

Minutes of ManCom (33) meeting held on Monday April 15th 2019 at North Duffield

Meeting started 6.00pm with all committee members in attendance.

<u>Chairman & Vice Chairman</u>	Joseph Newsome (JoN) Rose Haynes
<u>Secretary & (Caretaker) Treasurer</u>	Roger Green
<u>Membership Secretary</u>	Jean Rhodes
<u>Competition Secretary</u>	Robert Mumford
<u>Junior Coordinator</u>	Jill Newsome (JiN)
<u>Team Captains</u>	Francis Boatman Pat Jones Arthur Jackson

- 1) Apologies for absence – None
- 2) Minutes of last ManCom (Jan. 25th 2019)

A draft copy had been circulated shortly after the meeting and it was unanimously agreed that they were a full and accurate record and were therefore signed by the Chairman.

3) Matters arising from above

- **Team strip** – PJ had still made no progress on replenishing our stock of county shirts/jackets from ZapKam as requirements from AJ and FB had not been forthcoming. RG pointed out that there were only 4 shirts and 3 jackets left in the Galtres stock-box (as declared on the Asset Register). AJ stated that none of his players wanted/needed new shirts. FB knew of a few requirements. The current location of some shirts lent out during the season seems vague and needs to be established. RG to check sizes of those in the stock-box. Once the current stock levels were confirmed and any additional requirements made known, PJ will place a minimum order in readiness for the start of the 2019/20 season.

Action PJ AJ FB RG

- **Chairman's presentation** - JoN will present it at this year's Selby AGM (Aug 1st) as a trial run. Plans for further presentations will then be made.

Action JoN

- **NYSMBA substitution policy** – It was agreed that this policy (which only applies to the Northern Championships at Barnard Castle) will be amended to only allow 1 substitution in Singles/Pairs/Triples and 2 in the Fours.

Action RG

- **Cheshire match clash** – The county Singles/Fours had now been moved back from its traditional slot on Jan 11/12 to Jan 4/5. Subsequently, after a request from Cheshire to change the date of their home game both Cheshire fixtures had been moved back to October. This meant that the way is now clear for anyone to enter the SMPT British Open in York on this weekend.

4) Finances (figures rounded)

- **The final accounts** had been checked by Paul Whitcombe and published to all clubs. The bottom line was that the year had finished with an overall deficit of nearly £1500 leading to a final balance of £7362. There were valid reasons for this and these were explained in the Treasurer's Report. (which has also been circulated along with all other Reports). It was agreed that we should continue to maintain a healthy balance and take some steps to avoid reducing it any further
- **Fees and Charges.** It was agreed that the 50p subsidy of the ESMBA registration fee (introduced a couple of years ago) should now be discontinued and an actual rise of a further 50p should be added. This would be the first increase for many years and would mean that each player would pay £6 for the 2019/20 season. Junior members would be exempt and the

NYSMBA would pay their ESMBA registration fee. Competition entry fees would remain at £5 pp and all other fees would remain unchanged. The document would also be updated to reflect the new website charges.

Action RG

5) Membership

- A new club had been set up at Flixton and had registered as the Wolds SMBC. This had increased our final registered membership to 822, 17 of which were members of 2 clubs.
- JR corrected a small error in her annual report. Stillington had not left us but Strensall had!

6) County Competitions

- RM expressed his satisfaction with the way all competitions had run but he would 'tweek' the Fours next year to ensure it did not overrun again.
- It was agreed to hold additional raffles at the Singles and the Little Cup next year.
- It was also agreed that we would not pay "up front" for teas and coffees at the Y&D IBC this saving over £150. Players will have to pay for their own (as they always did at Swinton).
- RM felt the re-format of the Little Cup was an improvement although there had been feedback that it had been an exhausting competition for some players.

7) County Teams

- **Squad listing** - RG asked if anyone knew of additional names to be added to the squad contact listing but currently there were none known. It was agreed that an email should be sent to all 111 players on this listing asking for confirmation that they would be available for selection next season. Clubs would also be canvassed for new names.

Action RG

- The dates for the Premier fixtures and the ICC Rinks and KO dates are on the website. AJ is still working on finalising the A and B team dates. It was agreed that if necessary 2 home matches could be run in a shared hall if required. The website will be updated as soon as they are agreed.

