

North Yorkshire Short Mat Bowling Association

Minutes of the 31st AGM

April 28th 2022 (7pm)

ATTENDEES

MANCOM (MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE)

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| 1. <u>Chairman</u> | - Joseph Newsome |
| 2. <u>Secretary</u> | - Roger Green |
| 3. <u>Treasurer</u> | - Roger Green |
| 4. <u>Membership Secretary</u> | - David Randon |
| 5. <u>Competition Secretary</u> | - Robert Mumford |
| 6. <u>County team captains</u> | - Arthur Jackson, Pat Jones |

CLUBS

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| 1. Church Fenton | - D Herbert, A Herbert |
| 2. Crossgates | - M Carter |
| 3. Easingwold | - J Hughes |
| 4. Great Ouseburn | - R Haynes |
| 5. Hambleton | - H Robertson |
| 6. Raskelf | - D Jarvis |
| 7. Stewart | - P Sayer, M Moore |
| 8. Wilberfoss | - S Douthwaite, K Douthwaite |
| 9. Wolds | - P Arthur, J Bridges, C Prendergast, J Fearn |

There were representatives from 9 clubs, who together with 6 colleagues and 6 officers made a total of 21 in attendance. There would therefore be 14 votes available with the Chairman having a casting vote if required.

Prior to the meeting commencing, the Chairman asked all to stand for a period of silence in memory of all members who had passed away during the course of the last season.

1 - APOLOGIES

The Vice Chairman/C team captain (Rod Dawson) and the Junior Coordinator (Jill Newsome) had other commitments and had sent their apologies. Of the 30 clubs not in attendance, only Stillington (A Hope), Snaith (J Goodall) and Yoredale (C Ireland) had offered their apologies.

2 - MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

As usual, these had all been published on our website shortly after the date of each meeting and the Chairman hoped that they had all been read by those present. Acceptance of the minutes of last year's AGM (July 2021) was proposed by PA, seconded by DH and approved by all present. They were then signed by the Chairman as being a full and accurate record of the business conducted. The minutes of 3 subsequent ManCom meetings had already been ratified by ManCom.

3 - ANY MATTERS ARISING - No matters were raised from any of the meetings.

4 - ANNUAL REPORTS from OFFICERS - All Reports had been sent out to all club contacts on April 9. There were no modifications to any of these.

5 – FINANCE – The Treasurer’s Report and the Accounts (having already been checked by Paul Whitcombe) had been sent out to all club contacts on April 9. These were accepted without any queries being raised, after a proposal from MC was seconded by CP.

The Treasurer highlighted the charges now being levied monthly by the HSBC. These were a £5 per month fixed charge plus a £0.40p tariff for each cheque paid in and out. There were also charges for cash deposits. These would probably total over £100 in a full year. Direct payments of money (BACS) attracted no charges, and he urged all clubs to make use of on-line payments when submitting both their annual membership fees and also competition entry fees. Finally, he asked the meeting for formal authority to seek to transfer our account to another bank. A proposal to this effect was then put forward by SD, seconded by CP and unanimously passed. ManCom proposed that our usual annual donation of £100 should once again be made to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance Charity and they also asked for approval to make an additional donation of £100 to the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Both donations were seconded by PA and agreed by all present.

6 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS for 2022/23 A list of nominations together with proposers and seconders had been sent out to all clubs on April 9. This showed that all current incumbents had expressed their willingness to stand for a further year. RG briefly took the Chair and asked if there were any objections to the Chairmans nomination. There were none and JN resumed the chair. After a proposal from DH was seconded by JB, the meeting then unanimously agreed to the election of all 9 candidates,

Joseph Newsome (Chairman)

Roger Green (Secretary)

David Randon (Membership Secretary)

Robert Mumford (Competition Secretary)

Arthur Jackson (A team captain)

Rod Dawson (Vice Chairman)

Roger Green (Treasurer)

Jill Newsome (Junior Coordinator)

Rod Dawson (C team captain)

Pat Jones (B team captain)

RG re-iterated the statement he had made at the end of his Secretary’s Report that he would NOT be seeking re-election as Secretary at the 2023 AGM. There were several personal reasons for this, and he was serious in his intent. He would not be persuaded to carry on for “just one more year”. He urged all clubs to seek a replacement in advance of the 2023 AGM.

