MINUTES of a Committee Meeting held on 7th May 2008 at Burham Village Hall

1. MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr T Rycraft, Ms M Fitzgerald, Mrs S Watson, Mr T Coles, Mr D Carpenter, Mr M Wiedeholz, Mrs J Davey, Mr A Spelman & Mrs I Benton.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Mr C England & Mr E Messer.

3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

It was proposed that the Minutes of the last Meeting held on 20th March 2008 be accepted. Agreed unanimously.

4. MATTERS ARISING

(a) **COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Mrs Watson reported that all competitions were complete; the 20th Anniversary pair's event has 46 teams. The event will include target bowls and a tombola to assist with fund raising; the committee will each contribute prizes.

(b) **TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT:** Mr Wiedeholz reported that entry into the ICC Summer league has been confirmed with the first match being 10-11th May versus Surrey.

He went on to say that the Friends of Kent played Essex and won 46 points to 26 points; these results will be passed to Mick Sayer for inclusion on the website.

Mr Wiedeholz reported that Mrs Jan Davey will be stepping down as B Team assistant manager and Mr Ray Ann's as the A Team manager; anyone interested in either of these posts should send a CV to Mr Wiedeholz either by email mark.wiedeholz@infinis.com or by post to 9 Bredhurst Road, Wigmore, Gillingham, ME8 0PF by **1st August 2008**, the criteria needed is that any applicant should be a registered member of KCSMBA for the applicable season.

(c) **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Mrs Davey reported that R & J Coaches had sent a cheque for £100 for sponsorship of the A Team reaching the ICC finals once again. The Secretary will write to thank them.

On our association's behalf Peter Winter contacted the underwriters for the ESMBA Insurance regarding the storage of our trailer; according to the current policy it should be kept in a locked compound or garage. The insurers confirmed by email that the new arrangements are acceptable and the county will be fully insured.

She went on to say that finances are as forecasted and on target; details will be shown at the AGM.

(d) **TEAM MANAGER:** The Chairman welcomed Mr Wiedeholz back as Team Manager after his successful interview and wanted to thank the 5 people on the selection panel for their participation and involvement these were:- Mick Sayer, Warrick Ball, David French, Lee Smith & Dave Allen.

(e) **KCSMBA NEWSLETTER:** The Chairman asked the Committee for their agreement in inviting Tony Mulcuck to the next meeting in order to discuss the next newsletter; this was agreed.

(f) **MATS FOR SALE:** The Chairman confirmed that there are 4 potential clubs still interested in purchasing mats; we currently have 6 mats left, he will contact the interested parties in due course.

(g) **KENT v ENGLAND:** Following a recent conversation with England Manager Barry Hedges, the Chairman agreed to look into possible venues to hold this event; Mr Carpenter confirmed that Swale club would charge £240 for 2 days. The Chairman will confirm to Mr Hedges and report back at the next meeting.

(h) **AGM:** The Secretary confirmed that agenda, proposals & nominations would be forwarded to clubs shortly; Mrs Watson confirmed that if nobody comes forward to fill the post of Competition Secretary she would be happy to continue provided help from the Committee and members was available.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

(a) **RANKING & CUT OFF:** It was agreed that this years cut off would be 11 points; Mrs Watson confirmed ranking lists would be available at the AGM and distributed thereafter to the clubs.

(b) **SPONSORSHIP/GRANTS:** Mr Carpenter confirmed that Tonbridge & Malling Council have kindly sponsored the association in the sum of £200; the Chairman offered thanks to Mr Carpenter for securing this. Mr Wiedeholz is progressing with the sponsorship for the juniors.

(c) **CHILD & VULNERABLE ADULT PROTECTION:** The Chairman confirmed this would be reviewed at the next meeting.

(c) **KENT BOWLS DEVELOPMENT MEETING:**. Mr Carpenter reported that the next meeting would be 16th May at Sittingbourne; a member of the KCSMBA should try to attend; Mr Wiedeholz will check his availability and let Mr Carpenter know.

Mr Wiedeholz reported that he had been in communication with Richard Pascoe (Long Mat Representative) about the possibility of a Long/Short mat competition; Mr Pascoe will try to look at possible dates and report back.

(d) **CORRESPONDENCE:** The Chairman confirmed that he had received a letter from Eastling club regarding the Kent Club Championships; after some discussion it was agreed that the Chairman would write to them with a formal reply.

The Secretary confirmed she had received a letter from Alan Hadfield regarding the current County Team Uniform; after some discussion it was agreed to defer this to the next meeting.

(g) **GENERAL:** Mr Coles asked if the Committee were in agreement to refurbish all Kent county competition trophies; unanimously agreed.

Mr Wiedeholz reported that Demelza House runs a yearly competition and would like the details of the winners and the competition itself to go on the website for members to view; this was agreed and Mr Wiedeholz will forward information to Mick Sayer.

6.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING	It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on Monday 16th June 2008 at Langley Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm. Meeting closed at 10.20pm.

SIGNED _____

DATED _____

Anyone interested in either A or B Team Managers posts should send a CV to Mr Wiedeholz either by email mark.wiedeholz@infinis.com or by post to 9 Bredhurst Road, Wigmore, Gillingham, ME8 0PF by 1st August 2008

****Please contact the Secretary if you have any donations for the Kent Youth Team****

Please send all stories/club news/club winner's information to Mick Sayer at micksayer@clara.co.uk for inclusion on the Kent Website www.kentshortmatbowls.co.uk

And also to the editor of our new newsletter Tony Mulcuck on tony@tmulcuck.wanadoo.co.uk

We need your support to continue these valuable assets!!