

Devon County Short Mat Bowling Association

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 27th Devon County Short Mat Bowling Association Annual General Meeting will take place on 2nd April 2017 at approximately 4.45-5p.m. at The Isca Bowling Centre, Summer Lane Exeter EX4 8NT. Followed by the presentation of trophies.

Attached are this year's Agenda and Minutes from 2016, also nomination forms for Committee Posts.

Every registered member of the Association is entitled to attend but only two representatives from each affiliated Club are allowed to vote. A simple majority rule shall apply to all business requiring voting sanction. Only votes cast at the meeting will count. Where there is more than one candidate standing for a committee position a secret ballot will take place.

Please register on arrival.

Nominations for posts on the County Committee

Positions:- Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, County Competitions Secretary, three Area Representatives (East, Mid/North, South/West,) and two other Committee Posts.

Some of the existing Committee are willing to stand again but this does not preclude anyone else from offering their nomination. The County Secretary will not be seeking re-election so nominations for this post is urgently required.

Nominations are also required for the post of 'A' Team Manager. This is a three year post.

The Premier Team Manager has one more year of a three year term to serve.

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2nd April 2017- approx. 4.45-5p.m.

at Isca Bowling centre, Summer Lane, Exeter EX4 8NT

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the last AGM
3. Matters Arising
4. Chairman's Report
5. Secretary's report
6. Treasurer's report, presentation of accounts and registration fees for the forthcoming season.
7. Appointment of Accountants
8. Competition Secretary's report
9. Reports from the County Team Co-ordinator and the 'A' Team Manager
10. Election of Officers and other Committee members
11. Election of 'A' Team Manager
12. Any other business as permitted by the Chair

The trophies will be presented at the end of the meeting.

DEVON COUNTY SHORT MAT BOWLING ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the 26th Annual General Meeting held at Isca Bowling Centre, Exeter. on 13th March 2015 at 5 p.m.

Clubs represented:- Bow, Buckland, Christchurch Barnstaple, Christow, Colyton, Exeter Nomads, Merton, Ottery St. Mary, Sidbury Silverton Totnes Creameries, Uffculme, Upottery, West Hill, Willand, Winkleigh, Wonford. (17)

1. Apologies:- Bishopsteignton, Bridestowe & Sourton, Chulmleigh, Diptford, Dittisham, Foxholes Dartington, Stokenham, Strete, Sutcombe, Witheridge. (10) Personal apologies from Committee member James Smith.
2. Minutes of the last meeting:- These had been sent to all Club Secretaries. These were duly approved as a true record and signed by Rose Morrison as Chairman. Proposed by Brab Hallows (Colyton) and seconded by David Summers (Totnes Creameries).
3. Matters arising:- None.
4. Chairman's Report:- As attached.
5. Secretary's Report:- As attached.
6. Treasurer's Report:- Robert Bartlett presented the accounts. There had been a small surplus on the accounts for this year. Proposed by John Smith (Exeter Nomads) and seconded by Brab Hallows (Colyton). The registration fee would remain the same for this coming year at £6.00 for adults and £4.00 for under-18's. There were no further questions.
7. Appointment of Accountants:- Robert Bartlett proposed that Wheelers continue to audit the Accounts. This was proposed by Robert Bartlett seconded by David Tarr (West Hill) and agreed unanimously.
8. Competition Secretary's report:- As attached. Brab Hallows thanked Caroline and Eric Pavey for all their hard work in running the County Competitions.
9. Team Co-ordinators Report:- Reports from both the Premier Team Manager and the 'A' Team Manager are attached.
10. Election of Officers and Committee:- Nominations for the following posts had been received

unopposed. Chairman (Rose Morrison) Secretary (Irene Smith) Treasurer (Robert Bartlett), County Competitions Secretary (Caroline Pavey) East Area Representative (Brab Hallows), and two Committee posts, Eric Pavey and James Smith.

These were duly elected en bloc.

Nominations were invited from the floor for the post of Vice- Chairman but as none were forthcoming the post would remain vacant or filled by a member of the Committee.

Nominations were also invited from the floor for the posts of South/West Area Representative and North/Mid Area Representative. Once again none were forthcoming. This would mean that these posts would either remain vacant or if someone was willing to take either position they could be co-opted by the Committee.