7 - APPOINTMENTS for 2022/23

(a) Accounts Checker: Paul Whitcombe (Great Ouseburn) had fulfilled this function for several years and was happy to continue.

(b) Webmaster: RG (Easingwold) was happy to carry on managing the website for a further year.

The re-appointment of both the above for next year was proposed by JH and seconded by DJ and agreed by all present.

8 – PROPOSALS

There were 4 proposals to be considered and full details with reasons had been circulated to all clubs on April 9. (Note that 2, 3 and 4 were ManCom proposals so voting was confined to the club reps only)

1. Dress Code modification – Proposed PA/seconded JB. Passed by a majority of 10-4
2. Change to Junior Coordinator job title – Proposed ManCom/seconded JB - unanimous
3. County team match fee - Proposed ManCom/seconded PA - unanimous
4. County Championships entry fee - Proposed ManCom/seconded MC – 1 abstention

(Note: Change 2 requires modification of the Constitution and changes 3 and 4 require the Policy Register document “Fees and Charges” to be modified. Updated versions of these will shortly be placed on the website.)

In answer to a question raised regarding proposal 1 (dress code), the Chairman suggested that the change from grey to black should be phased over 3 years. During this time a mixture of both grey and black should be allowed. This would however require approval by the leagues for club fixtures and by the NESMBA for the county team. RG to write to the latter regarding our decision.

9 - OPEN FORUM

Safeguarding Awareness Day: In her last circular sent to all clubs (20 February), Jill Newsome had publicised her intention to set up this forum available to all members prior to next season starting. The Chairman urged all clubs to show interest and to respond to Jill as “Safeguarding” responsibilities and practices are not fully understood by many. This will be an ideal opportunity to find out more. SD expressed her clubs thanks to Jill for all the help given over the past difficult years.

Website: RG will review the website content prior to next season and intends making several minor changes. The layout of the front (home) page will be altered to allow for the last 10 posts to show (rather than 5) and a “Safeguarding” page will be introduced along with some other changes to improve presentation. He would welcome feedback from anyone that uses the site for any improvements. All suggestions would be considered.

ESMBA and NESMBA AGMs: These will be on July 23 and July 3 respectively. AJ will take over as Chairman of the NESMBA for one year and PJ and RM will attend as our delegates. The meeting will be on Zoom. The ESMBA AGM will be attended by RG and RD – venue unknown yet. 9 proposals had been received and we will support all but one which is aimed at changing the registration deadline from November 30th to October 15th. ManCom feel this is unachievable. A recent decision has been made to move the NESMBA Championships from Barnard Castle to York. This was felt to be an excellent change and the Chairman explained the reasons behind the move. Because it is linked to the use of the mats that are brought up by the SMTP for their British Open competition, the date of the championships has been moved from its traditional end of season date to Jan 14/15. This required changes to the dates for our own Singles/Fours competition and the rearranging of 3 IC fixtures.

County warm up weekend: On Sept 17th Jill Newsome will be organising a “Northern Ladies v Northern Gents” match and the following day will be used as a get together for all existing and potential county team players. This will be jointly organised by the 3 team captains. Details of both days will be available later in the summer.

Raffles and refreshments: A question was raised regarding the holding of raffles and the provision of tea/coffee/biscuits on competition days and at home county games. At the moment the Galtres Centre is not allowing us to book either the “green room” or the kitchen but are still allowing food to be consumed in the sports hall. ManCom will make a final decision nearer the season. A request was made that if raffles are “resurrected” then the winning numbers are stuck to the prizes. Announcing the winners one at a time tends to be time consuming and can delay the days schedule.

Thanks: SD wished to thank all members of the committee for their work over the season and this was met with a round of applause from the meeting in general.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all present for making the effort to be present and closed the meeting at 8.30pm.

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