

North Yorkshire Short Mat Bowling Association

Minutes of the 28th AGM

April 26th 2019 @ 7.00 pm - The Galtres Centre – Easingwold

ATTENDEES

MANCOM (MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE)

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| 1. <u>Chairman</u> | - Joseph Newsome (JoN) |
| 2. <u>Vice Chairman</u> | - Rose Haynes |
| 3. <u>Secretary</u> | - Roger Green (RG) |
| 4. <u>Membership Secretary</u> | - Jean Rhodes |
| 5. <u>Treasurer</u> | - vacant |
| 6. <u>Junior Coordinator</u> | - Jill Newsome (JiN) |
| 7. <u>Competition Secretary</u> | - Robert Mumford |
| 8. <u>County team captains</u> | - Francis Boatman, Arthur Jackson, Pat Jones |

CLUBS

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| 1. BSA | - Richard Good (RGo) |
| 2. Church Fenton | - David Herbert (DHe) |
| 3. Easingwold | - David Brown, Dave Hunton (DHu) |
| 4. East Cottingwith | - Steve Duffin |
| 5. Hambleton | - Alan Banthorpe |
| 6. Raskelf | - Dennis Jarvis |
| 7. Seaton Ross | - Colin Stevens |
| 8. Stewart | - Peter & Margaret Hawkett |
| 9. Wilberfoss | - Sue Douthwaite |
| 10. Wolds | - Peter Arthur, Jean Bridges |

JN welcomed the representatives from 10 clubs, who together with 3 colleagues and 9 officers made a total of 22 attendees. The meeting commenced with a one minute silence in memory of members who had passed away during the year.

1 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Of the 31 clubs unable to attend, the following 2 had offered their apologies

1. Stillington
2. Boroughbridge

2 - MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS (all are available to view on the NYSMBA website)

After a proposal from DHe, seconded by PA, the minutes of the last AGM (Apr 27th 2018) were approved (with 1 abstention) as a full and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman. The minutes of 3 subsequent ManCom meetings had already been ratified. The minutes of the last ManCom meeting (Apr 15th 2019) would be ratified at the next (date tba).

3 - ANY MATTERS ARISING

The **Substitution Policy** (for the Northern Championships at Barnard Castle) had been discussed at the last 2 ManCom meetings and had now been modified to only allow a single substitution in Singles, Pairs and Triples and a maximum of 2 in the Fours. This generated a short discussion regarding the conditions laid down in this policy and the reasons for the change. A suggestion was made from the floor that no substitutions should be allowed at all. However the Chairman confirmed that the modified policy would stand. RM was asked to consider whether an indicator tick box could be added to entry forms so anyone not interested in attending the Championships could indicate so “up front”. However qualifiers very rarely refused the opportunity to attend and if entrants knew they could not take up their place they should make this known to RM on the day of the County competition so their place could be offered to the next qualifier(s) in line.

4 - ANNUAL REPORTS from OFFICERS

All 9 reports, including the final checked accounts had been sent out to all club contacts on April 9th and had hopefully been given to the club representatives who were in attendance (although spares were provided where this was not the case).

The Chairman took the opportunity to add his congratulations to Rose Haynes for her continued inclusion in the England Ladies team and also to congratulate our 3 National semi-finalists. These were Francis Boatman (Singles), Lee Toleman & Lawrence Moffatt (Pairs) and Francis Boatman, Steve Duffin and Jayne Rudd (Triples). The Membership Secretary corrected a small error in her report (for “Stillington” read “Strensall” as one of the clubs who had left us). None of the other Officers made any verbal modifications to their reports and no one present raised any queries regarding the content of any report.

(Note: Subsequent to the meeting RG has adjusted the Assets Register to increase the value of our Stock by £135 to £456.75. This was due to a correction in the number/value of shirts being c/f into next year).

5 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS for 2019/20

A list of nominations together with proposers and seconders had been sent out to all clubs on April 9th. This showed that all 9 current incumbents had expressed their willingness to stand for a further year and the meeting unanimously endorsed the re-election of them all as follows.

Joseph Newsome (Chairman)

Roger Green (Secretary)

Jill Newsome (Junior Coordinator)

Francis Boatman (Premier team captain)

Pat Jones (B team captain)

Rose Haynes (Vice Chairman)

Jean Rhodes (Membership Secretary)

Robert Mumford (Competition Secretary)

Arthur Jackson (A team captain)

The position of Treasurer had remained vacant throughout the year and no volunteer had come forward for the year ahead. The Chairman reminded the meeting that all the functions of this “job” had been carried out in a “caretaker” capacity by the Secretary. He therefore proposed that RG now be elected officially to this post. This was seconded by DHe and passed unanimously. RG expressed the hope that a volunteer would emerge for 2020/21.

