

Kent County Short Mat Bowls Association

Promoting Short Mat Bowls Across Kent

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING

Held On 6th October 2025 on Teams

Season 2025/2026		Actions
CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS	Good evening and welcome to our 3 rd meeting of this season.	
MEMBERS PRESENT	Thomas Coles, Nicky Ramsden, Cliff Henry, Linda Wynn, Bob Craig, Thomas Constable, Trevor Apps, Michael Doorey	
APOLOGIES	Danny Hogben	
MATTERS ARISING	Previous minutes actions all completed.	
TREASURER'S REPORT	The account balance stands at £12540.53. The registration of Kent members is pretty much complete, and I have sent £3140.50 to ESMBA. The current balance is after this payment and trophy engraving of £432 and other than Ashford venue hire there are no other liabilities of any size now. Out of interest at the last Ashford game the Sum-up card income was £290 against cash collected of £146. So, a steady move towards people using the card reader instead of cash "	
SECRETARY REPORT	Email was sent to James Scoins regarding the Road show to promote bowls development in Kent. His reply was sent to you all. Thank you to Linda for the list of updated clubs so minutes could be sent out. Those clubs not wanting to share their information had the minutes sent to them via Linda along with the form to inform us of details of their secretary if different. Email received from Jan Davey, good to hear from us and thanking me for the minutes. Invitation was sent to Taylor Bowls & In Action Bowls wear Hythe – for the opportunity to advertise with the newsletter that will be going out shortly. Emails received from both.	NR- to resend reply from JS to TColes. TColes/CH to look into and sort reply.
REGISTRATION SECRETARIES REPORT	I have registered 42 clubs with a total of 571 members to the ESMBA of which are 333 men and 238 women. We have 9 under 18's, 90 new members and 14 have rejoined after a year or more away. The bowls season of 2025/26 registration runs from the 1st October 2025 to 30th September 2026. Any club can register a player during this time by notifying me by email.	
COMPETITION SECRETARIES REPORT	Entries so far for domestic competitions: • Singles - 70 • 2w Pairs - 21 • 3w Pairs - 16 • Triples - 16 • Fours - 10 These are all down on last year but still time to enter all but the singles. Post to be added in newsletter to ask the question as to why people don't enter? Post to go onto the website with details about singles on 19 th October. Proposed National Dates: 6 th / 7 th Dec - Venue TBC 2 comps 20th Dec at Ashford - 2 comps 31 st Jan if needed Under 18, Over 55 to be run on Thursday Evenings Gary Allard has offered assistance calling round to try and get some more entries for the Singles. I will look at dates for next year so we can get them to Ashford early.	DH- question in newsletter re comps & singles comp 19 th October info to be posted.
TEAM MANAGERS REPORT	Teams are doing very well, Castles in a good place in current standings. Hops have been struggling for players but have started the season well. The B team had a good win against Surrey at home winning 32-8. Email received regarding entering the ICC for next season 2026/27, at present	BC- to send details for entry payments.

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	the format remains the same as this season. It was agreed to enter two teams if the format suits. There have been some counties dropping out of games and ICC have announced that any games missed this season, the county associated with this will have a point deduction at the start of next season. ESMBA Double rinks competition- It was agreed to enter 2 teams- consisting of 16 Players.	
MEDIA OFFICER	The Newsletter has been compiled and will share to those not yet seen to confirm any other items to be added before this is posted. Still awaiting confirmation from workplace for sponsorship for show mat boards.	NR- to share newsletter with all committee.
CONFIRMATION OF DATES FOR SEASON	Dates to be provided to Gill at Ashford IBC for next season as soon as possible so that they can work around these. There was a discussion regarding the contract we hold with Ashford IBC.	MD/TC
SPONSORSHIP / SIGNS / TROPHY CABINET	The previous sponsorship for shirts has expired and therefore we need to acquire new sponsorships. It was discussed as to whether we would be better to acquire multiple smaller sponsors rather than one large. It was discussed to devise a standard sponsorship letter, so this is available to send out when required. Michael proposed for KCSMBA to have some signs made 'Home of Kent short mat bowls' to promote the game and for these to be displayed in Ashford IBC. Michael discussed a proposal of having a trophy cabinet put up in Ashford IBC, as the domestic trophies are stored in the boxes due to winners not always wanting to take home for the year. It would be nice for these to be on show. It was agreed this is a nice idea if Ashford permits. CH queried if we would be insured for trophy cabinet.	TColes/CH- to put together ideas for sponsorship letter. MD- contact Ashford IBC for proposal to be put forward-for trophy cabinet/Sign. BC- to investigate Insurance cover.
MEDIA OFFICER FOR COMPETITIONS	Deferred to next meeting.	
CONSTITUTION	Constitution will be looked at in person at our next meeting.	
PRESENTATION AND PRESIDENT FEEDBACK	Presentation seemed to be a success and was good to have the president address the membership. The president received some feedback from the membership which was positive.	
THOUGHTS FOR KCSMBA	Discussion took place to determine what is our short-Mid-long-term plan for KCSMBA. How can we promote the game to gain more members Tom mentioned that some people don't think they are good enough. We all have to start somewhere. Jody Frampton had offered coaching at Ashford IBC on Thursday evenings. Thursdays are open to all for £2 per person from 7pm. This consists of players from various clubs of all abilities. Do we have a plan in place for changing mats?	
CORRESPONDENCE	No correspondence to share.	
AOB	CH- Confirmed it was a good meeting and queried if the key fob had been resolved for gaining entry at Ashford. This was confirmed as being completed. Tom C- Contract with Ashford IBC to consist of an annual meeting, to determine who will attend this meeting. Short mat chat on Facebook- guy looking to set up a club in Medway area, have emailed to see if we can help in any way. Awaiting reply email.	
NEXT MEETING DATE	Monday 1 st December 2025- Face to face meeting.	MD – to confirm address for meeting.
MEETING CLOSED	9pm	
SIGNED	 21st October 2025	DATE •