**MINUTES**

**ESMBC COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2022**

**HELD AT EWHURST CLUBHOUSE**

**Present:** Dennis McGuinnes (DMcG)(Chair) Pauline Shipway (PS)(Sec) Steph Taylor (ST) (Match Sec), Mike White (MW) (Treasurer) Roger Dobbing (RD) Margaret Weeden (MWe)

1. **Apologies**  None all present

**2 Previous Minutes –** The minutes were agreed as correct, signed and a copy placed on the

club website.

1. **Matters Arising -**  Regarding the notification of a member’s death RD will issue an

Email to advise members and in due course advise the funeral details.

**4 Chairman’s Report:** As the representative of the short mat club DMcG advised he

**h**ad attended one Trustees’ meeting and there is an ongoing discussion regarding Rules of Maintenance.

1. **Secretary’s Report:**  Forms have been received from SCSMBA for the County and

National competitions and these will be displayed on the notice board.

We have been advised by the outdoor club that the large fridge freezer has been

turned off to save electricity and at the start of our season we will be storing the milk

In the small fridge in the bar.

*Details of restrictions to save electricity costs will be agreed and an email sent to all paid*

*up members to advise. Notices will be displayed around the clubhouse to remind members*

*of the new arrangements.*

*We have been advised of the extended opening of the Wey Valley sessions.*

1. **Treasurer’s Report**: No accounts were presented. At present we have 46 members who

**h**ave paid their subs and 2 social members. Payment can be made by BACS but we

**d**o not know of this payment until a statement is received. It was agreed that we should

chase up members who have not renewed.

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1. **Match Secretary’s Report:**  In week beginning 26th September Ewhurst start playing in the

Surrey Triples run by RD, Woking Borough run by Elaine Philipson and Thursday Charity

League run by Mwe. Our SHAB season starts on 9th October and our first game in on 11th

November at home against Normandy.

There has been contact with many clubs over the summer months and some don’t have

enough drivers to travel to different venues during the winter so some have pulled out of

competitive play altogether and some just out of the SHAB League. Hersham was the last

club to decline and Bracknell and Cobham before that. Bill Hames who runs the Merrow

Club is now struggling with their own league with not enough clubs willing to play. Our

idea of reviving the One Mat at Ewhurst is ‘dead in the water’ for this season anyway.

Our internal competitions are very popular so perhaps we could have an additional one for

members who don’t want to play at Wey Valley or in the SHAB League. I do think we should

encourage members to practise at Wey Valley and at the club with a view to participating in

more competitive leagues and thereby promoting ESMBC as a club with teams to match any

others.

1. **Items for Discussion:**

**Competitions:** All organised and ready to go.

**Social:** A pub quiz is organised for 12th November.

**Newsletter** : Nothing to report.

**Facilities:**  Door is due to be delivered shortly and MW is discussing the process of fitting etc. Defibrillator is in progress and MW has a possible source of a training session. The

**c**leaner will be employed for 10 hrs a month and we will monitor this to see how it works.

1. **Any other business: R**ules of Maintenance – DMcG had a discussion and various rules

were discussed. Rent should be 50/50 as the short mat club is a joint holder of the

Lease. It was suggested by MW that a change should be made to cover the situation if a

Trustee is ill or incapacitated.

MWe suggested that we should continue with the sign in book and this was agreed. It was

also discussed that we again need session leaders and ST agreed to cover the Friday evening

session. After the start of the season members will be approached to enquire if they would

be session leaders.

Utility costs have been discussed in 5 of this Minute.

RD advised that an email has been sent out regarding Mary Sheather’s funeral details and

any member attending should contact Peter Sheather direct.

1. **Date of next Meeting : Friday 7th October at the Clubhouse at 930 am (later changed to**

**230 pm at Rubino, Ewhurst).**

**Meeting closed at 11.10 am**

Pauline Shipway Dennis McGuinnes

Hon Sec Chairman ESMBC

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