The Premier Team Manager had two more years of a three year term to serve and the 'A' Team Manager had one more year of a three year term to serve.

11. Any other business. There was one proposal for a change in the constitution.
Proposed by the Committee .

Item 2 in the Constitution – Fees and Subscriptions.

Paragraph 2.3 change '*end of April*' to '*end of August*'

Proposed by the Committee, Seconded by Shirley Parnell (Wonford) and agreed unanimously.

Trevor Tregillus from Christow thanked the Committee for all their hard work.

The meeting closed at 5.31p.m.

The presentation of the trophies followed after the meeting.

Chairman Proposed

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Seconded.....

Chairman's Report 2016

Good afternoon ladies and gentleman, thank you all for coming today to our 26th Annual General Meeting, and trophy presentation, and to all who have stayed after playing in the area challenge we hope you have enjoyed the day, and progress to playing one day for the county teams.

The first thing I must do is congratulate Devon's Premier team for winning the first ever ESMBA Rinks competition, the area rounds of this competition we held in September last year with the final played at Daventry on the 5th March which saw Devon top their group and then beat Essex in the final, this is an excellent achievement, and we are all very proud of the whole team.

The bowls this season in the county competitions were of a high standard, as in previous years, even if entries were down a little on last year. Well done to those who won, and to all that took part. To all the Devon bowlers going to the nationals in a couple of weeks the very best of luck.

ESMBA this year have seen a lot of changes within their committee, and with new faces we have new ideas, and new competitions being organised.

However, I think as Devon committee we must try to ensure going forward that ESMBA try to work with the SMPT to ensuring that competitions dates don't clash, as working together will make our sport better for all.

Lastly can I thank the Committee for their hard work and support over the last twelve months, they all do give up a lot of time to ensure that Devon county bowls runs well for you the members.

Thank you.

Secretary's report

Good afternoon everyone.

The Committee have met six times during the year as well as one or two short meetings held at Competitions to discuss urgent matters.

We have 103 Clubs this year having lost a couple of small Clubs due to shortage of members and the inevitable problem of members getting older. However we have welcomed two new Clubs and have 2,050 adult members plus 22 under-18's so we seem to be bucking the general trend and have kept our numbers fairly stable.

I mentioned last year that I was having problems with the registration cards and I am sorry to say this has not been resolved. The Administration Officer for ESMBA resigned at the end of last year and so far has not been replaced, which meant that although I sent off the registrations for the current year plus any new ones received before Christmas I have not had any information regarding the cards for this year. I am coming to the conclusion that we will not get any for this season. If ESMBA sort out their administration problems it looks as though we will be starting afresh next year. All I can say is 'watch this space'.

I have sent out three copies of The Block this year and one more will be going out in the Spring but it is getting increasingly difficult to compile as I do not get very many reports of what is going on at Club level. If you are holding a competition let me have the information and also send me a report afterwards so we can keep The Block going for the members that do not have access to the web-site.

Once again the Raffles held at County and Inter County competitions were well supported and I thank everyone for their continued support and help. You are all the beneficiaries of the money that is made as it helps to keep the cost of the competitions as low as possible.

Finally thank you to everyone on the Committee for their continued support, we sometimes have difficult decisions to make but we have worked well together and try to make these right for the whole membership.

AGM 2016 County Competition Secretary's report

Good Afternoon to you all

This year saw a decrease in the entries for the County Competitions, particularly in the fours, which left us not needing the finals day.

All games have been played in the right spirit of the game, everybody arrived on time, and generally help in putting out the equipment was good.

Several Devon players have been involved in SMPT competitions with a great success, for more information about SMPT competitions speak to Simon Pridham.

At the end of March beginning of April, the National competitions take place at Church Gresley, so good luck to all those taking part.

The diary is almost complete, but due to lots of extra competitions included by ESMBA the diary for next season is very tight.

I would like to thank all Umpires for the time they have given to the competitions.

Finally I would like to thank you and all the committee for all the support during the season.

