

MINUTES

ESMBC COMMITTEE MEETING THURSDAY 5TH AUGUST 2021 HELD AT 11 am AT EWHURST BOWLS CENTRE

Present: Dennis McGuinness (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.
- 3 **Matters Arising** - RD has produced the short mat brochures and also a poster to advertise the short mat club for display in Cranleigh and Ewhurst. MW commented that most of our members live in Cranleigh and it would be good to get new members from Ewhurst and other local areas.
- 4 **Chairman's Report:** Thanks were given to the committee for a united front at the AGM. whilst we know that is our usual state of play several members made the point of remarking on it after the meeting.

Regarding renewal of membership, do we need to remind those former members who did not join in 2020/21 season, via the newsletter, that the effective date is 30th September.

Under AOB we should discuss Trustees and Centre Management although with the former the appointment requires a General Meeting of the club.

- 5 **Secretary's Report:** We have been asked to let the SCSMBA have the names of various League leaders. If the previous leaders are not continuing then we have to approach other members of the club for these positions. Once these positions are confirmed PS will advise SCSMBA of the details. Previous leaders were June Ives Monday evening Lightwater League Tony Richardson Thursday afternoon Charity League and Steph Taylor will organise the Wednesday evening Woking Borough League.

An email was received about the SHAB League regarding the future of this league. There is still a small amount of administration to be carried out before the 2019/20 season can be finalised. An AGM also has to be held and a schedule of fixtures has to be established.

A request was made for the opinions of the clubs regarding the future of SHAB and how it should progress. This feedback was asked to be submitted by 20th August.

Members who wish to reapply for membership of the short mat club will need to complete an application form and an item will be put in the newsletter with the form. We are unable to send emails due to DATA protection as we no longer have details. RD will be including this in the next issue.

Brian Allen has advised that he is resigning as Chairman of the Social Committee and we will need to find a replacement.

6 Treasurer's Report: A copy of the accounts has already previously been passed to the committee.

7 Match Secretary's Report: Nothing to report.

8 Items for Discussion:

Competitions: No change. It has been decided that the outstanding finals will be played next season possibly September/October. **An item will be put in the newsletter.**

Social: Nothing to report

Newsletter : As announced at the AGM the format for this will be changed and in future only include items concerning bowls. RD suggested there should be a new title for this.

Facilities: The outdoor club has advised that they do not agree to a new door being fitted. The door needs replacing as it is not in a good state and it is for the Centre Management Committee to decide.

9 Any other business: The Centre Management Committee – Richard Tabor is prepared to continue, Derek Mortimore is in hospital at present and might not be able to continue. An interim appointment was made at the AGM and Mike Wells agreed to accept.

The future of SHAB was discussed. Our club is in a good position as we have two teams. Other clubs are struggling and it might be necessary to change the format. Possibly rinks or triples or play each club once. PS suggested that playing during the day might encourage more players. It was also suggested that the matches could be played at Wey Valley.

As Brian Allen has resigned it will be necessary to appoint a replacement as Social Chairman the committee was asked to consider who might be a replacement.

It was also agreed that when a member is sick or deceased the secretary should be advised so that a card or note can be sent. Information regarding death or funeral arrangements should be sent to the secretary in order that a notice can be placed in the club.

With regard to the Government grant **DMcG will make contact with the Secretary of the EBC** to arrange a meeting as soon as possible MW advised that requests had been made for payment of utilities. There was a suggestion that all bills could be paid by the centre and not each club.

ST asked if the board in the end cupboard could be changed for a lighter one. It is a very heavy board and it is difficult for some members to move it to get access to the mat. MW

has agreed to think of an alternative solution.

10 Date of next Meeting 2nd September 2021 at 10 am at the clubhouse.

Meeting closed at 1230

Pauline Shipway
Hon Sec
August 2021

Dennis McGuinness
Chairman ESMBC