

North Yorkshire Short Mat bowling association
Minutes of 35th AGM
May 15th 2026 7 p.m.

1. Attendees

Joseph Newsome (Chairman) Rod Dawson (Vice Chairman and “Tornados” Captain)
Anna Naughton (Secretary) Roger Green (Treasurer) Robert Mumford (Competition
Secretary) Pat Jones (Terriers Captain) Chris Prendergast (Tigers Captain) Jill Newsome
(Safeguarding officer)

Club Members

Church Fenton – David Herbert.
Cross Gates – Mike Carter, Jane Rudd.
Easingwold – Arthur Jackson, Gill & Freddie Allnutt, Judith Fearn, Keith & Joyce Hughes.
Hambleton – Heather Robertson.
Great Ouseburn – Caroline Harris.
Selby – Geoff & C Walton.
Willberfoss – Sue & Ken Douthwaite.
Wolds – Peter Arthur.

REPRESENTATION

8 Clubs represented plus 7 members of Management Committee = 15 votes

2. One Minute Silence

All members stood to remember our members who have passed away this last year.

Apologies: -

David Randon (Management Committee)
Joan Chappell - Snaith & East Cowick

4. Minutes of 34th AGM

The minutes of the previous meeting were proposed as a true record by Peter Arthur and
seconded by Caroline Harris.
All agreed.
Signed by the Chairman: J. G. Newsome.

5. Matters arising.

Caroline Harris has returned the audited accounts as correct.

6. Annual Officers reports

The Officers’ Reports had been published in advance together with the documentation
for the AGM.
There were no questions from the floor.

7. Treasurers report

It was noted that the savings account had been incorrectly recorded as an ISA account.
This error has now been identified and fully remedied.

Members were asked to consider the Treasurer's recommendations regarding an increase in fees.

Several matters were considered, including: -

The rise in costs charged by the Galtres Centre, the County's home venue

The County's profit margin of £12 for the year

The ESMBA fee increases

The impact of these factors on the County's overall funds

David Herbert (Church Fenton) proposed that NYSMBA membership be increased by **£1.00 per member to £8.50 per member.**

Seconded. Mike Carter (Crossgates).

For the proposal-12

Against-0

Abstention- 3

Registration query-

A question was raised by Heather Robertson regarding member registration:

“Should all clubs register all members every year?”

The meeting was advised in the affirmative.

The Treasurer recommended that the County consider continuing with the annual gift of £100 to the Air Ambulance.

Proposed-- S Douthwaite

Seconded--P Arthur

Members voted unanimously

Election of officers

A proposal to take the election of Officers who were willing to stand” on bloc” was put forward

Proposed – P Arthur

Second M Carter

Passed

8. PROPOSALS_ -Arthur Jackson

(Published to all members with documentation for the AGM.)

All proposals were read by the Chair to members: -

Proposal (1)

Refund Policy

All refund decisions be consistently applied, and

All such decisions be fully recorded in the minutes for transparency"

The matter was discussed in full.

The floor was advised of information regarding the ESMBA refund policy, noting that refunds are not normally issued.

They were also advised that all decisions are minuted for transparency.

S. Douthwaite proposed that the line regarding minuting be deleted for members to vote on the proposal.

Mr Jackson agreed to this amendment.

Vote taken

For 1

3 against

11 abstentions .

Proposal Defeated.

Proposal 2

"That the £10 per-mat, per-day charge for use of the Association's Short Mat equipment be removed."

The charge is applied to all events except the Ladies v Gents organised by Jill Newsome, as the event is for charity, supported by members.

A.J. gave the meeting an account of the background to his proposal.

He also confirmed that accounts for his "Norfolk" match were not published.

Clarification was requested regarding whether the event had been "open" to all members.

It was explained that attendance had been arranged by word-of-mouth invitation, which therefore did not constitute open availability to all members.

Following this, the Chair called for a vote.

Those in favour of proposal- None

Against 11

Abstention- 4

Proposal defeated

The efficiency of proceeding was maintained when the Secretary intervened on 2 occasions to close discussion that had moved outside the scope of the AGM. Acting impartially the matters were ruled out of context so that the meeting could continue efficiently with the published agenda.

Proposal 3 Peter Arthur

A proposal was submitted that the N.Y.S.M.B.A adopt the following rule change for presentation at the N.E.S.M.B.A AGM:

That the current rule regarding missing players in Division 2 be suspended for one year and replaced with an experimental rule limited to Division 2. Under this rule, if a team begins a match short of players, the affected discipline shall be the Fours. When the short-handed Fours, team is due to play, they may draw a player from the Triples or Pairs who are sitting out. The substitute must not be the Skip of the Triples or Pairs and must not have practice time on the Fours mat during the pre-match roll-up.

The proposed change would remove the requirement for the Lead and Second in the Fours to bowl three woods and would end the discounting of shots at the end of the game.

The rule would operate for one year, after which it would be reviewed.

A discussion took place regarding the merits and difficulties of the proposal.

Outcome of Proposal

As no seconder came forward to support the motion and enable it to proceed to a vote, the proposal was not permitted to move forward.

9. Open Forum

a) . P Arthur raised the issue that there was a need for a second Vacuum battery.

Discussion- to be investigated

b) . R. Dawson highlighted the ongoing cost of mats to the County and the likelihood that they may need to be replaced at a future date. He emphasised the importance of maintaining sufficient funds to meet this requirement when it arises.

Peter Arthur suggested a “rolling mat” replacement system – to be considered.

c) The Chair advised members that Lincolnshire are hoping to become members of the ESMBA next year.

It was noted that the Management Committee will discuss how best to facilitate this development.

d) Roger Green had asked Caroline Harris to continue as auditor and she had agreed.

e) Roger Green was retiring after 25 years as Webmaster, and he asked that Peter Arthur be appointed as his replacement - agreed by members

f) Sue Douthwaite thanked the Management committee for their work this past year.

Meeting ended at 8.30 p.m.