

North of England Short Mat Bowling Association

Annual General Meeting Held on Zoom 2/6/2024

Attendance

Chairman: Graham Stubbs, Vice Chairman: Ross Martell, Treasurer: Mike Shaw, League Secretary: Bill Burn, Competition: Secretary Andy Miles.

Derbyshire: Wendy Empett. Durham: Trevor Burns & Alan McCallum. Humberside: Rhonda Barnes & Janet Stubbs, Staffordshire: John Skelding. Stockport: Angharad Brideaux & Peter Roberts & John Pajak (guest), West Yorkshire: Tim & Janet Pearson, North Yorkshire: Jill & Joseph Newsome.

1. Apologies for Absence.

None.

2. Minutes of AGM 2023.

The minutes, having been previously circulated, were approved unanimously.

3. Matters arising. None

4. Chairman's Report

G. Stubbs See attached

5. General Secretary's Report

A. Bebbington See attached

6. League Secretary's Report

B Burn See attached

7. Competition Secretary's Report

A Miles See attached

8. Treasurer's Report & adoption of Accounts

M Shaw See attached

9. Agree Fees and subscriptions for the 2023/24 Season

Fees and Subscriptions to remain the same for the upcoming season. This was accepted, by a unanimous vote.

A donation of £150.00 from the NESMBA to the Charity of the event run by North Yorkshire was agreed and approved unanimously.

Proposals

10. Durham SMBA – J. Rhodes.

See attached

Modifications to NESMBA rules relative to ESMBA Laws F9 and F10.

This was left in from last year in error, Withdrawn.

11. North Yorkshire SMBA

Championship Rule, Visits to the Head (i)

After some discussion a vote was taken: 14 For the proposal, 2 against. The proposal was successful.

Championship Rule, Visits to the head (ii)
Proposal was withdrawn.

League Trophy Engraving.

Engraving of old trophy to be continued. Slight misunderstanding. The League Secretary is investigating replacing the old League trophies with new ones.

12. Durham SMBA.

Changes to rule 20 (missing players)

After some discussion a vote was taken: 6 For the proposal, 5 against 4 abstentions.
The proposal was successful.

13. Humberside SMBA.

After an explanation from Andy Miles that the NESMBA adhere to the ESMBA dress code and explaining that shirt design regarding lettering on the back and sponsors is already available through approval by the ESMBA, the dress code proposals were withdrawn. If any shirts have lettering on the back or advertising that have been approved by the ESMBA, that approval needs to be sent to the Secretary of the NESMBA.

Trial Ends

After some discussion a vote was taken: 3 For the proposal, 23 against. The proposal was defeated.

14. Change to League Rules.

General Housekeeping to tidy up the league rules.

15. Appointment of Auditor to check annual accounts

Julian Yates was proposed as auditor as last year, this was accepted unanimously.

16. Date and Venue for 2025 Annual General Meeting

It was decided that the AGM should again be held on Zoom on Sunday 1 June 2025, with a start time of 9:30 am.

17. Election of Officers

Chairman	Ross Martell	Derbyshire
Vice-Chairman	John Pajak	Stockport
General Secretary	Andy Miles	West Yorkshire
League Secretary	Bill Burn	Durham
Competition Secretary	Graham Stubbs & Simon Smith	Humberside
Treasurer	Mike Shaw	Stockport

The Officers were voted in unanimously en-bloc.

19. AOB

Bill Burn asked if all contacts and fixtures could be sent as soon as possible.
Andy Miles noted that the Championship Rules seem to have been updated on an older version. The corrected ones will be sent out with the documentation to League Secretaries.

20. Close of meeting

Meeting closed 10:40am

NESMBA Chairman's Report 2022-23

My season as Chairman has been interesting to say the least,

With having to hold TWO E.G.Ms and an A.G.M. Congratulations to Staffordshire for winning the Division One. Stockport B for winning Division Two. Well done to both teams.

I would like to thank all the committee officers for all their hard work this last season. With the end of the season finale's weekend now in January. and being held at York for the first time. The event was held very professionally Well Done to Andy and Barbara. Thanks to Graham for organizing the Umpire's. Thanks to Simon and Mark for returning all the mats and equipment.

Arthur Jackson

NESMBA General Secretaries Report 2022-23

It has been an eventful year, to say the least, with some interesting challenges.

Well done to Andy Miles for organising the move from Barnard Castle to York, which has proved to be an excellent choice of venue. Thanks must go to all the committee for their efforts during the year, and once again to Mike Shaw for his help and support.

For personal reasons I do not wish to continue In the position of General Secretary. I am prepared to carry on for another year to allow time to find a replacement.

Andrew Bebbington
General Secretary

LEAGUE SECRETARY REPORT SEASON 2022-23

I am pleased to report to you all we have had another good season from my point of view with all games being completed on time with no problems.

Congratulations once again to first division winners Staffordshire and second division winners Stockport B.

Average winners for the first division was Peter Roberts Stockport A with a average of 11.10. Second division average winner Ivan Lunn Derbyshire 8.73.

I would be grateful to all Secretary's to forward all fixtures for the coming season ASAP once they are completed.

May I remind you all that match result sheets should either be sent via post or email ONLY.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my fellow committee members, secretaries, captains and all players for your support and help throughout the season which make my life as league secretary an easy one.

