

Minutes of ManCom (34) meeting held on Tuesday July 2 2019 at North Duffield

Meeting started 7.10pm with 6 committee members in attendance.

Chairman & Vice Chairman

Joseph Newsome (JoN) Rose Haynes

Secretary & Treasurer

Roger Green

Membership Secretary

Apologies

Competition Secretary

Robert Mumford

Junior Coordinator

Jill Newsome (JiN) (from 8.50pm)

Team Captains

Pat Jones Arthur Jackson

Team Captain

Francis Boatman (from 10pm)

- 1) **Apologies for absence** – Received from Jean Rhodes who was unable to attend and also from Jill Newsome and Francis Boatman who were not present for the complete meeting.
- 2) **Minutes 33rd ManCom** (April 15) - 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**
 - The **Substitution Policy** and the amended list of **Fees and Charges** had both been updated and uploaded to the website as agreed.
 - **Diary** – AJ had completed the fixture dates for the A and B teams and the website diary was now complete.
 - **Premier/YNL clash (Oct13)** – AJ had not been able to re-position the YNL game.
 - **England match** against either the Ladies or the U21s was marked forward. **Action c/f**
- 4) **Matters arising from 28th AGM** (April 26)
 - The **Charity donation** had been sent as agreed to the YAA and an acknowledgment had been received.
 - After an email exchange between all ManCom members it had been agreed to hold the **County Pairs/Triples** in Easingwold this year. The booking with the Y&DIBC had been cancelled and Richard Good informed that the Ryedale stadium would not be required. AJ had confirmed the booking with the Galtres centre.
 - RG had sent a letter to the ESMBA regarding the possibility of holding a **National Over55 Triples** competition and discussion of this will take place in the AGM Open Forum on July 6.
- 5) **Finances** (figures rounded) - There had been net expenditure of over £400 since the AGM and the current balance was £6929. JR had been reminded to modify the membership summary forms (sent out to all clubs) to show the new fee of £6 and the fact that Juniors would be exempt.
Action JR
- 6) **Membership** - A single additional member had been registered since the AGM. The total for the year was now 823 – an increase of 6 over 2017/18 and the first increase in 9 years.
- 7) **County Competitions**
 - RM expressed no concerns over organising/running our 7 competitions (including the Little Cup) again. The entry date was agreed as Saturday October 26 which would give him 2 weeks before the first one (Mixed Fours). Accepting any late entries would be entirely at his discretion. He also agreed to prepare all the entry forms and summary “poster” by early

September for RG to circulate to all club contacts.

Action RM/RG

8) County Teams

- **Team strip** – PJ had now received orders for shirts from just 7 players (via captains). It was felt advisable to order some additional shirts for stock and after discussion it was agreed to order 20 (XL 4, L 6, M 7 and S 3). She would also discuss with Zapkam the setting up of an on-line “shop” which would give people the option of ordering direct if one is required in the future before the next “bulk” order is placed. RG had advised that our existing stock of old style shirts was 13. Only 4 of these were in the Galtres box. The rest were with FB (7) and JiN (2). We also had 3 jackets in the box although another 3 from last year’s order still remain unaccounted for.

Action PJ

- **Player availability** – RG had written to most of the squad members who had played in less than 3 games last year to gauge their interest for the season ahead and all but 5 had replied. As a result of the responses 9 players had been deleted (with a further 3 deleted after discussion) and 16 who had indicated very limited availability (“we’ll help out if you’re desperate”) had been classified as “reserves”. This meant that there were now only 81 regular players from which to select the 3 teams. On days when all 3 had matches this may cause problems. A finalised list to be passed to all 3 captains.

Action RG

- **Starred players** – Due to the failure of our proposal to amend Rule 20 at the NESMBA AGM, we are still required to nominate 12 players who will be banned from playing in any NESMBA league team as well as 12 more who cannot play in the B team. Discussion followed as to who these should be and the 24 players were nominated. These would be sent to Bill Burn along with the required list of fixture dates before our first match on October 6.

Action RG

- **Practice Day** (Sept 15th). Following on from discussion at the last meeting, RG had circulated details of 12 exercises once used by the ESMBA. For consideration he circulated a suggested format as to how these could be used. This generated much discussion on many options to make the day more useful, more fun and better organised. Based on an expected attendance of 60 players and the use of 12 mats all day, the following format was agreed.

