

North Yorkshire Short Mat Bowling Association

Minutes of the 37th ManCom

November 10th 2020 6.00pm

This meeting was conducted using Zoom.

After several “technical” problems, RM connected at 6.35 and the meeting therefore was late in starting.

1) **APOLOGIES** – AJ and FB were both unable to take part and had sent their apologies.

2) **MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** (available to view on the NYSMBA website)

Acceptance of the minutes of ManCom 36 (Sept 1 2020) as a full and accurate record was agreed by all present. These were then signed on behalf of the Chairman by the Secretary.

3) **ANY MATTERS ARISING**

Facebook - JoN and FB had met to discuss the possibility of a NYSMBA Facebook page. Notes had been made and would be circulated to ManCom once approved by FB.

4) **FINANCES** – Since the AGM, Income had been £2,450, Expenditure had been £2,606 and our current balance had therefore reduced by £156 and stood at £7,588.

5) **MEMBERSHIP** – All clubs had been sent their membership renewal documentation on Sept 24th outlining the reduced NYSMBA fee of £1 agreed at our last meeting. It also contained a recommendation that any club not bowling this season should keep their membership “alive” by registering their club and 5 members – the minimum required by our constitution. 37 clubs had now registered a total of 420 members. This included 13 who were members of 2 clubs (dual members) and 4 juniors. Tollerton and North Bay had decided not to renew and would have to re-apply if they wanted to re-join for 2021-22.

Details of 2 additional clubs had been passed to us by the ESMBA Registration Sec., James Smith. Both were in Cumbria and James had suggested that we, as their nearest ESMBA county, might like to consider taking them on board. A completed application from one (Irthing Valley, Brampton nr. Carlisle)) had been received and after discussion it was agreed to welcome them aboard. RG to write to them with details. Nothing further had so far been heard from the other (Kirkbride, nr. Wigton).

6) **COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIPS**

If the current National “lockdown” continued none of these would be possible. However, the government had indicated that there would probably be a return to the “Tier” system after Dec. 2nd and the situation was discussed in the expectation of this.

A return to Tier 1 would still mean that competitions would have to comply with the “Rule of 6” and this would make the Mixed Fours and Triples non-starters. Planning for the 3 other competitions would go ahead although there would still be hurdles to address, particularly the transition from the round robin stage to the knockouts and in the Pairs the size of the groups.

The entries received by RM had come from 9 different clubs and confirmed that there was a definite interest among our members for competitive play. There were 24 Singles; 16 Pairs; 18 Over55 Pairs; 11 Triples and 4 Mixed Fours.

After further positive discussion it was agreed that

- a) The Triples and Mixed Fours would regrettably be cancelled.
- b) The Singles, Pairs and Over55 Pairs would take place over a single day (as usual) and re-scheduled to the New Year. These would be Jan 17 (Pairs), Jan 31 (Over 55 Pairs) and Feb 14th (Singles)
- c) The Galtres bookings for December 5th, 12th and 13th would be released.

RM would contact all those who had entered to advise them of the above changes and ask for confirmation that they would still be able to play on the new dates. A revised closing date of January 4th was also agreed which would allow additional people to enter if required and RG would email all club contacts regarding this.

Once again, all these arrangements would remain provisional and would be reviewed at another ManCom meeting on January 5th when updated government and ESMBA guidance should be available.

We would also defer our application for ESMBA "Safe Bowls" status until after our next meeting.

7) LITTLE CUP – The two additional pre-booked dates at the Galtres (Feb 27 and Mar 7) would be retained for now. These could be used for the Little Cup or maybe even something new. A 'Champion of Champions' competition (for club Singles Champions) was briefly discussed.

9) OTHER

The next meeting will be Tuesday January 5th. Consideration would once again be given to making this a "face-to-face" meeting if possible although using Zoom has so far proved acceptable and means no travel is required. The free copy being used nominally has a 40 minute limit but had automatically been extended. Whether this will happen every time is unknown. The full cost of unlimited Zoom is £120 per annum.

The Chairman terminated the session at 7.50pm

Roger Green (Secretary)

November 11th 2020

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