ESMBC COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON 9th MARCH 2017 at 10 am AT THE CLUBHOUSE

Present: Roger Newman (chairman) Pauline Shipway (secretary) Mike White (treasurer) Steph Taylor (match secretary) Alan Goldsmith and Derrick Liddicott

 1 **Apologies:** None all present

 2 **Previous Minutes:** Approved and signed and a copy placed on the club noticeboard

 3 **Matters Arising**: Distribution of the Newsletter is in hand.

4 **Chairman’s Report**: Nigel Sloman has raised the question of dates for the U3A group and it was agreed that a course should be run again next season. The dates suggested are 5th. 12th,19th, 26th October and 2nd and 9th November. Membership at the moment is at a level of 124 a review of membership numbers should be made and adjusted where necessary.

Jackie Wright has not been well this year and has advised that next season a replacement for her position as Magpies’ organiser should be sought. A request will be made at the AGM. PS has agreed to continue helping with the matches and would assist any member taking over.

A form for SHAB entries is now on the board and on the website. It was suggested that teams could be mixed up to spread the ability of players but it was thought Eagles should have the strongest team. Falcons and Kestrels teams should be varied and all players given a turn to play in the matches. RN will discuss this with the captains in due course.

Nigel Sloman has commented to RN that at Wey Valley many of the teams wore club colours and suggested it might be something we could consider. This has previously been discussed many times and was agreed that the plain white cotton shirts are more economical for members. It can be raised again at the AGM if necessary.

Final Fling: Details will be put on the board

AGM – it was agreed this would be on 15th June subject to confirmation from Jackie Rubie the O/D Secretary.

Presentation Lunch – A menu selection from The Roger Tichbourne was passed to committee members and it was agreed the prices were reasonable. RN would go back to the restaurant to request an additional meat dish, possibly pork. The price included gratuities and coffee. Possible dates were 18th May or 1st June.

Other quotations for the lunch were sought but were either too expensive or the venue was not suitable for our club presentations.

**5** **Secretary’s Report**: Tessa Nash has requested the use of the clubhouse as before off season on Wednesday and Thursday but also for an extra session on Monday mornings. Unfortunately the O/D committee did not agree the extra session. RN will express our disappointment and send an email (draft wording agreed) to this effect.

The O/D ladies have requested to use the clubhouse for a coffee morning on 1st April which was agreed. PS to advise them of this decision.

We have a new member Vivien Podd who has been accepted, welcome letter and leaflet sent with club bowls stickers and fee paid (pro rata as she joined halfway through the season). Details sent to Ken Dilley and copy form and cheque passed to MW

Details of the County Trials have been put on the notice board.

**6** **Treasurer:** A copy of the accounts was passed to committee. There are still outstanding expenses but at the end of the financial year there should be a surplus of about £500. Interest from the Scottish Widows account is down.

It was agreed that the subs should be increased for next season and this will be discussed at the next AGM

The club lease is due for renewal with a possible increase.

There are more club boards required but not enough space and it was suggested that some boards could be moved around and an additional board fixed at the end of the clubhouse under the middle scoreboard. MW could make a board which would be cheaper that purchasing.

The wording on the plaque for Di Bradley has been agreed. The weather vane it now erected.

Our sponsor CCM has offered to pay for 2 large tables matching those we already have and will order and pay for them and let us know when they are ready for collection.

**7** **Match Secretary:** The Eagles have done well this season and are 3rd in the SHAB League having played 12 games. Falcons are 6th having played 13 games and Kestrels are 8th having played 10 games. The Kestrels are still doing well in the SHAB Knock Out Cup.

 The Eagles are 9th in the Woking Borough League with 30 points. Results for the Monday and Thursday League have not yet been updated.

 The Star Cup competition was played on 4th March and was a success but should possibly be played earlier in the season to spread the competitions out.

 The Magpies are giving their opponents a run for their money and have 3 more matches to go. The last match against Comptons was a good win with 68 – 41.

 The item in the News Letter regarding team support and encouragement has had some good comments and support.

**8 a Competitions:** The New Bowlers comp is in hand. The Star Cup Comp was successful and well supported. The Singles and Drawn pairs are due to be played shortly.

 Finals Day: The semis will be held in the morning and others in the afternoon.

**b Social and News Letter:** A Kurling evening is being arranged and is being well supported. The next issue deadline for the News Letter is end of March. AG to advise Roger Dobbing of results of the competitions.

RN will advise details of the Presentation lunch and give the menu selection.

A Notice of the AGM will be put in the News Letter with a possible date of 15th June to be confirmed by Jackie Rubie O/D Secretary

**9** **AOB:** The One Mat League cup is still missing despite a thorough search and request in the News Letter. AG to purchase a new cup and this will be engraved with all the names of previous winners. The last One Mat is 21st March.

DL advised that Ewhurst and Merrow will not be playing their match this year. They might consider next year.

Ripley Summer League: DL to organise this

AG is at present the Club Safeguarding Officer for both clubs but will be resigning. RN has offered to take this on. PS to ask Dennis McGuiness how we should proceed with this and what is required.

Young Farmers Group: This was a very successful evening which all enjoyed. RN, ST and Nigel Sloman helped with this and our thanks are extended to them.

Following the death of Di Bradley it was asked whether another Trustee was needed. RN to make enquiries in this regard.

**10** Next meeting 10th May at 10 am at the Clubhouse

 The meeting closed at 1150

Pauline Shipway Approved:

Hon Sec Roger Newman (Chairman)