

North Yorkshire Short Mat Bowling Association

Minutes of the 44th ManCom meeting

Sept 6th 2022 at 6.30pm (Chez PJ - Harrogate)

Attended by: Joseph Newsome, Jill Newsome, Pat Jones, Robert Mumford,
Arthur Jackson, David Randon, Roger Green, Rod Dawson

1. **APOLOGIES** – None – all committee members were present.
2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS (Apr 5)** – There were no corrections requested so the minutes were signed by the Chairman as being an accurate reflection of the subjects discussed.
3. **ANY MATTERS ARISING**
 - **Facebook:** The Chairman was tasked with the setting up of a NYSMBA page for committee approval. **ACTION JGN**
 - **Members gender:** Currently we ask all members to specify M or F when they register. The introduction of another category of PNTS (prefer not to say) was discussed. However the question was also asked why we (and the ESMBA) need to know gender at all. Is it not irrelevant and this is to be queried. **ACTION RG**
 - **Equipment:** All fenders/blocks had been re-painted (in conjunction with ESMBC) and AJ had refreshed some of the tapes on the blue mats. It was agreed to purchase 8 new jacks and then pass the old jacks to PJ/RM for re-furbing via their club contact. **ACTION RG**
 - **Dress code:** Our dress code had been modified at our AGM and so had the NESMBA code at theirs. Black below the waist is now permitted but team members do not have to all be the same.
 - **Division 2 winners:** RD to consult his players as to whether or not they would like to receive a medal/cup paid for out of the £100 prize. If there is no agreement, the money would be paid into NYSMBA funds as a donation. **ACTION RD**
 - **Safeguarding Awareness day:** JiN had circulated details of her planned Safeguarding Workshop (Sept 26th) to all clubs but had been very disappointed with the take-up. She felt that it was probable that it was still considered in most clubs as an issue about Juniors but it was much more than this and she was hoping to bring this home via the workshop. She suggested that all committee members should consider attending. **ACTION JIN**
4. **FINANCES**
 - **Current situation:** With expenditure of £551 and income of £18 our balance now stood at £6598.
 - **Bank A/C:** The process of switching from the HSBC to Lloyds was underway and should be completed in around 6 weeks. **ACTION RG**
 - **Galtres Hall charges:** When RG checked through the initial invoice he had found several booking errors on it resulting in an overcharge of over £200. The corrected invoice was for £3731. This was substantially higher than last year due to a £2 per hour increase in hall charges, a change in the peak hour times from 1300 to 1400 hours and the inclusion of the kitchen hire of £18.50.
5. **MEMBERSHIP**
 - **Current situation:** Last years membership was 662 and renewal invitations would be sent out shortly to all clubs with their current listings for updating. St. Cuthberts had decided very recently to fold up due to a reduction in members. This was very sad as they were the

oldest club in the Association and as Ampleforth BC had been one of the NYSMBA 6 founding clubs in 1991. Their mats had been given to Welburn SMBC.

- **BLC application:** Bridlington Leisure Centre, currently registered with Humberside SMBA, had now applied to join us. Although they are situated just outside our county borders (in East Yorkshire) it was agreed to accept them, provided they had a constitution and had, as required by the ESMBA, checked with HSMBA that there were no objections to the transfer.

6. ESMBA

- **AGM:** RG/RD had attended in Leamington Spa and their written report had been circulated. The official minutes had also been posted on our website. A Safeguarding presentation by Lynn Dean was well received and a copy of the PowerPoint presentation slides was accessible on their website. RG will provide a link from our own Safeguarding web page. **ACTION RG**
- **Effective registration date:** A change had been approved which meant that any New or Re-joining club members will only be effectively registered as ESMBA members, and therefore covered by the PA scheme from the date that their details are received by our Membership Secretary. Current members who renew will however be covered seamlessly from September 1st. DR to amend covering registration letter. **ACTION DR**
- **Rule Books:** The ESMBA will no longer make Rule Books available FOC but they are available to purchase for £3.99 from 3 suppliers (see website). Associations who buy 50+ copies will only be charged £2.99. However, RG has a small stock of the old issue (2014) which are free to anyone requesting them.

7. NESMBA

- **AGM:** PJ/RM had attended (Zoom) and had reported back. The official minutes had been posted on our website.
- **Championship Rule 5:** A change to this rule had been passed limiting entry into the NESMBA annual Championships to county team players only. We had voted against this, but it had been passed by 13-6. There was much discussion about the implications, but all agreed it was an unfair and discriminatory rule and against the prime objective of the NESMBA constitution. It was finally unanimously agreed to seek support for an EGM to remove this restriction and the wording of a new proposal and covering letter was agreed, to be sent out to all NESMBA members immediately. RM asked that all clubs also be informed of this restriction and of the action we are taking to try and reverse it. **ACTION RG**

