

North Yorkshire Short Mat Bowling Association

Minutes of the 55th ManCom meeting

August 21st, 2023, at 6.30pm (Chez RM - Knaresborough)

1 Attendees

- a) **Joseph Newsome** (Chairman), **Roger Green** (Treasurer),
- b) **Robert Mumford** (Competition Secretary), **Jill Newsome** (Safeguarding Officer),
- c) **Pat Jones** (Terriers Captain), **Rod Dawson** (V.C. & Tornados Captain)
Apologies for non-attendance received from:
- d) **David Randon** (Membership Secretary), **Chris Prendergast** (Tigers Captain)

2 Minutes of the 54th ManCom meeting (22/5/25)

- a) A correction was made to the total number of members registered with the ESMBA (s/b 671 not 617).
- b) The Chairman will make the alteration and sign the file copy as a true record once he has received the Minutes files from Judith.

3 Matters arising

- a) Item 11: Re-Joining the ESMBA ICC: RM had written to about 30 of our top players (based on CC results). He had received 19 replies showing positive interest. It will be decided at the next ManCom whether to go ahead or not as the ESMBA must be informed by EOY.

4 Secretary post

- a) Judith Fearn's resignation letter was read to the meeting. The Chairman had asked her to reconsider and carry on, but her mind was made up. He had therefore taken on the responsibility of primary county contact pending the recruitment of a replacement. All relevant parties had been informed JF is passing on to him any relevant NYSMBA info that she receives.
- b) Although clubs had already been informed of JF's resignation, he felt that the vacant post should be officially advertised to all clubs. This will be treated urgently.

5 Finances

- a) RG reported that our current balance was **£6820.10** of which **£5000** had now been moved to an Instant Access Savings a/c.
- b) Bank charges (introduced in January) are **£4.25** per month + 50p per cheque + 75p per £100 (cash). RG asked all officers who collected fees (membership, competitions, raffles and IC games) to encourage the use of BACS wherever possible as such transfers incur no charge.
- c) After discussion it was agreed that anyone making use of our equipment should be charged £10 per day per mat. This is the same as we are charged by Easingwold SMBC for use of their mats.

6 Membership

- a) The ESMBA affiliation fees for 2025/26 will rise to £5.50 - an increase of 50p. The NYSMBA fee remains at £2 so each member will now pay £7.50.
- b) A letter had been received from Brian Baker (ESMBA) pointing out that old ESMBA insurance scheme (via Sutton Winson) lapses at the end of August. Clubs should contact

insurance@esmba.co.uk to transfer to their new scheme. To join this a minimum of 8 members must now be registered.

7 Competitions

- a) RM has zeroised all his files ready for the new season. He will update the competition entry forms to show the entry date and to re-introduce the tick box to allow those that so choose to be considered as entrants to the Nationals. These will be sent out by email to all club contacts (latest list is on website) for distribution to their players. He will also pass them to the webmaster for displaying on our site.

8 County teams

- a) RD and PJ had written to their respective pool of players (as per last year's selection list) to check on availability for this year. RD had lost 4 but gained 2. PJ had lost 1. CP had informed the Chairman that he had "a good number".
- b) Warm up day was scheduled for Oct. 5th. RD will draft a suggested scenario for the day. This will probably be a morning session involving all players and an afternoon split into the 3 teams.
- c) Friendly (pre-season) versus West Yorkshire (away): This had failed to get off the ground and will be deferred as a possibility for next year.
- d) Refreshments: RG agreed to re-stock the Galtres box ready for the Battle of the Sexes (Sept 13) and warmup day (Oct 5). From then on it will be up to the home captains to keep this topped up.
- e) 100 IC Games awards: This year there are 7 players who could reach this milestone (see the historical record on the website under CAPS). It is down to captains to obtain the trophies, make the award and send a photo to the webmaster for the Gallery. In the past these had all been obtained from "Cameo Engraving" who held a copy of our logo on file for engraving. The exception was last year's award to Roger Ellis which PJ had obtained from a different supplier. A maximum price of £50 was agreed.
- f) Scorecards: CP had sorted out the stock of scorecards handed over by AJ at the AGM. There was enough to last 2 years and he would pass some on to RD and PJ at the BOTS competition (Sept 13).

