

# North Yorkshire Short Mat Bowling Association

## Minutes of 33<sup>RD</sup> AGM

April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 7pm

### 1. Attendees

Joseph Newsome (chairman), Rod Dawson (vice chairman and Tornadoes captain), Judith Fearn (secretary), Roger Green (treasurer), Robert Mumford (competition secretary), Jill Newsome (safeguarding officer), Chris Prendergast (Tigers captain) and Pat Jones (Terriers captain) from the ManCom Committee.

#### Club Members

Church Fenton-David Herbert

Crossgates-Pete Richardson, Jane Rudd

Easingwold-Freddie Alnutt, Jill Alnutt, Keith Hughes, Joyce Hughes, Arthur Jackson

Great Ouseburn-Rose Haynes, Simon Holtby

Hambleton-Heather Robertson, Neil Robertson

Scarborough-Lesley Raven, Tony Raven

Snaith and Cowick- Joan Chappell, Joan Gibbs, Peter Gibbs

Wilberfoss-Ken Douthwaite, Sue Douthwaite

Wolds-Pete Arthur, Jean Bridges, Ian Ding

Yoredale- Chantal Ireland, Lawrence Ireland

10 clubs represented and along with members of ManCom committee, 17 votes are available with the Chairman having the casting vote.

Before the business commenced the Chairman asked all those attending to stand for a minute's silence to remember those members who had passed away over the last 12 months.

### 2. Apologies

ManCom-David Randon (membership secretary)

Easingwold-David Brown, Jonathan Dawson

Stewart-Maggie Hawkett

3. Minutes of the 32<sup>nd</sup> AGM-these were proposed as a true record by RG and seconded by PA. ALL agreed and they were duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters arising from previous minutes-none raised.

5. Annual officers' reports- these had been previously circulated to all clubs for their perusal and no matters were raised. The treasurer had recommended a 50p increase in county match fees which was proposed by ManCom seconded by PA and carried unanimously.
6. Finance-the accounts (previously circulated) were presented by the treasurer and were duly accepted. It was proposed by ManCom to donate to Yorkshire Air Ambulance, as in previous years, the sum of £100. FA seconded the proposal, and it was agreed unanimously.
7. Election of officers for 2024/2025-PA proposed that this was done en bloc and it was seconded by LI. This was carried unanimously. The 2023/2024 officers were then unanimously re-elected.
8. Appointees for 2024/2025- the previous year's appointees were happy to continue, and the floor was happy to accept them.  
Accounts checker-Paul Whitcombe  
Webmaster-Roger Green  
Diary co-ordinator Arthur Jackson
9. Proposals.
  - Proposed by CI seconded by LI.

'That at the end of the Round Robin stage of each competition, a calculation be made to establish the average points difference and that this average be allotted to any team whose opponents default'.

A discussion took place and as we now have separate county championships and national competitions the above could not be applied to all as the national competitions are run to EMSBA rules. It was therefore decided that ManCom would streamline and present the proposal to ESMBA for the 2025 AGM.

- Proposed by LI seconded by AJ.  
'County's representative places at the NESMBA be limited to players who have represented the County a minimum of 3 times in the current season or due to health or work-related absence, have been unable to do so but have a history of supporting the County'  
A full discussion took place referencing either side of the proposal. After which a vote was taken.  
The result being.... For 1  
Against 12  
Abstentions 5

- Proposed by LI seconded by CI.

‘In all county championship contests the first named player shall be responsible for the correct and complete recording of the match scorecard.

They shall present the completed score card to their opponent at the conclusion of the match, ensure it is an agreed record, is signed by the opposing skip and is returned to the organiser.

Failure to comply with all or any part of this essential rule, for the smooth running of the County Championships, shall result in the match result being awarded to the second named player/team in accordance with the posted score format for non-attending players/team’.

RM gave the current position of the ManCom committee, which is to provide 2 cards for each match to be filled in as per EMSBA current rules.

LI withdrew the proposal.

#### 10. Open Forum

Tornados team- It had been brought to the attention of the committee, that Simon Holtby had gained his 100<sup>th</sup> cap during the season. RD presented him with a memento, and he was congratulated in the usual manner.

Little cup- JN requested the floor to consider if this competition remained viable to stay within the county or should it be opened to other counties. A discussion took place and in general those present enjoyed the format and would like to see the competition remain. It was decided to have a closing date for the North Yorkshire entries and if more teams were required to contact other counties for further teams.

The secretary will send hard copies of all entry forms to all clubs to encourage more participants rather than relying totally on the website and Facebook.

Competition fees- DH asked if the county championships and the national competitions will have the same fees. This was confirmed by the treasurer.

Fixture clashes- PA asked if it was possible to move next years Over 55 Pairs competition so it didn't clash with the singles open competition in York. JN responded explaining the difficulties with this years diary due

to the national qualifiers having to be held separately and so unfortunately no changes could be made. ManCom and the diary coordinator will continue next season to work on the diary, to avoid such problems, to the best of their ability.

ESMBA registration-HR asked where players were not registered with ESMBA, do clubs need their own insurance? This was confirmed and clubs should be careful if halls say they have insurance as it may not include accidents with bowls equipment.

Black trousers-CP asked when the county would change completely to black from grey. JN was unsure and asked the secretary to check past minutes.

Juniors match fees-RD asked if these could be waived. JN informed the meeting that this would have to be a proposal for next year's AGM. There was however no restriction if someone wished to pay their fees for them.

Finally, JiN informed the meeting that 3 of our juniors were taking up places in the England under 21 the academy next season. (since the meeting this has risen to 4)

11. Date and time of next meeting. This was confirmed as being 25/4/2025 at 7pm at the Galtres Centre  
The meeting concluded at 2022 hrs.