

KENT COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION
 MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE MEETING
 Held 20:00pm on 4th February 2021 at Zoom Meeting Room

1	CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS	The Chairman opened the meeting & welcomed all those present.
2	MEMBERS PRESENT	Mr G Allard (chair), Mr T Rycraft, Mr B Baker, Mrs L Wynn, Mr R Offord, Mr N Tresadern.
3	APOLOGIES	Apologies from Mr A Plowman, Mr A Ellis.
4	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS	The minutes of the Zoom meeting held on 27 th July 2020 were agreed.
5	MATTERS ARISING	There were no matters arising from previous minutes.
6	TREASURER'S REPORT	Treasurer absent.
7	ESMBA REGISTRATIONS & INSURANCE	<p>BB queried the fact that new members were registered with ESMBA at no cost to the member and the ESMBA fee was paid by the county. Although this was stated on this season's registration form that was agreed by the committee before being sent to the clubs he questioned where it came from.</p> <p>LW believed that it was in the Kent Constitution. LW went on to say that there had been a significant number of new player registrations from clubs wishing to use the ESMBA insurance which now states that all members of a club need to be registered to have valid insurance. She expected to receive further new registrations maybe up to 100. Although these will all come from the county funds they will be offset by paying registrations with no other expenditure foreseen for the county this season.</p> <p>The fact that the ESMBA insurance would be deemed invalid when insured players play against non ESMBA registered players will have major implications for all competitive play throughout the leagues. The only way to preserve the validity of an ESMBA registered and insured club would be for the leagues to require that anyone playing in inter club games needs to be registered but not necessarily insured by ESMBA.</p> <p>Currently of the normal £10 player registration fee £4 goes to ESMBA with £1 to county funds for administration of the registrations and the remaining £5 is for the County. Many players and clubs who may recognize the benefits of the ESMBA registration and insurance do not get any benefit of the £5 that stays with Kent unless they take part in county events. BB suggested that if there was a two tier registration system players could register either just with ESMBA for the £5 fee or with both ESMBA and Kent for £10. This would need to be approved by the clubs in Kent and would require more concentrated administration.</p> <p>The committee was agreed that registration of all players that compete with other clubs would be beneficial to all players as whatever insurance cover individual clubs use everyone would be safe. BB was asked to write note to be sent to all affiliated clubs trying to clarify the position and implications of the ESMBA requirements.</p>
8	CORRESPONDENCE	None
9	OUTLOOK	<p>The possibility of an AGM will remain on hold until such time as it can take place by physical attendance.</p> <p>The committee felt that as things stand there is a possibility that clubs may be able to become active by September but the feasibility of most competitive play may not be for a further season.</p> <p>NT said that to date 16 clubs in Kent had been given the 'Safe Bowls' clearance and a further 13 were at different stages in the process. He was happy to continue as the interim Safeguarding Officer for the time being.</p>

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10	AOB	<p>GA asked it if would be possible to see if the equipment stored at NLL had suffered from being in storage in the Porta-cabin for so long with possible condensation problems. This was not thought to be possible but GA was asked to contact the NLL caretaker, who has a key, to see if he could have a look in the cabin and maybe take a photograph of any apparent damage. TR raised a question about whether the equipment is insured only while in use or also when in storage. NT confirmed that if they 'comply with insurance conditions' they are covered. AP to be asked to check on the level of our equipment insurance cover.</p> <p>BB raised two questions.</p> <p>Firstly we still appear to have no communications from either Angela or Michael Doorey about their committee involvements and any communications to Kent from ESMBA or elsewhere would have gone to them. GA and NT to try to contact them and also change email contact information so that any future communications to Kent can be accessed by someone else. Also need to check for any documentation that has been sent to us but is not known about.</p> <p>Secondly there are several formatting problems in the Kent Constitution that is on the website in pdf form. BB would be prepared to sort these out but would need a Word version of the document which should also be with the secretary. TR believed that he may also have this in Word and would look for it.</p>
11	NEXT MEETING	Thursday 8 th April at 20:00 at Zoom meeting room.
12	MEETING CLOSED	21:15
	SIGNED	Ray Offord
	DATE	15/04/2021