8. COMPETITIONS

- **Current situation:** RM's computer system has been modified ready for the new season.
- **Entry forms & closing date:** Closing date for all CCs will be October 23rd. Entry forms are already on the website's County Championship page and will be circulated to all clubs along with the poster showing the dates. **ACTION RG**
- It was noted that the Triples and U18s had been scheduled on the same date (Dec10). The U18 date would be reviewed once we knew how many Juniors we would have.
- **Trophies:** RM would purchase from his usual supplier. **ACTION RM**
- **Umpires:** JGN agreed to engage umpires for all competitions. **ACTION JGN**
- **Ladies/Gents match - Sep 17th:** JiN had had a great response to this match and there will be 80 players from across the North taking part on 11 mats. She would circulate a schedule showing that everyone would play in all 4 sessions. JGN would captain the Gents and JiN the Ladies – teams to be displayed on the day. Shorts would be allowed. Paul Johnson was available to help put out the mats, chairs etc on Friday evening and AJ, RG, and RD also agreed to help. Access will be after 8pm.

- **Refreshments & raffles:** PJ agreed to run raffles on all days except the Singles. No refreshments would be provided so long as the Galtres would allow eating in the hall. AJ to check and cancel the kitchen bookings if OK. ACTION AJ
(See update at end of minutes)

9. COUNTY TEAMS

- **Current situation – available players:** The player pools for last season for each team were reviewed. Although there were now 99 names in total, it was known that 5 had dropped out and another 4 were highly doubtful. 10 were players who did not play last season so their availability was unknown. This left the Tigers with 26, the Terriers with 22 and the Tornados with 32. It was suggested that some potential Tornados be transferred to the Terriers pool but nothing positive was agreed. The changes that had been made to the starred player rule at the NESMBA AGM meant that there could be no swapping of players between the Terriers and Tornados once they had played so players to make-up any shortfall in the Terriers would probably have to be sought from the Tigers pool.
- **Starred players:** Prior to the first game of the season (Sep 25) the NESMBA League Sec. has to be given the names of 12 Terriers and 12 Tornados who will be locked into these teams for the season. PJ nominated 12 Terriers and RD will notify his 12 shortly. ACTION RD
- **Centenarians:** RG will order trophies for those players reaching their 100th match. ACTION RG
- **Team warm-up day – Sep 18th:** The team captains had not got together to plan a combined format so each would “do their own thing” on 4 mats. These would be in place having been used the previous day for the Northern Select match.
- **Refreshments & raffles:** No raffles would be held, and no refreshments would be provided so long as the Galtres would allow eating in the hall. AJ to check and cancel the kitchen bookings if OK. ACTION AJ
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- **Feb 26th:** It was noted 2 matches had been arranged for this date but this clashed with the National O55 Pairs Final. AJ to see if they could be moved. ACTION AJ

10 SAFEGUARDING

- JiN will review our current Policy to see if any changes are necessary. She re-iterated the need for all clubs to ensure that all their members have read and agreed to abide by our Code of Conduct. ACTION JIN

11 WEBSITE: RG outlined the relatively minor changes he had made to the website.

- The Home page now had room for 10 posts (rather than 5)
- A new Safeguarding page had been set up
- The KVL and VOY pages had been combined as the KYPTL page due to the amalgamation of these 2 leagues
- The entry forms/notes/standards for the Championships were now available on the County Championship page
- League contacts now appeared on the relevant leagues page
- The Constitution, Fees & Charges and Disciplinary procedure were on the About Us/Overview page
- The Videos links had been placed on the Noticeboard.

These changes mean that the **Forms/Notes** page, the **Videos** page and the **Policy Register** page had been deleted.

12 OTHER

- **Stickers/scorecards/strips:** AJ had already supplied the captains with enough scorecards for the season. RG passed out the remaining stock of bowls stickers and would order some more. Captains were reminded we no longer had a stock of county strips and it was up to their team members to purchase these direct from ZapKam (link on website) ACTION RG
- **Committee vacancies:** RG and AJ both reminded the meeting that they would be standing down at the end of the season. AJ had a willing replacement in mind. RG said his last task as Secretary would be the minutes of the 2023 AGM. If a replacement was not found he would have no option but to hand over the “reins” to the Chairman.
- **Next meetings:** Jan 31 had already been agreed and April 4 was added as the pre AGM meeting.
- **Club Constitutions:** When considering the BLC application, the ESMBA had advised that they do not condone the acceptance of any club without a constitution, and they advised us once again to make this a condition of membership with a requirement to furnish us with a copy. It was agreed to propose such an amendment at the AGM next year. BB had supplied us with a draft template he had set up for Dorset clubs. He expected this to be ratified by the ESMA committee. He suggested we could send to any club who are revising or setting up their current constitution.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked PJ for hosting the evening and declared the meeting closed at 1020hrs.

Update - Refreshments at IC matches and competitions

Subsequent notification was received from the Galtres Centre that the consumption of food/drink would no longer be allowed in the sports hall. Therefore, the Kitchen/Green room will be booked, and it is intended that tea/coffee/biscuits be provided as in the past.

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RBG Sec.