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ESMBC COMMITTEE MEETING 11 am ON 6TH MAY 2021
HELD AT AVENUE ROAD, CRANLEIGH

Present: Dennis McGuinness (Chair) Pauline Shipway (Sec) Steph Taylor (Match Sec), Mike White (MW) (Treasurer), Roger Dobbing and 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** - The question of the equal sharing of the government grant to clubs has still not been settled with the outdoor club and we are still pressing for a more equitable fair solution.
- 4 **Chairman's Report:** In view of the absurdity of the constraints upon us RD wrote to our MP hoping for an intervention. I simultaneously wrote to Barry Hedges, ESMBA chairman, to ask for any evidence of the communications with the relevant government department and highlighting the unbelievable "one person per mat" ruling. I repeated the letter ten days later and to that he replied and within that he denied knowledge of the one player rule! It was a waste of energy. Other county administrations have also questioned the communications.

It is clear that ESMBA intend to maintain the Safe Bowls requirement for clubs until further notice despite the June release indicated within the government plan.

A challenge match between ESMBC and EBC has been suggested for 15th May – 12 a side triples.

- 5 **Secretary's Report:** The AGM notices and nomination form has been prepared and as we are unable to display the forms on the club notice board it was suggested these should be sent to all registered members via email. Although we are able to use the clubhouse for restricted short mat bowls sessions not all current members would attend to be able to see the Notices hence it was decided that email was more appropriate this time.

Roger Newman has passed to me the details of a gentleman who is interested in joining our short mat club and I will send him details together with information of the training session held in October.

- 6 **Treasurer's Report:** A copy of the accounts was passed to the committee. The grants issue with the outdoor club is still outstanding. The bar stock figure has been agreed with the outdoor club.
- 7 **Match Secretary's Report:** Nothing to report.

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8 Items for Discussion:

Competitions: It might be possible to run the outstanding competitions on one mat but this would be for registered players only. This would possibly be held in August and those eligible will be given dates.

Social: No events due to Covid restrictions.

Newsletter: Congratulations were given to RD for producing such an interesting and varied Newsletter despite the difficult conditions we are all experiencing. Items are always needed whether about bowls or other subjects of interest.

Facilities: Nothing to report.

9 Any other business:

MWe confirmed the roll ups would be bowls safe with the tables moved and chairs spaced out unless government restrictions state otherwise. Stewards will be required and the one way system observed. ST and MWe will be stewards on 17th May and a rota will be drawn up to cover stewarding for the next few weeks. The sessions will be Monday and Wednesday mornings and Thursday , Saturday and Sunday evenings.

RD confirmed the booking system will be running as before and it should be considered that if he is not available then another person should be able to take over the system.

MW had noticed another club's bowls poster had been displayed in Ewhurst Village Hall and suggested we might display our Short Mat Club notice. It was mentioned that we already have an item in the parish magazine and we also recruit via the U3A course.

10 Date of next Meeting 1st June 11 am at the clubhouse.

Meeting closed 1210 hrs

Pauline Shipway
Hon Sec
May 2021

Dennis McGuinness
Chairman ESMBC