

# North Yorkshire Short Mat Bowling Association

## Minutes of the 46th ManCom meeting

April 11<sup>th</sup> 2023 at 6.30pm (Chez DR - Wheldrake)

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### Attended by:

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

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1. **APOLOGIES** – None - all 8 committee members were present.
2. **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING (Jan 31, 2023)** - There were no corrections requested so the minutes were signed by the Chairman as being an accurate and full reflection of the subjects discussed.
3. **ANY MATTERS ARISING**
  - **Secretary post** – Nobody was aware of anyone likely to come forward to replace RG after the AGM. The vacancy had been publicised to all clubs and some personal approaches had been made but to no avail. Discussion followed on how to handle this situation, but it was still hoped that there would be a nomination at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour.
  - **Galtres hot water charges** – The expected savings of £150 had not materialised as the charge had been doubled since AJ had negotiated the original charge per cup.
  - **Constitution change** – A proposal to make it a requirement for clubs to lodge a copy of their constitution with the Association, had been drawn up and agreed. This was based on a recommendation from the ESMBA. After discussion it was decided not to submit this to the AGM unless it became a directive rather than just a recommendation.
4. **FINANCES**
  - **EOY situation** – The accounts had been checked by PW and circulated to ManCom. The years business had resulted in a deficit of £348 leaving a balance of £6783. Thanks were expressed to PJ for organising the raffles at 5 of the Championships and the Little Cup. There was talk of the large amount given to charity and the reasons behind this. Whilst it was agreed that the causes supported had been worthy, in view of our slowly diminishing balance it was felt that next season we should put our own “profitability” first before we considered making any more large donations. As Treasurer, RG said he would feel happier if our balance was to slowly increase, rather than decrease year on year. However the balance remained healthy providing no large expenditure items came along.
  - **Fees & charges 2023-24** – An increase in the county team playing fee (of 0.50p to £3.50 per match) was discussed with a view to reversing the collective team deficit of £187 shown this year. It was agreed that although

our general objective should continue to be to run all our activities at a surplus, an increase to the team fee should wait for another year and then be considered again.

## 5. MEMBERSHIP

- **EOY situation** – DR's report tabulated all the pertinent figures which showed that whilst we had a net loss of 2 clubs our registered membership remained static.
- **New member application form** – DR agreed to checkout the form to see if it could be improved.

## 6. ESMBA

- **Nationals 2023** – Reports on all the Finals had been posted on the website (with some results also on FB). The highlight had been the Triples which had been won by 3 of our qualifiers. Congratulations were offered all round to the North Bay team of Bronagh, Lee and Lawrence on their second win in this discipline. The coming weekend sees the last Final – the U18 Singles. Our 3 qualifiers will be accompanied by their parents together with Janet Clark, Jill Hall and JiN who run the junior sessions at North Duffield.
- **AGM – delegates (July 22)** – RD is going to attend accompanied by ANOTHER (?). Details of location, time and proposals have yet to be received.

## 7. NESMBA

- **3 new teams in the IC league** – AJ confirmed that Cheshire, Greater Manchester and West Yorkshire B had all applied to join and there had been talk of a possible 3 division split (4, 5, 5) to accommodate them should they be accepted. This was felt to be a retrograde step and 2 divisions of 7 teams was considered a far better option. AJ confirmed that having an extra 4 home games would not pose him any booking problems. However, JoN said there could be changes to this situation depending on what happens between now and the AGM. Copies of 2 proposals being put forward by Humberside had been circulated were generally supported. However, nothing official had been received from the NESMBA yet so our position on all these developments would have to be deferred for now.
- **AGM – delegates (June 4)** – AJ confirmed that this would be held on zoom so attendance would not be a problem.

## 8. COMPETITIONS

- **Current situation** – All completed with no problems.
- **Northern Ladies v Gents (Sep 16)** – JiN confirmed her intention of running this successful “pre-season” get together once again. She did not consider the fee to play of £5 charged this year to be unreasonable.
- **National entries 2023/24** – A suggestion that all CC entries should by default be National entries (to guarantee maximum Final entries) was not

thought to be a good idea for several reasons. RM said it would once again be up to those entering to indicate via the tick box on the CC entry form that they would like to be considered as a Nationals entry.

## 9. COUNTY TEAMS

- **EOY situation** – A list of last years squad is posted on the website (under “Team Selection” showing that 90 people had been selected during the year (33 Tornados, 25 Terriers and 32 Tigers). Of the 28 matches played only one had been under strength (Tigers v Derbyshire).
- **Raffles** – From a financial point of view, RG would like to see these resurrected for county home games to reverse the deficit incurred this year. The matter was discussed fully but it was finally decided that raffles would not be held next season. The situation would be reviewed again next year, in the light of our finances at that time.
- **Warm-up day (Sep 17)** – The format for this day would be decided jointly by the 3 captains and should as far as possible be a “mix-up” of all those taking part rather than 3 groups of players doing their “own thing”. Captains should also actively encourage the players they have used this year, plus any other potential players to attend to improve on last years turnout of only 51 (Tornados 22, Tigers 13 and Terriers 16). The fee should be set to ensure the day does not run at a deficit.

## 10. SAFEGUARDING

- **Current situation** - No significant changes since last meeting. The 8<sup>th</sup> issue of the ESMBA/BDA “Safeguarding News” has recently been sent out to all clubs.

11. 2023-24 calendar – No changes since the last meeting except that the Scarborough pairs, (renamed the “Last Ditch Pairs”) now has a new “home” at the end of the season (Mar 24) rather than at New Year.

## 12. OTHER

- **Mat damage** – A small hole has been noted on one of our mats about halfway down near the block. It is not known what caused this or when it was damaged.
- **Water siphons** – It has been reported that one of our hot water flasks is not retaining its heat. RD offered to investigate, identify which one and purchase a replacement.
- **Next ManCom meetings** – Ideally the next one should be after the AGM but before the NESMBA and ESMBA AGMs, so that any proposals can be discussed and our voting position decided upon.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending, DR for hosting and closed the meeting at 9.20 pm. (RBG – April 13)