

## **Devon County Short Mat Bowling Association**

### **NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The 28<sup>th</sup> Devon County Short Mat Bowling Association Annual General Meeting will take place on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at approximately 4.45-5p.m. at The Isca Bowling Centre, Summer Lane Exeter EX4 8NT.

Attached are this year's Agenda and Minutes from 2017, 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 Premier Team Manager. This is a three year post.

The A Team Manager has two more years of a three year term to serve.

## Devon County Short Mat Bowling Association

### 28<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting

25<sup>th</sup> March 2018- approx. 4.30–5p.m. After the County 10's final  
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 Team Manager
12. Any other business as permitted by the Chair

# **Devon County Short Mat Bowling Association**

## **Minutes of the 27<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held at the ISCA Centre, Exeter on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017**

**1 Opening –** Rose Morison opened the meeting at 5.02P.M.

**2 Apologies -** In writing from Chumleigh, Witheridge, Goodleigh, Dipford, Silverton, Halwill and Sidford.

Rose Morrison explained that in the absents of Irene Smith that Mark Allen had agreed to record the minutes for the meeting and he will actually be recording the voices of everybody to make it easier for him and then he will put that into writing and make it in to the minutes afterwards.

There were no objections.

### **3 Minutes of Last Meeting –**

These minutes from the previous AGM had been made available to all clubs which was held on the 13<sup>th</sup> March 2016.

Rose Morrison asked if everyone was happy that this was a true record of last year's meeting.

There were no objections so Rose Morrison asked for a proposer and a seconder.

**Proposed:** Brab Hallows

**Scoded:** Hilary Iley

The minutes were then signed by both members and thanked by Rose Morrison.

### **4 Matters Arising -**

Rose Morrison asked if anyone had any matters arising from the previous minutes, no one brought up any matters.

### **5 Chairman's Report –**

Please see appendix 1

### **6 Secretaries Report –**

Please see appendix 2

### **7 Treasurer's Report –**

Please see appendix 3

### **8 Competitions Secretaries Report –**

Please see appendix 4

## **9 Team Managers Report –**

Please see appendix 5

## **10 A Team Managers Report –**

Please see appendix 6

## **10 Election of officers and committee members –**

Rose Morrison explained that nominations had been received from all committee members with the exception of Irene Smith, but we have had a nomination for a secretary from Melcome Sheen but he is unable to be here today, he was hoping to get back but he had other commitments, he had tried to get back in time but was unable. Rose also explained that there are 2 positions that are currently not filled which are a committee post and a post for a vice chairman.

Rose Morrison explained that nominations could be taken from the floor if anyone wanted to stand for either of the positions. No one was nominated from the floor.

Rose Morrison explained that if anyone felt that they could fill either of these posts then they can approach the committee at anytime.

**Election of A Team Manager:** 1 Nomination from Robert Ivings, there were no objections or other nominations from the floor.

## **11 Any Other Business -**

A member from the floor wanted to thank Richard Ivings for his hard work of the Devon County Bowling Association website as they felt it was very up to date and informative to use. Richard Ivings thanked them for their comments.

Rose Morrison then asked if there was any other business or anything else anybody wanted to add.

There were no other business that anybody wanted to add so rose Morrison went on to add that the competitions secretary would go on and present the trophies from the county games and that there would then be a committee meeting to arrange the date of the next annual general meeting.

Rose thanked everyone and declared the meeting Closed at 5.21P.M.

The presentation of the trophies followed after the meeting.

Good afternoon everyone, thank you all for coming to our county AGM.

This past year has not been without its difficulties, the committee acknowledges that it made mistakes in not setting out the rules for the new format of the new national county qualifier competitions that the committee had introduced to give Devon more national places., we have now got rules set out and going forward have learned from our mistakes, we realise that this has been a problem for some of the Devons bowlers but we hope that as a county we can move on from this, and make sure that any changes the county make going forward that we cover every aspect that goes with those changes.

As a committee we are all volunteers who give up our time for the good of our sport, are intentions are good even if sometimes we don't always get thing right.

Last week I was privileged to be watching the under 18's at Tamworth in the nationals,the standard was excellent, I was proud to watch four of the Devon players taking part, they were a credit to our county, well done to them, they are our bowls of the future.

Good luck to all the Devon bowlers going to the nationals next week at Melton Mowbray

As a county I fell we need to encourage all ages to get involved within our sport, many clubs are ageing and leagues are disappearing, our club bowls are the grass roots of our game so we need as a county think of ways in which we can encourage new blood into our sport maybe by working with schools or other groups to try to get new interest

May I finish by thanking the Committee for their support over the last twelve months. And asking any one who thinks that they could make a difference to the bowls in Devon please step up and join our committee.

May I also take this opportunity in thanking Irene Smith for the sterling work that she has done for Devon County bowls committee over the past twenty years, she deserves a happy retirement from the committee.

Thank you.

Please accept my apologies for not being with you today but as many of you know I have been out of action for the last few weeks and will not be standing for re-election.

The Committee have held 6 meetings since August 2016 and the year has been more or less in line with previous years, there have been ups and downs and the Committee have dealt with any issues that have arisen as they thought fit. The Committee give their time willingly and work very hard in the best interests of all the members.

Registration has remained fairly stable, there are 104 Clubs and approximately 2,000 members including 21 under-18's. There are several Clubs around the County that do not have registered players and I would ask that if you meet them in friendlies or Charity Competitions that you encourage them to affiliate to the County and register their players.

I would like to thank all Club Secretaries for their support over the years. I have got to know a lot of you but there are still people that I have never met but I have enjoyed the contact through e-mails. I hope that whoever takes over as County Secretary will have the same amount of support that I have always received. I will of course give any help that I can to the new County Secretary.

