

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 The British Legion Community Centre on 6th January, 1993.

1. MEMBERS PRESENT P. Wright, D. Butters, J. Rycraft, E. Pocklington, L. Frampton, A. Mulcuck, E. Messer & Mrs. A. Rycraft.
2. APOLOGIES Apologies for absence were received from Mr. G. Barker & Mrs. C. Wells.
3. MINUTES Minutes of the last Meeting held on 25th November, 1992 were read and agreed.
4. MATTERS ARISING
 - a) COUNTY PENNANTS: It was confirmed that these had now been received and had been distributed to both the "A" and "B" squads for future presentation to other Counties.
 - b) INSURANCE: The Treasurer confirmed that he had now received a quote for insurance of both the trailer and contents and, after much discussion, it was agreed that the existing Insurance Policy should be cancelled and the new one taken out.

Proposed by Mr. A. Mulcuck - seconded by Mr. L. Frampton.
Passed unanimously.
 - c) PRESENTATION DINNER DANCE: Mr. Frampton offered to investigate the possibility of booking a live band for this venue, depending upon price. Agreed by Members present.

It was also proposed, if possible, to provide a coach for the Dinner Dance from the Maidstone area. Mr. Frampton and Mr. Rycraft offered to investigate this matter further.
 - d) SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING: The Chairman expressed his disappointment at the attendance of this Meeting when the increase in the Secretary's Honorarium was discussed and agreed. It was agreed between Members present that all affiliated members were presumably in agreement with the proposal since attendance was so low.
 - e) PUBLIC RELATIONS: Mr. Mulcuck agreed to contact the new Meridian T.V. station in the hope that they might be interested in filming one of our venues, possibly the Club/Junior Championships.
5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
 - a) CLUB/JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS: The Secretary stated that information for this Competition would have to be forwarded to Clubs in the near future and requested a discussion on the format of play for the day. It was agreed that each Club would be allowed to enter one team of Four, plus one reserve team. The reserve teams would be entered into a draw after all applications were received, to make up the required number of 64 teams.

5. ANY OTHER
BUSINESS CONT'D

- a) It was also agreed that a new format of play would be used for this Competition where all teams would enter a round robin and would be guaranteed 6 games during the course of the day. The charge would be £10 per team.

The Junior Competition would take place during the same day and would be run on a round robin basis initially, followed by a knockout. The charge would be £5 per team.

It was also confirmed that, once again, play would halt in the adult competition whilst the Junior Final was in progress.

Mr. Frampton stated that he would be prepared to run the table for the day, with the assistance of a further member. Accepted.

- b) TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer confirmed that the Bank balance stood at £120.45. and the Building Society at £3,802.67. with 3 accounts outstanding for venues.
- c) HEAVYWEIGHT JACKS: The Chairman confirmed that the Association had now purchased 5 new heavyweight jacks which would be used by the County Teams. He further confirmed that, eventually, all present jacks would be replaced with the new jack.
- d) CARPETS: Mr. Frampton offered to purchase one of the carpets stored in Mrs. Brown's garage which were only used occasionally for hiring to new Clubs. It was agreed by Members present that he should purchase one carpet which was too fast for the Association for the sum of £75.00.
- e) MAIDSTONE LEISURE CENTRE: It was proposed by Mr. Frampton that, since all County Competitions would be held at Maidstone for '93/94 season, we should request permission to leave the carpets at the Leisure Centre during this time. Agreed.
- f) SPECTATORS: Mr. Mulcuck expressed concern at how many members were waiting in the main hall at Maidstone Leisure Centre before playing. He stated that the gallery was for spectators and it was agreed by Committee present that this problem should be dealt with before it grew out of hand.
- g) CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: The Chairman stated that he had attended the recent Meeting at Cambridge and confirmed that all jacks used must be of equal weight in County Matches. He stated that he had raised the question of practising on the mats prior to matches and it had been agreed that, for this season, roll-ups prior to the games would be permitted for the home team until the away team arrived, when they would be allowed a half-hour session of practise.

The Chairman also stated that he had received a lengthy letter from Bob Weafer, Secretary to the E.S.M.B.A. giving the following information:

All future Internationals would be played with the new 2lb jack.

5. ANY OTHER
BUSINESS CONT'D

- g) Mr. Weafer stated in his letter that the E.S.M.B.A. would no longer be recognising the E.S.M.B.U.A. and would be forming their own Umpire's Association.

The possibility was confirmed that both the "A" and "B" teams would play together next season in two leagues. The same rules would apply but restrictions would be made on the movement of players between teams. A charge of £40.00. per team would be required.

Dates for next season's group matches were confirmed:

1. Week ending 9/10 October, 1993
2. " 23/24 October, 1993
3. " 6/7 November, 1993
4. " 27/28 November, 1993
5. " 8/9 January, 1994
6. " 22/23 January, 1994

It was proposed that Mr. Mulcuck look into the booking of Ditton Community Centre for the home games with Mr. Frampton looking into the possibility of the small hall at Maidstone Leisure Centre. Agreed.

The Chairman confirmed that the ESMBA A.G.M. was to be held on 2nd March, 1993 and both himself as Chairman and Mr. Frampton as Vice Chairman, would be unable to attend. He stated that the Association should have a representative present at this Meeting. To be agreed upon at a later date.

6. DATE OF NEXT
MEETING

It was agreed that the next Committee Meeting would be held on Thursday 18th February, 1993 at the home of the Secretary and Treasurer, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Meeting closed at 9.55 p.m.

Signed



Dated

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