



## **KTBA Meeting**

**Thursday 15 February 2024**

**The Monument Public House, Whitstable, Kent CT5 1PH**

### **Minutes**

Meeting Opened: 19.22

#### **1. Roll Call.**

Present: Chris Skudder, Dee Dyke, Joe Cooper, Gill McMillan, Chris Taaffe.

Apologies: Richard Lambkin, Joanne Lambkin, Janet Rankin, Robert Abbott.

#### **2. Chair Address.**

Since last year's AGM, no new members have come forward to sign up for a committee job. The tournament we had were the County Team events in June at Stroud for the Seniors and in September at Dunstable for the Adults qualifying rounds and the finals. We also had the annual County Team event held at Dunstable in which we were able to play two teams and an Under 22's even in August, also held at Dunstable.

#### **3. Reading of Minutes and action thereon:**

Proposed by: Gill McMillan

Seconded by: Chris Taaffe

#### **4. Reports of Committees:**

##### **Vice Chair Report:**

No very little to report I am afraid but we have plans for a combined Area Championships / Open Tournament at some point this year.

##### **Secretaries:**

Nothing to report

##### **Treasurer:**

Outstanding balance for the year is £1076.98 as of December 2023.

#### **5. Senior County Teams:**

After the trials we had the qualifying round for the seniors which passed us by and neither team made the finals. All the scores are on the Website.



## 6. Junior Counties:

Nothing to report

## 7. Adult Counties

The adult qualifying round held at Dunstable last September proved very successful for our male team who did enough to make the finals at Acocks Green in November 2023. I was not able to make the finals because of a holiday, written report below. I have been told that it was a tricky pattern and they were certainly up against some very good opposing teams. The scores from this are on the website. I did ask someone who was going to take some photographs and game by game information but this did not materialise.

### **Kent ICC Final, Acocks Green**

A rejuvenated Kent squad travelled to Acocks Green to compete in the BTBA Intercounties Finals 2023, the first time our county has qualified for the finals in 15 years, consisting of: Lathen Palmer, Nathan Smith, Stuart Turpin, Kevin Franks, Jack Welch, myself and James McMinn with Clint Miller, a part of our qualifying team, being unavailable for the tournament for the knockout stage.

The first day of the two-day tournament finished with Kent placing 5th out of the 10 competing counties this year, playing two two-game blocks, on a relatively-low volume pattern for the five-man team competition and forcing fast adjustments in which the team was triumphant against, with Lathen and James cementing spots respectively in the Top 20 single averages of the tournament by the end of the day. The first two games taught us that we would be moving our feet and target every few frames, adding emphasis to the concise communication between teammates and manager. This also ensured each team member was able to adjust correctly and substitutes able to quickly find their shot once selected - important due to the lack of warm-up lanes at the smaller centre. A far from nominal success in my eyes, as we concluded the day celebrating at the banquet at a local hotel in Birmingham.

Day 2 saw early success again, with Kent placing 4th after game 5, however, increasing testing conditions including an unplanned change to the timing of the three-game block causing additional frustrations for both manager and players, Kent began to lose their early lead as matches against rival teams in the closing stages, finishing the tournament in 6th place.

A personal mention to Lathen who continued to remain in the Top 20 averages by the end of the tournament. Despite the melancholy conclusion, each member of the team deserves to hold their head up high for representing us and being the bowlers who I believe have awoken Kent as a giant on the national stage.

I speak now as one member of this team who is hungry for future successes in the Adult team and I know I am not alone; with each bowler in this team as passionate to see Kentish glory again, all team member aim to re-trial in 2024 and see our Kentish side make the finals again and earn national silverware.



Robert Abbott

**8. A.O.B:**

- Kent County Trials this year will be held at Buggy's at a cost of £5.70 a game.
- I think we should have a least 1 other event this year to try and boost County funds, which could be a Diamonds 4's. This could be held at Rochester or Cliftonville, Chris Skudder to send over copy a tournament entry form.
- Chris Skudder to contact John Denne to close the old Face Book page down.
- Gill was pleased to announce that Cliftonville YBC competed at the Junior South of England Tournament, where they took 15 bowlers and came away with 17 medals, Congratulations.
- Cliftonville YBC will also be taking part in the Tournament at Rochester on 03 March 2024.
- Gill McMillan and Chris Taaffe were re-elected to the committee proposed by Dee Dyke, seconded by Chris Skudder.

**9. Date of next meeting.**

Thursday 15 May 2024 at 19.30

**Meeting Closed:**

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