9 Safeguarding

- a) JN has continued to attend (online) the monthly meetings with Lynn Dean to stay in touch with any developments.
- b) She confirmed that it will be a requirement for all clubs to have a nominated SO in place by 2026/27. Currently she is only aware of 7 of our clubs who have complied.
- c) She is looking at what training may be on offer together with cost.

10 Battle of the sexes (BOTS)

- a) JN has circulated a flier with details. The format will be fluid depending on how many attend. So far, she has 66 names (122 last year).
- b) Profits from the day will once again go to the YAA.

11 Diary

- a) Emails from Leslie Raven and Peter Arthur had both expressed concern that the YNL dates had not been included on the Diary web page but had been loaded on the YNL page. This had now been changed, and all dates now appeared on a single page that could be printed as a single A4 sheet. Discussion followed about whether it was better to have all dates shown in a single continuous timeline or as at present show IC matches, Competitions and

YNL dates as 3 distinct “chunks”. It was decided to leave the Diary page as it was for this year. Next year the new webmaster can present it how they see fit.

- b) It was confirmed that the Diary for 2026/27 would be put together by a subcommittee of Chairman, Secretary and Competition Secretary. RM agreed to take the lead in this and will think further about the various steps to be followed to achieve it. For the IC fixtures, the captains were asked to provide him with guidelines as to their ideal requirements for their fixture dates.

12 NESMBA

- a) JGN/JN reported back from the AGM that all proposals had failed apart from the Staffs proposal to change Rules 25 in the event of a tie at the end of the season.
- b) It was not known whether Bill Burn or ANOTHER would continue to update the NESMBA website with match results. The AGM minutes would as usual be loaded to our website once received from their secretary.
- c) The “lost” Div 2 winner’s trophy was “found” in our trophy cabinet and will be passed to JGN who will present it to last year’s winners.

13 ESMBA

- a) RM reported back from the AGM. He had been unsuccessful in persuading the meeting to sanction our old way of selecting our nationals’ entrants despite trying hard. He mentioned the new minimum club member level of 8 and the increase of 50p in the affiliation fee.
- b) An email from James Scoins (ESMBA) regarding the possibility of holding an invitation day at the New Earswick BC to go through some of the club benefits available from the BDA. The Chairman will write back requesting further details.
- c) The ESMBA dress code now requires black trousers although in NYSMBA and NESMBA competitions grey will still be allowed. **tbc– clarification awaited)**

14 Review of Policies - carried forward

15 Webmaster

- a) Pete Arthur had visited RG for a brief intro into the WordPress editor and the structure of files that supports the site. Nothing he saw has put him off and he remains happy to take this responsibility on for 2026/27 (assuming he is endorsed at the next AGM)
- b) Subsequently, he has agreed to take on the responsibility for updating the IC selection tables after each IC fixture **for the current season**. To enable this, captains should send him a copy of the match results sheets in addition to RG (who will do this in parallel).
- c) Also, RG will no longer compose any post-match report after every game. Should captains wish a match report to be posted for their games, they will need to compose these themselves (or delegate it to one of their players). Once composed, the text should be emailed to Peter who will post it as a “Latest News” item.

16 Umpires

- a) New Umpires: Chantal Ireland and Anna Naughton are now qualified umpires whilst Ian Ding is still to agree a date for his final practical test
- b) The ESMBA have agreed a new umpire uniform which must be used whenever performing duties for ESMBA competitions. For local NYSMBA or NESMBA competition old or new uniforms will be allowed.

17 AOB - None raised

The Chairman thanked RM for hosting and all members for bringing snacks and closed the meeting at 10.30pm

The next meeting will be on Tuesday November 18th (tbc)

RG 23 August

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