Trophy Presentation

Singles – Micheal Ivings, Runner Up James Trott

Pairs - James Trott & Paul Pomeroy, Runner up Shirley & John Parnell

Triples – Elliott James, Jay Shaw, Mike Avery, Runner Up James Trott, Paul Pomeroy, Mike Ivings

Fours- James Smith, Mike Ivings, Paul Pomeroy, James Trott, Runner Up Ann & Dave Summers, Jacj Hurdon, Rose Morrison

Under 18- Oliver White, Runner up Jayden Dyer

Margaret Elliott- Lucy & Dave Brown, Runner up Elizabeth & Richard Penance

Brian Medland- Thomas Perris, Shirley & John Parnell, Maggie Smith, Runner up Eric Pavey, Kim Wright, Carol Osborne, Mark Allen

Premier Team Manager's report 2016

It has been a very successful year for the Premier team. Back in October we faced Cornwall in our first Inter County game which we dominated and won 29-11, this was followed by wins in all our remaining group games. This ensured we finished top of the table by 19 points and qualified straight into the quarter finals.

We had to travel to Oxfordshire where we faced the West Midlands who also won their group. It was a tight match which ended up all square at 20-20. Devon only won thanks to winning a 3 person one end tie break, which didn't do much for the teams nerves!

In the Semi final we faced Essex and we were well behind at half time. However, the team fought hard but despite a brilliant fight back Essex just edged it 22-18. Essex went on to face Norfolk in the final with Norfolk winning. Next year we welcome back Dorset into our ICC group and go back to having a four in a group which I think everyone prefers.

In the ESMBA's new rinks competition Devon qualified as group winners in the preliminaries following wins against Dorset and Herefordshire. In the final stages Devon faced Cornwall, Surrey and Kent in the group. Wins against Surrey and Cornwall coupled with a narrow defeat against Kent was enough to secure top spot in the group and qualify for the final. Our opponents was once again Essex. We were not to be outdone this time and Devon raced to an early shot lead which we were able to maintain throughout much of the game. We eventually won by 4 shots, meaning Devon are the first winners of the trophy that you see at the end of the table.

Throughout this year the team fighting spirit and unity has been never been in doubt. This has been evident to me throughout the season but it was noted and mentioned by other counties at the Final.

There will once again be trials for next season.. We haven't formalised dates yet but we do plan to have a separate for days for new players to trial with a County Practice several weeks before the new season starts. The county is always on the lookout for new players and it is not a closed shop and there are opportunities for players to progress. This year alone we have had 8 new players in the squad with several A team players progressing to the Premier team throughout the season. Trial forms are available to download on the county team page on the website and once the trial and practice dates are confirmed these will be on the website. If you have any questions about playing for the county, then please do not be afraid to speak to either me or Robert and we will be happy to talk about it.

Finally I need to say thank you firstly to every single player who played for the County this year and for all your commitment. I would like to thank the committee for all their support and finally to the A team manager Robert for all his help behind the scenes. On Saturday he was going behind each team and letting all four teams know what the situation throughout the day, he woke up on Sunday morning even more tired than most of the players were!

Thankyou!

Devon A Team Report 2016

The E.S.M.B.A introduced a rinks competition this year and cut down the groups in the ICC from 4 to 3.

The A team had a very difficult year this season after the success of last year.

We played the Rinks first against Cornwall, Herefordshire and Somerset, where we finished 3rd in group, so failed to get to the final. Well that's what we thought, I had a call to ask if I could get a team as another team had pulled out, we did get a team and went up to Daventry for the final again played 3 teams and came 2nd in group so failed to reach final.

In the ICC games we played Somerset and Cornwall and had a very difficult season with only winning 1 game and losing 3, so we ended up 3rd in group and into the consolation cup The committee took the decision to pull the A team out of this competition as its unnecessary expense for the players.

Lastly I would like to thank all the committee for their support, Richard for his help and support in the Rinks and to my wife Audrey for her support and doing the scores and paperwork on match days

Thank you all

Nomination form for Committee Posts on Devon County Committee

This completed nomination form should be returned to The Chairman,

Rose Morrison, 24, Moorland View, Buckfastleigh, TQ11 OAF.

e-mail:- tcsc-rose@hotmail.com

Tel: 01364 655614

To arrive not later than 22nd March 2017.

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