



Kent County Short Mat Bowling Association

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President	Chairperson	Secretary
M Matthews	T Coles	R Berry

Minutes of the thirty fourth Annual General Meeting of Kent County Short Mat Bowls Association
Held at Langley Village Hall on Tuesday 2nd July 2024 – 7:30PM

Officers/Committee Members Present	President	Martin Matthews
	Chairperson	Thomas Coles
	Vice Chairperson	Trever Apps
	Treasurer	Rob Berry
	Registration Secretary	Linda Wynn
	Competition Secretary	Nicky Tresadern – Not Present
	Media Officer	Danny Hogben
	Safeguarding Officer	Nicky Tresadern – Not Present
	East Kent Rep	Trevor Pilbeam – Not Present

Representatives from the following clubs Attended

Tunstall	Ryarsh
Hamstreet	Langley
Tunbury	West Kingsdown

A list of names can be provided on request.

1	Apologies For Absence	Hawkinge SMBC, Culverstone SMB, Chilham SMBC, N Tresadern, M Doorey, G Allard, T Pilbeam
2	Minutes of 33 rd AGM	The Chairman asked the meeting if the minutes were a true and accurate account. Proposed R Stagg, Seconded by V Matthews. Agreed Unanimously
3	Matters Arising	There were no matters arising.
4	Chairpersons Report	Good evening, and welcome to this seasons AGM The county itself has come some way forward since covid which seem a distant memory for lots of us now <u>Venue</u> With us at Ashford IBC we've established ourselves again.

It's a venue that seems to be liked by most people who have played there.
Even getting a regular Thursday night practice night for any player that want to play.
Thanks to Micheal for getting this up and running, this will be starting again for all in late August.

Competitions

The county run 5 comps, which is 1 more with the introduction of a 3 wood pairs event this year, we also managed to run plate comps alongside all of these, we will be celebrating the winners and finalists in September presentation.

Thanks to Nicky for running these, Also, thanks to the members in supporting them.

Website and social media, this post was left vacant last season and we co-opted Danny Hogben into the role, Danny has kept the Facebook up to date and news on the website also, for those of you that have not been on the county website for a while if you visit you see it had a bit of work done on it, thanks to Rob Berry for this.

Treasurer

Bob Craig done a great job making sure the bills get paid. The county still has a good bank balance compared to other county's but we are not rolling in money.

Secretary

Rob possibly has one of the hardest job getting everything out to all the members, also Rob been the instigator in trying to get more grants for you the members,

President

Thanks to the president Martin Matthew who has been a sounding board for ideas at our committee meetings

County teams

With just one Manager overseeing all 3 teams thanks to Micheal for getting all the matches arranged and well done to the 3 captains and 2 assistant captains including Premier Team captain Danny Hogben, A team captain Philip Ramsden, assistant captain Allan Stroud, B team captain Bob Craig and assistant Roy Cracknell. Well done guys.

I know that Bob has decided to step down as B team captain, as he wants to commit more to the A team for next season. Thank you to all the county Team manager and captains for doing a great job this season, good luck going forward.

Registration secretary

Linda does an amazing job in this keeping the records updated

		<p>and getting the late registration done, please get them in early if you can. Lastly Trevor Apps who goes about under the radar just getting things done when asked. The other committee positions that were put in place last year have not really worked for us. So, moving forward these will be removed and new ideas looked at.</p> <p>When we come to election of officers, there a small caveat that's is now in place, you can be elected on to the committee, but you will not sit on the committee until we have a valid DBS in place for you. This is a requirement from the ESMBA</p> <p>Final point from me is well done to Danny HOGBEN, Richard Stagg, Tim Harwood, Jody Frampton, Micheal Doorey on there England senior team selection for last season , and I believe they all made it again. Also Matt Harwood and Grace Doorey on their junior selection Once again thank you to all the members and club committee that make up the county.</p>
5	Treasurers Report	<p>Treasurers Report for year ending 30 April 2024 The county finances continue to be in a robust position. The income stream is down on last year mainly due to grants being more difficult to procure and a disappointing response to raffles compared to the previous year. We revised the raffle format towards the end of the year and the results are much improved. Expenditure has been contained and funds used to improve the clubs' equipment with the purchase of new footmats and scorecard holders. We will saving almost two thousand pounds this coming season versus what we would have paid at Mote Park.</p> <p>Accounts proposed: Paula Scales, Seconded P Finnis. Agreed unanimously.</p>
6	County Team Managers Report	<p>Evening everyone, Sorry I can't be there tonight as I am playing a county game outdoors, so please bear with Thomas as he reads this for me. I would like to start by saying thank you. Thank you to everyone that has played last season and supported the county teams, thank you to the committee for their support. Thank you to Danny Hogben for helping me with premier team, thank you to Phil Ramsden and Allan Stroud for looking after the A team, and thank you to Bob Craig, Roy Cracknell and Pam Cracknell for looking after the B team.</p>

