

Minutes of 51th ManCom Meeting

November 22nd, 2024

1. Attendees

Joseph Newsome(chair), Judith Fearn(ssecretary), Robert Mumford(competitions secretary), Roger Green(treasurer), Rod Dawson(vice chairman and team captain tornados), Pat Jones(terriers captain), Chris Prendergast(tigers captain) Jill Newsome (Safeguarding Officer)

2. Apologies

David Randon(membership secretary)

3. Minutes of 50th ManCom Meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters arising from last meeting.

- a) County Format. A few suggestions were put forward and discussed. The committee were adamant that the fours should remain as this is where the captains introduce and help develop new players. It was decided that initially 2 proposals would be sent for consideration at the NESMBA AGM. The first to introduce 2up/2down prior to each session rather than practice times and secondly to reverse the format of play. It was felt that these 2 proposals would help to retain county players. Further consideration of a different format of play would be considered subsequently. ACTION JF

- b) Complaint. A letter has been sent to the complainant and no further communication has been received.
 - c) Black Trousers. It was agreed that the transition period would come to an end next season and as so black trousers would be the dress code for all county matches for the 2025/2026 season ACTION RD PJ CP
5. Finance. RG reported that the current bank balance was healthy, however hall hire fees of £4000 were due imminently. RG forecast either a break even or small loss at the year end. RG informed the meeting that Lloyds bank is changing our account type to a community account which will incur a change of fees, unfortunately for the worse.
6. Membership. DR sent the following report: -
NYSMBA total club members registered =697 including 5 juniors and 38 dual members at 35 clubs.
ESMBA total members registered =657 (down 21 from 2023/2024).
This was accepted by the committee and DR was thanked. The committee also asked if David could see any trends in the figures or any areas of concern which require attention to retain players/encourage new players ACTION DR
7. Competitions. a) 2024/2025 County Championship and National Qualifiers. JF confirmed she had sent all clubs hard copies of application forms. RM is currently in the middle of all the competitions, and they are running smoothly. He notes that the nationals received very few entrants. Analysis of the usefulness of the mail shot has still to be done.

b) Preparation of a motion to change the ESMBA qualification rules for National competitions. this was difficult as the actual current rules are not succinct or easily found. However, a proposal has been written and will be sent with some qualifying notes to the ESMBA secretary in time for the next AGM.

ACTION JF

8. County teams. a) Update from team captains. RD reported he has had some difficulties finding team players due to a myriad of unforeseen circumstances but this has given opportunities for new players. PJ congratulated her players on their attitude and commitment to the team. CP reported that although his team were committed and professional the results weren't showing their determination. CP also reported that numerous rules had been infringed during one of his matches which he had brought to the attention of the opposing captain who dismissed them. The committee felt that NESMBA should be informed of these before they took hold.

b) Feedback from county warm up day. All captains reported that their teams had thoroughly enjoyed the county warm up day and they were in favour of the format.

c) Allegations of match fixing by NYSMBA. The committee were aghast when made aware of this by one of the team captains and agreed that no change in diary dates was appropriate. The committee asked the secretary to write to NESMBA secretary to inform him of a breach of the correct route of communication by one of their committee members

and to ask for clarity/investigation/apologies into the complaint.

ACTION JF

9. Safeguarding. JIN informed the meeting that a representative from Boroughbridge had completed the safeguarding training but was wondering if clubs could join forces with safeguarding officers or even consider a non-member to take on the role. ICE cards were being encouraged again but it was felt an intrusion of privacy for anyone other than appropriately trained personnel to be searching bags etc for such information.

 10. 2024/25 Diary. JF brought a suggestion for a diary committee, and this was discussed, and members to be invited to attend were clarified. A meeting will be arranged in the new year to begin the process
- ACTION JF
11. NESMBA. a) correspondence. Michael Shaw has indicated his intention to step down from the role of treasurer at the next AGM. Bill Burn will put his name forward to become treasurer but in doing so will leave the League Secretary post vacant. If anyone is interested, they should contact the NESMBA Secretary or NYSMBA Secretary for further information

 12. ESMBA nothing to report
 13. Review of policies. These will be brought back to the next meeting.

14.AOB a)CP informed the committee of a Tigers team members 90th birthday and requested a small contribution from NYSMBA to help celebrate. This was denied and it was suggested that any celebration of this momentous occasion should be organised by the Tigers team and not NYSMBA
ACTION CP

b) RD informed the meeting he would be away from 3/3/2025 for 6 weeks

15. Next meeting. To be held on Tuesday February 4th at 6.30pm. RD kindly agreed to host

