

CHAIRMENS REPORT

I would like to start with an apology for not holding quarterly meetings last year, but as you can see from the attendance tonight it would only be the same people attending and there is not much interest around the County in what the KTBA are trying to do with the lack of support they are getting from the BTBA.

I would like to welcome, by invitation, the BTBA South Regional Officer Matt Smith to our AGM this evening, even though apparently he has been in discussion with Jo Cundy the BTBA legal officer about closing the County down because of our lack of quarterly meetings.

I have written to Jo Cundy 2/3 occasions trying to get the 14 junior bowlers who did the junior only trials last year, their £2.00 btba sanction fee refunded as there were no tournaments arranged for them last year, with no luck as yet.

We did not hold or arrange any tournaments apart from the county trials in 2022 as covid was still a problem and there seemed to be little interest in the County for putting anything on. we will try to organise ourselves better this year. as there is only 1

sanctioned freefall centre in the county our options are limited.

We also have 2 letters from the new team England head coach Steve Thornton if anyone needs a copy please let me know and also a letter from Stuart Watson on a new under 22's tournament later this year, again see me for more info.

I would now begin to have a roll call of those present and ask for the minutes of our last meeting to be proposed and seconded.

We don't have an official treasurer at the moment, but as of yesterday we had £2750.00 in the ktba account, of which approximately £1000.00 will have to be paid to Buggy's for letting us use their bowl to run the trials. With 3 bowlers still to pay. On top of that we need approximately £200.00 a team for registration in the county ICC events later this year so we need to find ways to boost County funds.

Seniors Report

Both Senior County teams made it through the qualifying round at Romford to the finals in Guildford in October 2022. The ladies had a very up and down weekend winning only 1 game against some good senior teams but overall finishing in a disappointing 8th

place. The team was, (Capt) Jan hodge, Denise Dyke, Janet Rankin, Tina Gibbins and Elaine Martin.

The Mens team started day 1 with 3 wins from 5 games but were leading with good pinfall at Saturdays close of play. Game day on Sunday started with a heavy defeat by Lancashire but then rallied to win their last 5 games from losing positions in the ninth frame in 3 of them and retain the trophy they won pre covid. an inspired decision by team manager Joe Cooper putting Keith Hodge lead off kept the team together and proved for the second time in a row we are the best scratch county team. Steve Williams hit a fine 264 in the final game for us to win by 17 pins. The team was Keith Hodge, Sean Purcell, Chris Skudder(Capt), Steve Williams, Clive Mitchell, Simon Carter and John Hinch. Thanks to Elaine Hinch for her scoring and support over the weekend.

Chris T, Richard and Dee reports

election of officers.

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