Morning: Those attending would be split arbitrarily into 2 halves with half going to 6 mats for exercises and the other half playing the “North Duffield nobble” on the other 6 mats. Once those on the exercise mats had finished doing all exercises they would all swop with the half playing in the “nobble”. 6 ManCom members (RH, JoN, AJ, RG, RM and FB) would keep order, ensure fair play and decide on the scores on the exercise mats whilst JiN (assisted by DN) would run the “nobble”.

Afternoon: All present would play together in the previously used “mix ‘n match” format organised by JiN.

There would be a small prize for each of the 3 competitions.

RM offered to prepare and pre-print scorecards on which players could record their results in all 3 competitions. JiN to design the layout and advise him.

RM/JiN

Action

It was felt advisable for ManCom to get together for a trial run through of the exercises prior to Sep 15. Date/venue to be advised.

Action ALL

9) JUNIORS

- JiN will again organise and run the Junior County Championship. Venue, format and times will depend on numbers. (Sun Dec 22 tbc).

- **DBS clearances.** JiN advised that existing clearance certificates for other workplaces are not recognised for bowls. After a short discussion it was felt prudent that all 3 Captains and the Competition Secretary should apply for a clearance via the ESMBA. JiN handed them all an application form which should be completed and returned to her along with the required documentation asap. She would then (as our County Safeguarding Officer) liaise with the ESMBA to initiate the procedure. She would also remind all clubs with registered juniors that they too must have a DBS clearance from the ESMBA.

Action PJ AJ FB RM JiN

10) WEBSITE/HANDBOOK

- RG will review all pages prior to the new season to ensure all information is up to date.
- He has only just started on this year's issue but the bulk is yet to be done. Although behind schedule, he will aim to have it printed by practice day for easy distribution. **Action RG**

11) NESMBA

- **AGM (June 9) Stockport:** AJ and FB had attended. We had supported a small amendment to the constitution with regards to the procedure for future changes to the League rules and/or the Championship playing rules. This was passed.
- Our proposals to change Rules 6 (Order of Play), 8 (Practice), 20 (Missing players) and 24 (Starred players) had all been defeated.
- Our request to change the date of next year's Championships (due to a clash with the ICC semi-finals had been refused on the grounds that it would clash with Mother's Day.
- The proposal by the committee to change the rules regarding jack off the mat in Fours was withdrawn.
- AJ had informed the meeting that he was no longer willing to pick up all the mats required for Barnard Castle. It was hoped that 4 counties could each supply 4 mats for and subsequent to the meeting he had obtained a quote for £276 which he had passed to Mike Shaw.

12) ESMBA

- **AGM/RRM (Jul 6) Solihull:** JoN and RG will be going in their capacity as ESMBA committee members. RM can no longer attend as our delegate and RH agreed to try and go instead. At the RRM (after the AGM) RG will have left the ESMBA committee so will be able to cast a county vote along with RH. **Action**

JoN/RG/RH

- **RRM Proposals:** RG had been unable to persuade Herbie Renfield to withdraw his proposals if some minor changes were made to our own. If our proposal is accepted then most of Herbies will fail. If ours fails we would support most of Herbies unless as seems likely some fail on technicalities due to sloppy presentation. If in doubt, RG/RH will listen to the arguments and decide as appropriate. We will support the Dorset amendment to the Avon Dress Code one (Rule H2). We will not support the Wiltshire proposal re. ditching the jack.

Action RG/RH

13) Other business

- RG pointed out that we could invite the ESMBA (Brian Baker) to hold a "coaching course" locally if there was a need. This would be a course for prospective coaches to learn "how to coach" rather than one for players on "how to play". Discussion was inconclusive.
- AJ pointed out that in future, for all Galtres bookings (competitions and county games), we would be expected to stop using the kitchen at 2.30 pm. He also advised that on Feb 2 there would be 2 home games running together and on Dec 14 the hall will be shared with Easingwold SMBC.

No-one raised any other points so the Chairman called the meeting to a close at 10.10m and thanked all for attending and JiN for refreshments. The next ManCom meeting will be in the New Year. An informal get together will take place prior to practice day to ensure that the format for the exercises will work in practice.

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