

MINUTES of a Committee Meeting held on 28th September 2009 at Langley Village Hall

1. MEMBERS PRESENT Mr T Rycraft, Ms M Fitzgerald, Mr T Coles, Mrs J Davey, Mr D Carpenter, Mr A Spelman & Mrs I Benton.
 2. APOLOGIES Mrs S Watson, Mr M Wiedeholz & Mr C England.
 3. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING It was proposed that the Minutes of the last Meeting held on 20th July 2009 be accepted. Agreed unanimously.
 4. MATTERS ARISING
 - (a) **COMPETITION SECRETARY'S REPORT:** On behalf of Mrs Watson the secretary reported the following:-

Confirmation of domestic competitions will be given to clubs by Sunday 11th October.

The Presentation day was a success & she asked that thanks be passed to Mick Sayer for presenting the trophies, Thomas Coles for organising the trophies & the Chairman for his efforts on the day along with the bowlers for their help. She went on to congratulate all of the winners.

She aired concern over a lack of entries for the unbadged fours & the Autumn triples & suggested without a few more entries this competition will have to be cancelled. It was agreed that the committee would attempt to get more interest.

She went on to ask that the minutes record that she felt there are still the same few people who participate in our competitions & do not contribute to setting & clearing the equipment away.

The committee agreed that clubs & individuals should be made aware that all entrants should assist as many hands make light work! We understand that not everyone can lift mats but every bowler can help with blocks, jacks etc.

She highlighted that the Pairs competition on Sunday 29th November will now be starting at 9am.
 - (b) **TEAM MANAGER'S REPORT:** On behalf of Mr Wiedeholz, Mr Carpenter asked for clarification on the county shirts for county players who had not made themselves available for this season. After some discussion it was agreed that this was the responsibility of the team manager. Players who remained eligible would not be chased. However, illegible players should return the county's shirts.
- It was then reported that between the presentation & select day 5 players did not attend. The Chairman agreed to contact these players to discuss what happened & report back at the next meeting.
- Mr Carpenter asked for clarification on whether the County Shirts could be bought and worn by spectators; after some debate it was agreed in principle provided the individuals paid for them and that a special mark or phrase was clearly shown to indicate that the shirt was a spectator shirt and not a shirt worn by fully fledged county players; the exact wording or mark will be confirmed by the committee to any interested parties.

- (c) **TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer ably assisted by the competition secretary, had a liaison meeting and coaching session at St Edmunds Church, Dartford for adults with learning difficulties. It was hoped that this would enable the permanent staff to continue the sessions. Further support could be provided if required.

Two mats had been delivered to Mote Park Indoor Bowls Club at the end of August on loan. There are only 5 mats left for sale.

The financial report was handed out. The bank balance stood at £16,910.50 but it was too early to forecast accurately until all the registrations fees were in. The stock check of county equipment was nearly completed. A list of unchecked equipment was given to the committee.

The Treasurer went on to report that the 3-2-1 competition had only 3 entries; the travelling seems to be a concern. Even though entry has been low the interest has been high; after some discussion it was agreed to extend the entry and start time and therefore review it again early 2010. Rules will be distributed with this set of minutes.

- (d) **CRB UPDATE:** The Chairman confirmed that he has contacted Ms Morokutti from the ESMBA regarding CRB checks & confirmed that they are again able to process applications. Applicable paperwork has now been received & will be completed for processing during October.
- (e) **MATS FOR SALE:** The Chairman confirmed that an offer to part exchange a carpet from Langley SMBC for one of the county 2nd hand mats had been verbally received. After some discussion a part exchange proposal was agreed and would be presented to Langley for their consideration. Another club had also made an offer with a lower purchase price; after much discussion this offer was rejected.
- (f) **STROOD LEISURE CENTRE:** The Chairman confirmed that he had met with Strood Leisure Centre & that he had renegotiated their previous proposal & was now able to report that an extended 3 year frozen deal was on offer.

After some discussion it was agreed that this should be taken & thanks were extended by the committee to the Chairman for his efforts in arranging & securing this deal. The Chairman therefore agreed to formalise our acceptance & write to Strood Leisure centre.

- (h) **KENT BOWLS PARTNERSHIP / SHORT MAT DEVELOPMENT:** The Chairman reported that this joint event was a great success with lots of positive interest in the short mat. As a consequence we may have an opportunity to develop our game in some new areas around Dartford and North Kent.

The Chairman expressed thanks to Jan Davey for her help in promoting the game on the day, Jim Davey for transporting mats to & from the venue & Alfie Spelman for umpiring. Enquiries were received on the day from a representative in a disabled school & from an indoor & outdoor bowls club.

- (i) **KENT TV:** The Vice-Chairman reported that they were unable to offer a permanent slot on their website therefore we could not pursue this any further.
- (j) **BOWLS DEVELOPMENT:** Following delivery of 2 carpets to Mote Park IBC, the Chairman confirmed that he would formalise an agreement with them that was based on a loan purchase scheme.

5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- (a) **COACHES:** After a lengthy discussion, it was agreed that this years coach contract would again be awarded to R&J Coaches & trial trips would be offered to two other companies; Mr Coles & Mr Carpenter would organise this & report back at the next meeting.
- (b) **PRESIDENT:** As no nominations for this post had been received, the committee wanted to remind the members that nominations need to be presented to the Secretary.
- (c) **NEWSLETTER:** The Chairman asked that the minutes record a 'thank you' to Mr Tony Mulcuck for his efforts with the last newsletter.
- (d) **NEW NATIONAL RULES:** Mr Spelman reported that following a rules revision meeting the ESMBA have published some amendments on their website (www.esmba.co.uk) & are now available, anyone having problems with this can contact Mr Spelman for updated information.
- (e) **CORRESPONDENCE:** A letter of thanks was received from Mr Alan Clark of Chalk SMBC following his invitation to the recent Presentation day. The committee asked that it be noted how nice it was to receive a letter of praise.
- (f) **GENERAL:** The Chairman & Mr Spelman asked that we note the sad passing of Mrs Vi Lyle & Mr Alf Rose respectively.

Mr Spelman presented the committee with a letter airing his concerns about the CPO position. He would like these concerns investigating & reporting at the next meeting.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the next Meeting would be held on Monday 2nd November 2009 in Burham Village Hall, commencing at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 22.05

SIGNED _____

DATED _____

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!!