		<p>This was my first season as county manager and I have really enjoyed it, yes, the job can be very challenging at times but with the help I've had, it was a good season. The Premier and A teams both did well in their ICC groups, and both made it through to the Quarter finals, unfortunately they both lost, both teams showed good team spirit and gave everything they could. I believe next season we can be stronger, and we can push to win both ICCs.</p> <p>The B team this season had another strong successful season, and I would like to thank Bob, Roy and Pam for doing such a good job with sorting the teams and making sure that we have a full team for every game. I have sent out a new form for the availability for this season, hopefully everyone has now received an email from me I was having some trouble with my email, if you haven't seen an email, please contact me or you can use the link on the website to fill in the form, I have asked for all forms to be returned by the 1st August. I will hopefully be announcing the teams the week before the Squad Day.</p> <p>Finally, for me it is a privilege to play for my County and a privilege to be the county manager, my aim is to help this county get back to the top and winning ICCs. I look forward to the next challenge ahead.</p> <p>Thank you and see you all soon.</p>
7	Competition Secretary's Report	<p>Good evening,</p> <p>As always, I want to start my report by saying a huge thank you to all the clubs and members of the association which have entered and help support the domestics, national and open competitions over the past season, if it was not for you dedication and participation there would be no competitions. This years domestic and national entries were the best we have seen in recent years and was bolstered greatly by the introduction of our new domestic competition the 3 wood pairs. This competition proved very popular with over 40 entries, feedback from this event was very positive and teams looked forward to playing in this competition again next year.</p> <p>I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the winners and the runners up in all the disciplines both main and plate competitions and I look forward to seeing them on Presentation Day collecting their trophies and medals.</p> <p>The next group I would like to thank is our umpires Barry Baker, Jan Davey who under the leadership of Trevor Apps have done a sterling job this year and never let us down. They give up so much of their free time to make sure these competitions are fair, and people are doing things in the correct</p>

manner.

I would also like to thank Ashford Indoor Bowls Club for once again hosting all our domestic and National competitions, the venue is superb with excellent food which matches the staff who are always friendly and welcoming.

As always, I want to reiterate that these are your domestic competitions and if you have any ideas or proposals to change things up or get more people participation, please let me know I am always here to listen.

The penultimate thank you goes to the clubs and the members, to the clubs for getting all the paperwork completed and sent back to me in a timely manner it really does make a huge difference. Then to the members, from simply entering the competitions to helping put equipment out and away again it really does help and make a huge difference. This is why I feel Kent is the strongest county out there, the bond we have really does show and bring this sport we love to life for all.

The final thank you goes to the team that helps on the weekends of the domestics and the nationals, Rob Berry & Linda Wynn along with the rest of the committee that helped to make a great tournament run so smoothly.

Main

Singles

Winner Danny Hogben

Runners-up Jody Frampton

Pairs

Winner Gary Allard Linda Wynn

Runners-up Jody Frampton Richard Stagg

Triples

Winner Jody Frampton Richard Stagg Danny Hogben

Runners-up Michael Doorey Tim Rycraft Rob Berry

Fours

Winner Jody Frampton Richard Stagg Danny Hogben

Linda Wynn

Runners-up Paul Johnson Mick Brigden Fred Webb Bev

Dillon

3 Wood Pairs

Winner Rob Berry Linda Wynn

Runners-up Julian Scales Paula Scales

Plate

Singles

Winner Linda Wynn

Runners-up Matt Harwood

Pairs

Winner Danny Hogben Nicky

		<p>Tresadern Runners-up Darren Allard Jack Allard Triples Winner Phil Ramsden Malcom Nelmes Andy Player Runners-up Paul Johnson Mick Brigden Fred Webb Fours Winner Tony Friel Phil Porter Lynn Porter Pauline Friel Runners-up John Fry Bob Craig Hilda Davis Marion Fry 3 Wood Pairs Winner Tony Friel Pauline Friel Runners-up Andy Player Stuart Apps</p>
8	Election Of Officers	<p><u>Chair</u> - Thomas Coles</p> <p><u>Vice Chair</u> – Trevor Apps</p> <p><u>Treasurer</u> – Bob Craig</p> <p><u>Secretary</u> - Rob Berry</p> <p>Registration Secretary – Linda Wynn</p> <p>Competition Secretary- Nicky Tresadern</p> <p>Safeguarding Officer-Nicky Tresadern</p> <p><u>Media Officer</u> – Danny Hogben</p> <p>Agreed Unanimously</p>
9	Proposals	<p><u>Financial Proposal</u></p> <p>Proposed Club and Player Fees for 2023/2024 Season</p> <p>Club Affiliation £25.00 Player Registration (ESMBA fee + admin.) £6.00 Player Registration Junior (under 18 on 1st September) Free County Championship Entry (per person per event) £6.50 County Championship Entry Junior Free County Match £7.50 County Match Junior £3.50 County Practice Game £5.00 County Practice Game Junior £3.50</p> <p>Proposed Allowances for 2023/2024 Season</p> <p>Secretary £100.00 Registration Secretary £150.00 Treasurer £100.00 Competition Secretary (per championship entry) 75p Team Managers £30.00 Umpires (per event when not participating) £20.00.</p>

		<p>Committee Members free membership Committee members working at events to receive free entry. First aiders do not pay daily match fee's/free entry</p> <p>Proposed addition to allowances Umpires who are also playing do not pay daily match fee's/free entry</p> <p>Proposed P Ramsden, Seconded P Finnis Financial Proposal was passed unanimously,</p>
10	A.O. B	<p>P Scales: Asked if the full results from the 3-2-1 will be published. T Coles said he would chase the Competition Secretary for it, or he would ask the media officer to.</p> <p>P Ramsden: Asked if we could have a more comprehensive list of rules for county competitions, with penalties for lateness. The Committee to discuss and bring in exact wording for the first county competition.</p> <p>R Berry: Asked the floor about moving the AGM date to April.</p>
11	Meeting Closed	20:05
	Signed By	
	Dated	