

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SHORT MAT BOWLS ASSOCIATION

MINUTES of a General Management Committee Meeting held at Caroline Chisholm School on Monday 17th January 2011.

PRESENT: Mr Chris Hopkins (Chairman) Mr Alan Leslie (Vice-Chairman) Mrs Eleanor Winters (General Secretary) Mr Clive Younger (Treasurer) Mr Tom Bates, Mrs Irene Simpson, Mr Alan Goodenough, Mr Chris Weston, Mr Ken Harber and Ms Rachel Pedley.

APOLOGIES: Mr. Edward Sawbridge

MINUTES of the last committee meeting were accepted as a true record, proposed by Alan Goodenough and seconded by Ken Harber

MATTERS ARISING:

1. Clive has only 6 rule books left.
2. All mates were re-configured with the help of committee members.

CORRESPONDENCE:

1. Letters received from both Chris Hopkins and Edward Sawbridge requesting financial assistance in playing for England on The Isle Man. These were both granted, proposed by Clive Younger, seconded by Alan Leslie, carried unanimously.
2. Letter received from ESMBA looking at changing the format for ICC and related competitions. It was agreed by the committee that no change should be made.
3. Letter received from ICO re renewal of Data Protection Clive to deal with this.
4. Letter was received from Welton Bowls Club referring to an instance when they were playing an away game. It was said that after the draw for mats had been made, the home team moved the mats to suit the skip playing on the mat. When Welton queried this they were told that each skip preferred to play the mats in different positions. The committee conferred on this and reached a conclusion that as it was not in the rules that they couldn't do this then no action could be taken, but commented that this was all down to gamesmanship.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Clive Younger submitted the following report:

2010/11 INCOME & EXPENDITURE

YEAR TO 16 JAN 2011

| | <u>INCOME</u> | <u>EXPEND</u> | <u>NET</u> |
|-------------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Bank interest | 1 | | 1 |
| ESMBA | 38 | 1781 | -1743 |
| Membership/Affiliation fees | 4351 | | 4351 |
| Match fees (NSMBA & County) | 3409 | | 3409 |
| Committee Travel & Expenses | | 1054 | -1054 |
| Committee Postage & Telephone | 2 | 293 | -291 |
| Hall hire | | 1642 | -1642 |
| Presentation Night | 1239 | 1363 | -124 |
| Audit fee | | 21 | -21 |
| Trophies | 84 | 1197 | -1113 |
| Sale of goods | 184 | | 184 |
| Regalia | 285 | 612 | -327 |
| Mat hire | | 40 | -40 |
| Raffles and refreshments | 541 | 319 | 222 |
| Equipment | | 670 | -670 |
| Grants/loans | | 350 | -350 |
| Umpire expenses | | 32 | -32 |
| TOTAL | 10134 | 9374 | 760 |

Balance

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|---------------------------------|---------------|
| Opening balance brought forward | £8,333 |
| Net income/expenditure to date | £760 |
| Balance | £9,093 |

Represented by

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| Bank account at 20.12.10 | £9,235 |
| Plus banking | £0 |
| Less outstanding cheques | -£256 |
| Cash float (Secretary) | £100 |
| Cash in hand | £14 |
| | £9,093 |

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Alan said he had sent out a questionnaire and received 55 responses as to why numbers are dropping in competition entries etc., he summarised all the replies and gave each committee member a copy of his findings. Alan will be sending a copy of his findings to all clubs in due course.

COMPETITION REPORT: Chris Weston said all but the singles had been played and the results were as follows:

Pairs: Edward Sawbridge & Chris Hopkins v Jamie Watt & Willie McGinn

Triples: Edward Sawbridge, Chris Weston & Leigh Hall v Clive Younger, Margaret Jones & Langton Hart

Fours: Shiela Leckie, Brian Leckie, Dawn Sartin & Brian Sartin v Sandy Goodenough, Alan Goodenough, Margaret Leslie & Alan Leslie.

Mixed Fours: Pat Markham, Terry Goldsmith Mark Bull & David Goldsmith v Ann Onan-Read, Marj Counsell, Ken Harber & David Robbins.

COUNTY REPORT: Chris Hopkins said both the 'A' Team and Premier Team had come second in their group, both to play a pre-lim. 'A' team will play Norfolk at Lawson Park Bedford, and Premier Team to play Gloucester (venue to be confirmed).

LEAGUE REPORT: Tom said everything was running smoothly, most fixtures have been fulfilled on schedule. He will be looking to run a summer league.

PRESENTATION EVENING: Rachel confirmed the booking at Scott Bader for 25th June 2011. Caterers have been booked, there will be no music, and tickets will be £15 per head.

OTHER BUSINESS

1. Looking to put most club contacts on e-mail by August 1st so that minutes can be sent electronically.
2. Clive suggested we run a consolation cup in the Knock Out Competition, Alan Goodenough proposed that we try it this year, seconded by Clive Younger, Tom will look into this, to see if it is feasible.

MEETING closed 9.45 pm Next meeting 7th March 2011.