

# North Yorkshire Short Mat Bowling Association

Minutes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> AGM

April 28<sup>th</sup> 2023 (7pm)

## ATTENDEES

### MANCOM (MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE)

1. Chairman - Joseph Newsome (JGN)
2. Vice Chairman - Rod Dawson
3. Secretary - Roger Green
4. Treasurer - Roger Green
5. Safeguarding Officer - Jill Newsome
6. Membership Secretary - David Randon
7. Competition Secretary - Robert Mumford
8. County team captains - Rod Dawson, Arthur Jackson, Pat Jones

## CLUBS

1. BSA - C Prendergast, J Fearn
2. Church Fenton - D Herbert
3. Crossgates - M Carter, J Carter
4. Easingwold - J Hughes, K Hughes, D Brown, F Alnutt, G Alnutt
5. Great Ouseburn - R Haynes
6. Hambleton - H Robertson, A Banthorpe
7. Scarborough - L Raven, T Raven
8. Wilberfoss - S Douthwaite, K Douthwaite
9. Wolds - P Arthur

There were representatives from 9 clubs, who together with 9 club colleagues and 9 officers made a total of 27 in attendance. There would therefore be 17 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 last season.

### **1 - APOLOGIES**

4 of the 28 clubs not in attendance had offered apologies for being unable to attend, namely - Snaith (J Goodall), Stewart (P Hawkett), Welburn (E Gathercole) and SWMC (G Whitehead).

### **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 (April 2022) was proposed by PA, seconded by SD and approved by all present. They were then signed by the Chairman as being a full and accurate record of the business conducted. There had been 3 subsequent ManCom meetings and the minutes of 2 of these had already been ratified. Those for the April 11 would be ratified at the next ManCom meeting.

### **3 - ANY MATTERS ARISING**

The Secretary confirmed that our bank account had been successfully transferred from HSBC to Lloyds. This had taken some time and was completed in November. The charges levied by HSBC up to that point (£54.38) would now be a thing of the past. The change in our Dress Code to allow either black or grey trousers had since been adopted by the NESMBA.

**4 - ANNUAL REPORTS from OFFICERS** - All Reports had been sent out to all club contacts on April 12. The Secretary corrected a small error in his (37 clubs not 38 as stated). The Safeguarding Officer pointed out that the number of Juniors at North Duffield had recently increased by 5 so this would bring the total up to 13 next season when they would be registered. She advised that the ESMBA now required signed copies of the "Code of Conduct", for all Juniors and for all county team players in the National ICC. The requirement for signed copies of the C of C might possibly become the norm for all attendees in next year's National Finals. All clubs should be receiving copies of the bi-monthly Safeguarding Newsletter and she asked that this be circulated to all club committee members. Please advise her if these are NOT being received.

There were no modifications to any of the other reports and no queries concerning their content were raised from the floor.

**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 12. The bottom line was that there had been an overall deficit of £348 over the year. These were accepted unanimously without any queries being raised from the floor. The Fees and Charges for next year had been reviewed and it had been agreed not to make any changes for 2023/24 but it is likely there will be some increases if next season ends with another deficit.

ManCom proposed that our usual annual donation of £200 should once again be made to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance Charity This was approved unanimously by all present.

**6 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS for 2023/24** A list of nominations together with proposers and seconders had been sent out to all clubs on April 12. This showed that with the exception of the Secretary and the Tigers Captain, the current incumbents in the 8 other posts were willing to stand for a further year. RD briefly took the Chair and asked if there were any objections to the Chairman's re-election. There were none and JGN then resumed the chair. After a proposal from PA was seconded by MC, the meeting then unanimously agreed to the election of all of the remaining 7 candidates, The Chairman then introduced Chris Prendergast (BSA) who had been nominated/seconded to take over as the Tigers Captain and his acceptance was unanimously approved. The Chairman then called for nominations for the post of Secretary. Judith Fearn (BSA) agreed stand and see how it goes during the year ahead. Her nomination was proposed by CP and seconded by LR and unanimously passed. The Chairman thanked her for putting her name forward and promised her full support from all ManCom members. The committee for the year ahead is therefore.....

**Joseph Newsome** (Chairman)

**Judith Fearn** (Secretary)

**David Randon** (Membership Secretary)

**Robert Mumford** (Competition Secretary)

**Pat Jones** (Terriers team captain)

**Rod Dawson** (Vice Chairman)

**Roger Green** (Treasurer)

**Jill Newsome** (Safeguarding Officer)

**Rod Dawson** (Tornados team captain)

**Chris Prendergast** (Tigers team captain)

#### **7 - APPOINTMENTS for 2023/24**

**(a) Accounts Checker:** Paul Whitcombe (Great Ouseburn) was happy to continue.

**(b) Webmaster:** RG (Easingwold) was happy to manage the website for a further year.

**(c) Diary Organiser:** AJ (Easingwold) was happy to carry on liaising with the Galtres Centre and our opposing county teams and club competition organisers.

The re-appointment of all 3 of these positions for next year was agreed by all present.

## 8 - OPEN FORUM

**Summer league:** PJ asked if any of the club's present would be interested in getting together to resurrect the White Rose Summer League (WRSL) in 2024. She outlined some of the competitions that used to take place when the league was operating pre-covid. After some discussion the feeling was that with most clubs playing outside in the summer, support was likely to be limited but it was suggested she should canvas those 5 clubs that were the previous members and also consider setting up some inter-club "friendlies".

**Website:** RD commended RG on his management of the website and pointed out that colleagues from his previous county had commented favourably and adopted several ideas from it into their own site.

**Juniors:** RD pointed out that he was working (with JiN) on ideas of introducing the game in the local school. He also pointed out that there were grants available from the ESMBA for development ideas – details on their website.

**Thanks:** SD wished to thank all members of the committee for their work over the season and the Chairman thanked her for expressing this.

**Sponsorship:** DH was hoping to attract some local sponsorship for his club and asked whether this could be reflected on his clubs shirt design. The Chairman indicated that this would be acceptable.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all present for making the effort to be present and closed the meeting at 7.50pm.

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***This is a DRAFT copy that has been approved for issue by ManCom. Those members present at the meeting should advise the Secretary of any inaccuracies or omissions as soon as they are noticed.***

***Formal ratification will be sought at the 2024 AGM***

***(RBG 29/4/23)***

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***NOTE: The following items were not placed on the AGM Agenda and so were not discussed. They are appended to these minutes for the information of clubs. They will all be discussed by ManCom at their next meeting. Watch the website for further details.***

***ESMBA AGM will be on July 22:*** Some minor Constitution changes have been proposed but also one to bring the deadline date for registrations forward to October 31<sup>st</sup> (currently November 30<sup>th</sup>). If passed this could impact all clubs.

***NESMBA AGM will be on June 4:*** Humberside have tabled a proposal to allow shorts to be worn and another to replace county team match practice time with 2 up/down for each session. Also, Durham have proposed rule changes to allow 3 woods to be used where a discipline is short of players. Applications have been received from 3 more teams to enter the IC league (Cheshire, Greater Manchester and West Yorkshire B). If accepted there will be 14 teams in the NESMBA IC league.

***Northern Ladies v Northern Gents match:*** JiN will repeat last years event on September 16<sup>th</sup>.

***County team warm up day:*** On Sept 17<sup>th</sup> there will be a get together for all existing and potential county team players. All 3 team captains will get together to agree a useful and enjoyable format.