6 - APPOINTMENTS for 2019/20

(a) ACCOUNTS CHECKER: Paul Whitcombe (Great Ouseburn) had fulfilled this function for several years and was happy to continue, so was duly re-appointed.

(b) WEBMASTER: RG agreed to manage the website for a further year and was duly re-appointed. Now that the website had been re-developed on a more up to date platform he felt that it would be an easier task for someone to take over this function when he “retires”.

7 - REVIEW of “FEES & CHARGES”

RG had explained in the Treasurer’s Report the valid reasons why our bank balance had substantially reduced during the past year. ManCom had nevertheless reviewed several options for increasing income/reducing expenditure to guarantee no further reduction. This had resulted in an agreed committee proposal to increase NYSMBA subs by 50p and also to discontinue the 50p subsidy of the ESMBA registration fee introduced 2 years ago. This would result in an increase of £1 for all members to £6 per year (£4.50 – ESMBA and £1.50 NYSMBA). It was also proposed that all Junior members would be exempt (with their ESMBA registration fees paid on their behalf). All competition entries fees would remain unchanged at £5 and the NYSMBA would continue to pay the £5 entry fee for all those qualifying for Barnard Castle.

No objections were raised and the proposals were seconded by CS and passed unanimously.

8 - OOM (Order of Merit) 2019

This year a total of 66 players were featured on the OOM table (which is available to view on the website) although only 17 of these had earned 10 or more points. The trophies had now been enhanced with a new base engraved with all the winners from the last 13 years. The top 5 places for this season were announced as follows.

Ladies: J Rudd; J Newsome; B Toleman; R Haynes; L Tranmer
Men: F Boatman; S Duffin; L Toleman; D Newsome/L Moffat

Francis Boatman and Jane Rudd were both presented with the annual trophies by the Chairman plus a laminated certificate showing how they had amassed their scores.

9 - OPEN FORUM

- **2019 charity donation:** Although our balance had reduced it was agreed that we should still continue making an annual donation to an agreed charity. After a short discussion it was decided that this should once again be the YAA (Yorkshire Air Ambulance) with an amount of £200. Proposed PA and seconded by RGo.
- **Competition venues:** The unavailability of Swinton last year had led to our return to the Y&D IBC in York to hold our County Pairs and Triples Championships. Overall this had proved an expensive option (when compared with Swinton or Easingwold). The feedback received had been positive and for many who had played there in the Inter-League Cup days it was seen as “coming home”. The venue had been re-booked for next season. Several alternative venues were discussed including Scarborough,

Bridlington and Ryedale as well as using our home venue of Easingwold. Car parking, the cost and provision of teas/coffees, the catering facilities as well as the provision of mats were all factors that needed to be considered. The Chairman said that the views expressed would be taken on board and the pros and cons of the differing venues would be discussed at the next ManCom before a decision was finally made.

- **Rule Books:** This year there is an ESMBA RRM (Rules Revision Meeting) which may result in some changes. It is not known yet what the ESMBA arrangements will be for supplying all members with a new free copy or even if they will continue with this benefit. In the meantime RG supplied books (2014 issue) to all those present who had taken on new members during the season.
- **Over 55s:** RG was considering asking the ESMBA to consider expanding the competitions available for the “Over 55s” only. This is in the light of the fact that the Over55 Pairs had been a great success and also that a great majority (**93%**) of the ESMBA membership was in this age band. The idea had general support from those present so RG will ask for this to be discussed in the ESMBA Open Forum in July.
- **Publicity:** ESMBA plans to pursue TV coverage were on hold after the resignation of their Development Officer but this still remains an aspiration.
- **Distribution of documents:** A request was made that all documents sent out by email should be in PDF format and not as Word or Excel files. The latter cannot be read by all and can also be subject to modification by the recipient. PDF were more secure and the Secretary agreed that this format would be used in future.
- **New shirts:** Details of existing stock sizes and extra requirements are being coordinated by PJ with the intention of having an order delivered ready for next season.
- **Dress code:** There is a proposal for the RRM to allow black trousers. If passed this would initially be an option with grey still allowed (but all team members must be in one or the other).
- **Thanks:** Sue Douthwaite offered thanks on behalf of her club (Wilberfoss) for the work carried out by the committee, which is much appreciated.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.13.

This DRAFT copy has been approved by ManCom for general issue to clubs and posting on the NYSMBA website. The content will be ratified at the 2020 AGM.

Roger Green (Secretary)
May 2nd 2019