

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

1	CHAIRMANS OPENING REMARKS	The chairman welcomed members and opened the meeting.
2	MEMBERS PRESENT	Mr G Allard, Mr N Tresadern, Mr T Rycraft, Mr B Baker, Mrs L Wynn, Mr A Plowman, Mr A Ellis, Mr R Offord
3	APOLOGIES	None.
4	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS	Approved.
5	MATTERS ARISING	None.
6	CORRESPONDENCE	<p>NT has been contacted by four more clubs with regard to 'Safe Bowls' status. They are Culverston, Snodland, Burham and one other. Also he had spoken to David Burgin of Kemsing who were going to wait for the next relaxation of restrictions before making any decision.</p> <p>BB reported a recent e-mail to our ESMBA address enquiring if we knew of any second hand equipment that may be available to set up a new club for dementia sufferers. It was thought that the county may have two mats that could be useful to them. He would follow this up.</p>
7	GENERAL SITUATION	<p>The requirements for the 'Safe Bowls' status and any ongoing playing regulations after the hoped for changes due on 21st June remain unclear. NT expected some severe space requirements may still be in force resulting in the use of many venues including NLL being financially unviable. The ESMBA are about to issue a new draft diary for the 2021/2022 season with a revised format ICC competition. This new ICC format would result in a county team being in two halves with one half playing at home and the other half away on the same day. Such matches could be played in a two mat venue. It is hoped that the finals of the 2019/20 ICC may still be possible in September 2021. The ICC fees paid to ESMBA for the 2020/21 ICC will be refunded to counties.</p>
8	AOB	<p>As we do not have access to the secretaries e-mail address on the Kent website BB asked that it should be changed to kent@esmba.co.uk so that any enquires through our website will be accessible. TR would action this together with an apology for any unanswered e-mails to the old address.</p> <p>NT asked that the county website should also delete Tim Harwood as the Safeguarding Officer and replace with his name.</p> <p>Any thoughts on an AGM to be delayed until after the next change of restrictions. It may well be not until Christmas time before this can happen.</p> <p>There is a meeting scheduled between ESMBA and ACRE (Action with Communities in Rural England) for 16th June to discuss advice to village halls on short mat bowls.</p>
9	NEXT MEETING	Thursday 24 th June 8:00 pm on Zoom.
10	MEETING CLOSED	21:00
	SIGNED DATE	Gary Allard 24/06/2021