, awaiting invoice to be sent. The ESMBA insurance is now being organised by Keith Hawkins, not Peter Winter. Sutton Winston Limited are now the new brokers and Allianz are the new underwriters. The main changes are the enhancement from Public Liability to Civil Liability, theft cover is no longer subject to a security clause and trophies are now covered. The cost remains the same as last year. Committee members are now required to disclose details of sustaining any criminal convictions or being declared bankrupt or circumstances that would have resulted in a claim but were not claimed. The KBDA has paid £210 to the KCSMBA in expenses for the Medway Park open day. There are no blazer badges in stock in 2010 the cost was £18 per badge. Committee members were asked for any details of suppliers so quotes could be obtained. Main expenditure since the last meeting was confirmed as; Coaches £2020 , Hall Hire £230, ESMBA Insurance £234
		(d)	**COACH UPDATE:** Following the recent discussion on the Bruges trip; Mr Richards & Mrs Davey met with the coach company following the unhappiness at the itinerary. Owing to the fact that the day did not go as planned it was agreed to seek some form of credit from the coach company. Mr Richards reported that compensation had been received from the coach supplier. After some discussion a compensation package that was proposed by Mr Richards & Mrs Davey was agreed unanimously by the Committee, credits will be distributed to the individuals concerned.
		(e)	**RULES & REGULATIONS OFFICER:** Mr Baker confirmed that one league within Kent uses rotating centre blocks; the ESMBA have recently confirmed these are not recognised equipment. It was therefore agreed that Mr Baker would write to the league and highlight this point.
5	ANY OTHER BUSINESS	(a)	**GENERAL:** The secretary reported that a letter had been received from both Ray Anns on behalf of the Swale League and Mr Peter Richards on behalf of the Kent Invicta SM Bowls Club requesting the use of the association equipment. The Secretary will write to the two individuals with the Committee's decision.
6.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING		The next Meeting will be agreed separately and should be held in Langley. Details will be confirmed.
			Meeting closed at 10.10pm

SIGNED _____
DATED _____

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