Action AJ/RG

- RG requested that the YNL weekend for Oct 12/13 be moved to Oct 19/20 so that Premier players could be free to play for their relevant YNL team if required. AJ agreed to contact the Ousedale and Scarborough TNL captains to see if this would cause any problems with their hall bookings. **Action AJ**
- **Practice Day** (Sept 15th). Discussion regarding format took place. Although there was agreement that Jill's mix 'n match formula should again be used for the morning no conclusions were reached as to the afternoon. RG thought that attempting to split everyone into their future teams was premature. FB considered that all present should be considered as part of a single pool and maybe an afternoon of skill based exercises should be considered. All were asked to give the matter serious thought before the next ManCom.

Action All c/f

8) JUNIORS

- JiN updated the meeting on the recent "fun day" she had organised which was attended by 7 juniors (see website post). Although she herself had been unwell on the day, Janet Clark and Bronagh Toleman had run the proceedings which were well received and enjoyed. It is hoped to repeat the idea again next season, possibly at the North Bay venue.

9) WEBSITE

- The new site had gone live on March 4th with no problems being reported. Several favourable comments had been received. No changes were requested.
- The annual cost of running the site will rise to around £300. This covers the cost of hosting and domain name as well as the cost of SSL certification.
- The compilers for all 7 leagues have now been provided with instructions and a sign-on and password so they can upload their latest tables and KO results directly. Jean Rhodes (VOY), Keith Hughes (KVL), Peter Arthur (Scarborough) and Richard Good (Ryedale and YNL) have all successfully done this but David Holmes (Selby) and Pat Jones (WRSL) have yet to try this out. All leagues making use of this facility will no longer have to pay the annual £10 fee to the NYSMBA.

10) NESMBA

- **AGM:** This will be on June 9th in Stockport. AJ, FB and RM confirmed their readiness to attend in order to support our 4 proposals.

Action AJ FB RM

- **Our proposals** to change the NESMBA league rules had been circulated to ManCom, agreed and submitted to the NESMBA Secretary (Michael Shaw). They cover changes to the following.

Rule 20 - Missing players (October 8th)

Rule 24 - Starred players (February 13th)

Rule 8 - Practice (March 8th)

Rule 6 - Order of play (March 5th)

- **Barnard Castle 2020.** Without any consultation, we had been informed that the venue had been booked for 14/15 March. RG had queried this with Andy Miles as it was not the equivalent weekend as this year and clashed with the ICC semi-finals (which we are confident of reaching). He had been told that it would not be possible to change the date now as several players had already booked their accommodation. RG was asked to write on behalf of the committee expressing the problems these dates would give to many of our Premier team players who would find themselves having to make a difficult choice of supporting our team or attending the Championships. A letter to the ESMBA along similar lines was also considered.

Action RG

11) ESMBA

AGM/RRM: These will both be on July 6th. JoN and RG will be going in their capacity as ESMBA committee members and RM agreed to go as well. At the RRM RG will have left the ESMBA committee so will be able to cast a county vote along with RM.

Action JoN RG RM

RRM Proposals: 17 proposals had been submitted and these had been circulated to ManCom. There was 1 each from Avon, Wiltshire and Surrey plus our own comprehensive re-write of D1/D2. The other 13 had all come from Herbie Renfield (Herefordshire). Because much of what Herbie was proposing is covered in our own single proposal RG had been discussing with him ways to rationalise his proposals with ours and this is still ongoing.

Action RG

12) Other business

- **England match:** RG raised the idea of a match between our county and either the England Ladies or the England U21s. RH had been approached by Lynn Dean who also suggested a match against the Ladies. This was thought to be a good idea but will be flagged for consideration in 2020/21.

Action c/f

- A letter had been received from Bronagh Toleman regarding the clash of interests in the second weekend in January 2020. This was in line with the action we had already taken (see 3 above).
- RG had written to Easingwold regarding the mat hire charges we are required to pay - a total this year of £190. He had asked their committee to review these but had been informed they would remain at £10 per mat per day.
- A request had been made (verbally) to the Chairman that we consider organising a match between “Yorkshire (North) league” and the “County”. As many players play for both league and county the point of such a match was difficult to see and was felt to be divisive. The idea received no support and would not be pursued.

No-one raised any other points so the Chairman called the meeting to a close at 9.15pm and thanked all for attending and JiN for refreshments.

Note - The date of the next meeting will be organised sometime prior to the ESMBA AGM in July.

(Draft minutes circulated to ManCom 16/4/19 RBG)