

Minutes of 53rd ManCom Meeting

March 27th, 2025

1. Attendees

Joseph Newsome(chair), Judith Fearn(ssecretary), Robert Mumford (competitions secretary), Pat Jones (terriers captain), Chris Prendergast (tigers captain) Jill Newsome(safeguarding officer) Roger Green (treasurer}

2. Apologies

Rod Dawson (vice-chair and captain of tornados) David Randon (membership secretary)

3. Minutes of 52nd ManCom Meeting were approved and signed by the Chair.

4. Matters arising from last meeting.

- a) County Format. The 2 proposals previously agreed by the committee have been submitted to NESMBA. We have received another proposal from a member regarding format of play. This was discussed and it was noted that this format had been tried before but failed. It was also felt that changing mats with current practise policies wasn't in the home team's advantage.
- b) Allegations of match fixing. JF sent a further letter detailing our disappointment with the responses

received and that we would continue to play bowls in a fair and appropriate manner. No reply has been received

c) County development. Chantal Ireland kindly attended the event day and sent the correspondence which has been circulated to ManCom members further steps will be considered

d) ESMBA motion. A further response had been received regarding our correspondence relating to national qualifiers asking if we would prefer our comments to be raised at a committee meeting instead of the AGM. It was decided that we would prefer for it to be discussed in the open forum at the AGM. ACTION JF

5. Finance. RG reported on the end of year accounts which will be published with the AGM papers. It was decided to email the competition entry forms as posting hard copies proved expensive and an increase in participants hadn't been noticeable. The secretary will email these out in future trying to impress on the club contacts to promote the events ACTION JF

The fees and allowance document will be presented at the AGM for ratification

RG brought to the attention of the committee that cost of scorecards. It was decided that the committee would take over the ordering and collect supplies currently in stock to distribute to the county captains.

RG has had a request for a refund for a player not participating in a recent county competition due to being on holiday. After some discussion this request was accepted. The

entry form for competitions will be altered next season to inform entrants that no refunds will be granted.

6. Membership. DR sent the following report: - final numbers are as follows

ESMBA members669(5 U18)

NYSMBA members ...713 at 35 clubs of which 39 members have dual membership.

7. Competitions. a) 2024/2025 County Competitions. a written report has been received for the AGM and will be circulated with the papers
8. County teams. a) Update from team captains. CP reported the Tigers were relegated by 1 point despite winning 1 game and drawing another whilst the team above were unable to secure a win. The Tigers are looking forward to next season and will be vying for promotion. PJ reported the Terriers were very disappointed not to achieve promotion as they won more matches than the champions but lost out as the league is decided by points alone. RD did not provide a written report.
9. Safeguarding. JiN reported that no issues had been reported since the last ManCom meeting but asked the question as to whether incidents were dealt with at club level or whether the age of our members were generally more resilient. JiN reiterated that all should remain vigilant and show a more robust approach to embedding good practice and adherence to the code of conduct which should be displayed at all events. JiN will contact clubs directly to promote codes of conduct. Following a Short Mat Matters Natter JiN requested

a change of wording on the website to reiterate that “all clubs will need to appoint a Safeguarding Officer by 2028. JiN also asked if the COVID information could be removed as it wasn’t necessary now. Safeguarding training is still outstanding but face to face group sessions can be arranged at a cost of £45/person which individual clubs will have to pay

ACTION JiN

10.2025/26 Diary. JF is led to believe the diary is complete, however, only the County Competition dates have been given to RM. The secretary was therefore tasked with contacting the diary coordinator to release the dates so planning can take place. The committee confirmed that from the AGM, diary management will be carried out by a subcommittee of ManCom members. This will be formulated at the next ManCom meeting following the AGM ACTION JF

11.NYSMBA AGM A draft AGM was considered and confirmed. RM requested that a discussion should take place about reforming an ICC team and it was agreed to put this on the agenda under AOB ACTION JF

12.NESMBA. JoN has been approached to help source mats for the regional finals at the end of January. NYSMBA agreed to lend their mats and JoN is in contact with Easingwold to request the lending their mats. Logistics of collection and return might be a problem as the Galtres hall is in constant use. ACTION JoN

13. ESMBA Attention was brought to the ESMBA's procurement of alternative improved insurance for clubs. It was decided to go with the new provider ACTION JF

ESMBA have issued a new dress code which includes the provision for wearing tailored shorts and any colour of garments as long as the whole team are dressed in the same colour

14. Review of policies. Defer to closed season ACTION JF

15. AOB a) RG requested the prize monies for the Little cup be decreased due to the competition running at a loss. Discussions took place and it was decided to increase the entry fee inline with the other competitions and leave the prize monies as before. ACTION RM

b) RG requested recognition of players reaching 250 county caps. This was agreed ACTION RG

c) RG informed the committee that there had been a problem with the website, but this had been fixed at a reasonable cost.

d) RM and PJ expressed their team's disappointment at having to move mats for one fixture as 2 County Teams were at home. They requested to always be on same mats in same place of the hall. This could prove difficult depending on the fixtures. this will be considered by the committee going forward.

e) CP requested that when more than one team were at home together that all teams helped with the refreshment as he had received complaints from some of his teammates that they seemed to be overrun with topping up and clearing.

ACTION RD CP PJ

f) CP again noted the noticeboards are well out of date and requested that they be updated with more recent

photographs. CP is willing to do the updating if he could be supplied with the photos. This was agreed ACTION CP

g) RG, wishing to decrease his workload, informed the committee that someone had shown interest in the web coordinators role. The committee encouraged this. In the same vein RG wished to decrease the diary entries to those of the County Fixtures only. After discussion the committee felt that including other events, as in previous years, was important as many members looked to the website for an overview. The committee requested RG to continue with the diary as in previous years ACTION RG

16. Next meeting. AGM 25th April 7pm at The Galtres Centre. The next ManCom meeting will be confirmed at the AGM

