

KENT COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION
 MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING
 Held 20:00pm on 24th June 2021 at Zoom Meeting Room

1	CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS	The chairman welcomed members and opened the meeting.
2	MEMBERS PRESENT	Mr G Allard (chair), Mr N Tresadern, Mr T Rycraft, Mr B Baker, Mrs L Wynn, Mr A Ellis, Mr R Offord, Mr R Berry
3	APOLOGIES	Mr A Plowman was known to be very busy both at work and domestically.
4	CO-OPTION	Following ex-committee conversations it was proposed by NT and seconded by RO that Rob Berry should be co-opted onto the committee. Approved unanimously. RB would take over the operation of the county website from TR .
5	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	Approved.
6	MATTERS ARISING	The dementia group being set up by Graham Smith was keen to progress the possibility of having any spare mats that we may have available. GA to make contact with NLL a.s.a.p. in order for us to be able to access the porta-cabin and assess what we have that would be suitable. It was thought that there may be some funding available for purchase if required.
7	CORRESPONDENCE	BB had downloaded the latest ESMBA committee minutes and would circulate them. He noted that they mentioned that some counties had not yet claimed the refund of the 2019/2020 ICC entry fees. NT confirmed that Kent was one of those counties and he asked BB to remind AP to email the ESMBA treasurer with our bank details in order to get this refund payment.
8	REPORTS	<p>Treasurer – Absent</p> <p>Registration Secretary – LW had circulated a draft of the registration form for next season. She had currently included free first year registration for new players although it was not known where this was derived from. It was not in our constitution and had not been specified on the registration form until last season. Furthermore this arrangement had resulted in a significant expenditure for the county in payment of the new registration fees to the ESMBA last year. It was agreed unanimously to withdraw this offer for the coming season. RB suggested that the form should include a 'tick box' for agreement that the club contact details could be published on the county website. All agreed. NT questioned whether we should retain the 'Affiliate Designate' classification for clubs with few registered players. This was generally agreed to be a satisfactory situation as it reflected the ESMBA's classification of affiliate designate counties who have less than a specified number of clubs. The discussion led on to further questions of whether a registered player in a club with less than six registrations remains covered by the ESMBA Personal Accident insurance when participating with other fully registered players. NT to try to get clarification of this.</p> <p>Rules & Regs. – BB will check to see which of our umpires are now DBS checked and able to operate next season.</p> <p>Team Manager – As county manager for the as yet to be completed 2019/20 ICC season, TR said that he was resigning from the committee with immediate effect and would also be withdrawing from competitive playing for the foreseeable future. This was due to very high business commitments together with more personal dissatisfaction. Several of the committee members expressed sadness at Tim's departure and thanks for his many contributions to Kent over the years. Tim said that he would be available for consultation on bowls matters if required.</p> <p>Competition Sec. – NT thought that now that the ESMBA diary has been published we could start looking at possible domestic competition dates dependent on NLL situation.</p>

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		Safeguarding – NT said that three more clubs, Burham, New Ash Green and Balfour, now have 'Safe Club' status and Hawkinge were being processed. Many of the clubs that are playing have now moved on to triples play but many other clubs are waiting for full restriction removal before getting back to playing.
9	AGM	The earliest practical date for an AGM would appear to be mid September but time scale for nominations and proposals would be very tight. Also need to be aware that not all clubs are yet in an operational position to consider contributing to an AGM. Format would require reports from treasurer and chairman for the missed 2020 AGM followed by a full 2021 AGM.
10	ICC	GA said he had received positive responses from 58 members who are willing to play for Premier and 'A' teams for the coming season so would go ahead and enter those competitions. Each team consists of only 16 players for the proposed format. There will be no charge for the ICC entry this season. AE will contact other counties that normally play against the 'B' team to see how many are interested for this season. Would suggest the old standard 20 player team format for their matches. Following previous meeting thoughts that the new ICC format for matches needing only two mats BB had made provisional bookings at Platt for all of the possible ICC dates is that venue was in an ideal location for other counties to reach. Financially it was thought just possible to use NLL if all three teams were playing but we needed to know what facilities would be available there and an up to date cost. GA – to urgently contact NLL about these aspects and BB would hold the provisional dates at Platt for a further week.
11	AOB	None
12	NEXT MEETING	Thursday 15 th July 8:00 pm on Zoom.
13	MEETING CLOSED	21:50
	SIGNED DATE	<i>g.allard</i> 15/07/2021