Finally I would like to thank the rest of the Committee who have always given me their full support, particularly in the last few weeks.

Best wishes to everyone.

Irene

Devon County Short Mat Bowling Association  
Year ended 31 December 2016  
Income and Expenditure Account

	£	£		£	£
<b>Income</b>			<b>Expenditure</b>		
Administration			Administration		
Subscriptions	6,023		ESMBA registration		5,910
DCSMBA					
ESMBA	<u>5,910</u>				
		11,933	Telephone	100	
New clubs		40	Computer usage	317	
Bank interest		29	Postage	72	
			Stationery	46	
			Photocopying	43	
			Sundry	109	
			Travel	<u>167</u>	
					854
			Insurance	1,753	
			Accountancy	<u>138</u>	
					1,891
Merchandise Sales		221	Merchandise Opening stock	561	
			Purchases	-	
			Less closing stock	<u>- 289</u>	
					272
Carried forward		<u>12,223</u>	Carried forward		<u>8,927</u>



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Year ended 31 December 2016  
Income and Expenditure Account

	£	£		£	£
<b>Brought forward</b>		12,223	<b>Brought forward</b>		8,927
County & national competitions			County & national competitions		
Entries			Entries ESMBA	764	
DCSMBA	3,828		Hall hire	2,565	
ESMBA	<u>764</u>		Trophies	589	
		4,592	Raffle expenses	204	
Raffle proceeds		751	Umpire expenses	390	
			Depreciation	389	
			Miscellaneous	<u>139</u>	
					5,040
Inter-county competition			Inter-county competition		
Match fees		385	Entries ESMBA	210	
			Hall hire	312	
Raffle proceeds		199	Catering	561	
			Travel	<u>1,130</u>	
			Umpires expenses	71	
			Raffle expenses	40	
			Stickers	44	
			Photo	<u>39</u>	
					2,407
<b>Carried forward</b>	<u>18,150</u>		<b>Carried forward</b>		<u>16,374</u>



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 Year ended 31 December 2016  
 Income and Expenditure Account

	£	£	£	£
Brought forward		18,150	Brought forward	16,374
Miscellaneous				
			Surplus for the year	1,776
		<u>18,150</u>		<u>18,150</u>

Devon County Short Mat Bowling Association  
Year ended 31 December 2016  
Balance Sheet

	£	£		£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>			<b>ACCUMULATED FUND</b>	
Equipment			Balance brought forward	24,357
Brought forward	1,556			
Additions	-			
	<u>1,556</u>			
Less: Depreciation	- 389	1,167		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>			Excess of income over expenditure for the year	1,776
Stock in hand		289		
Santander current account	3,040			
Community account HSBC	12			
Business money manager HSBC	9,521			
Money Market fixed term deposit HSBC	<u>12,104</u>	24,677		
		<u>26,133</u>		<u>26,133</u>

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS AND ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2016**

**Accounting Policy**

Equipment is being depreciated on a reducing balance basis at 25% per annum.

In accordance with instructions given to us we have prepared without carrying out an audit the annexed financial statements from the accounting records of the Association and from information and explanations supplied to us.

Signed: *[Signature]*

**WHEELERS Chartered Accountants**  
6 Providence Court  
Pynes Hill  
Exeter  
EX2 5JL

Date: 15/3/17

It's been a tough season for the Premier team this year. We started our campaign against Cornwall with a confident 27-13 win and this was quickly followed with a resounding 31-9 away win against Dorset. 2 more wins followed and despite the team suffering two defeats we finished top of the table on shot difference.

Which meant we had a bye into the quarter finals where we faced last season's champions Norfolk. They had a strong start and quickly pulled away leaving Devon with too much to do and Norfolk eventually won 32-8.

In the ESMBA's rink competition Devon were defending champions and easily qualified for the final stages following wins against Cornwall and Somerset. In the final stages Devon qualified for the finals following wins against the West Midlands, Kent and Surrey. In the final they face Northamptonshire who had won the other group. Northamptonshire started strongly and by the half way stage led by 13 shots. Despite the team's efforts they were not able to drag those shots back. However, heart breaking it is to lose a final I was proud of the team's effort and the fight that they showed in tough times.

There will be trials day again in the off season. The exact date and format has not been formalised yet and won't be until the management team for the new season is formalised. However if new players are interested in playing for the County then please do fill in a Trials form, these can be picked up from me all can be downloaded on the Devon County website. Likewise if any players have any questions regarding playing for the county then please do come and speak to me.

I would like to thank the committee for all their support as well as Robert for his assistance. Finally and most importantly I would also like to thank every single player who has played in the Devon County squad this season. These players give up their free time and it's not always cheap to represent the County especially when we go away up country in the final stages, and I would like to emphasise my appreciation to them all.

This year the A Team again played in the rinks they went to Dorset to play against Somerset and herefordshire Devon won both games and qualified top place to go into the finals in Daventry. We played against Essex, Northants and Somerset we lost by 11 points overall so didn't make the final

The icc we only had 3 in our group again this year Somerset and Cornwall

We didn't have a very good season we won one draw one and lost 4 games which ment we finished 3<sup>rd</sup> in group and the committee decided we would not go to the consolation and withdrew.

I would like to thank the committee for all the help also I would like to thank my wife Audrey and, Richard the Premier team manager who organized the first 2 games on my behalf while I was in hospital

## **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](mailto:tcsc-rose@hotmail.com)

Tel: 01364 655614

**To arrive not later than 11<sup>th</sup> March 2018.**

We wish to nominate .....

For the position of .....

Name of nominee ..... Signed .....

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Seconded by ..... Signed .....

Please make copies of this form if required.

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