Bill Burn
League Secretary
NESMBA

Competition Secretaries Report presented by Andy Miles

This year's competition took place on the weekend of This year we moved the Competition to York and District Indoor Bowling Club.

There were uncertainties over the future use of the smaller hall at Teesdale and I could not get any guarantees that it would be available for us in March. After permission from the Committee, I investigated the possibility of moving to York. Everything fell into place and after balloting Counties, we made the move.

We are able to utilise the mats belonging to the Short Mat Players Tour, who are there the weekend before.

The venue itself is just perfect, comfortable and the management are so welcoming and couldn't do enough for us.

Food and drink is available on site and everyone agreed that it was of good quality and reasonably priced.

This year's competition took place on the weekend of the 14th and 15th January 2023.

Mats were provided by SMPT, and I'd like to thank everyone who came on the Friday night for their help setting up.

I'd like to thank all the Umpires for their time and effort and Graham Foote for organising them.

Lots of people helped with the raffle and once again we made a very good profit.

I'd also like to thank Simon Smith and Mark Breame from Humberside for transporting the mats back to Chelmsford after the weekend.

I have booked the centre for the competition next year, 13th and 14th January 2024 at the same price as this year and also arranged the loan of the mats from SMPT again at the same price.

2023 Roll of Honour

Pairs

Winners - Humberside, I Bratton and J Burrow

Finalists - Stockport, S Roberts and P Roberts.

Triples

Winners - West Yorkshire, S Briggs, P King and D Sands

Finalists - West Yorkshire, T Farrar, R Lewis and D Cookson.

Fours

Winners - Stockport, A Almond, D Almond, T Morgan, B Holbrook

Finalists - North Yorkshire, D Hunton, A Mather, D Brown, J Newsome

Singles

Winner - West Yorkshire, D Sands

Finalist - Derbyshire, I Lunn

County Shield was won by West Yorkshire.

Alice Hollas trophy was won by Stockport.

NESMBA Treasurers report 2023

Affiliation / League Fees remained the same at £350.

IC League Fees down £35 to £185 due to one team dropping out.

Championships made a profit of £270 compared to a loss of £765 the previous Year.

The breakdown of this being -

Raffle up £36

Centre hire cost down £230

Officials Expense's down £43

Umpire Expense's up £100 this is due to having a full complement of Umpires this year as last year Graham Foot dropped out due to illness.

Mat Transport and Hire this is made up of Mat Transport £358 and Mat Hire £160 so Transport was up slightly due to having to take the mats back to Chelmsford by £54

Trophies last year cost £1,267 this figure included cost of replacing the four main trophies, so the actual cost of the individual trophies was up by £5.

Administration

Zoom Meeting cost of £14 was due to the League having to purchase a commercial zoom licence to hold an EGM.

Web site fee was due to two invoices for £10 relating to cost of WEB hosting increasing.

Honoraria was £140 as two of the Elected Officers declined to accept their Honoraria.

No charges for bank this year with a cost of £7 for some mat tape to repair one of the mats.

Opening balance £3739 closing balance £4363 a bank balance increase of £624 against a loss last year of £133

This I consider a healthy bank balance to have, so will not be suggesting to the NESMBA any increase of Affiliation / League fees or IC League fees for 2023/2024.

Michael Shaw

Treasurer NESMBA

PROPOSALS

JEAN RHODES - DURHAM

PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO NESMBA RULES RELATIVE TO ESMBA LAWS F9 AND F10

(9) ABSENTEE PLAYERS

- (a) No change
- (b) No change
- (c) No change
- (d) No change
- (e) A Triple or Fours game shall commence in accordance with Law F(10).
- (f) No change

(10) PLAYING WITH A MISSING PLAYER

- (a) In a single Fours game if a player is absent the number of bowls shall be made up by the Lead and Second players playing three bowls each but one quarter of the total shots scored shall be deducted from their score at the end of the game. Fractions shall be taken into account.
- (b) In a single Triples game if a player is absent the number of bowls shall be made up by the Lead and Skip playing three bowls each but one third of the total shots scored shall be deducted from their score at the end of the game. Fractions shall be taken into account.

Reason for Proposed Change

The main reason for this proposal is to assist any team for whatever reason who are short of a player or players to enjoy the game and feel competitive.

In respect to Durham we as a team regularly struggle to find 20 players from the ever lessening panel who are willing to play league matches both at home and away.

This can be due to illness, the ages of our players and the long coach journeys which necessitate early starts in the winter months.

Some members who have in the past been without the full complement in their discipline are becoming ever more reluctant to play as they are frustrated with the existing system which by its very nature is not enjoyable, confusing to both teams involved and we see this as a major problem for Durham going forward.

As a team we collectively enjoy playing league matches both home and away meeting old friends and making new ones. Whilst we take our bowls seriously winning is a bonus and taking part is our enjoyment.

KATH FUSSEY – HUMBERSIDE

Pre-Match Roll Up

Humberside would like to propose that the 20 minute pre-match practise session be replaced by two up, two down prior to the start of each of the four sessions of play.

This would assist those players who are playing in the first and fourth sessions of the match and who may not have played for up to three hours.

DRESS CODE

Humberside would like to propose that Grey or Black regulation shorts be introduced to the County Match dress code

Current Dress Code

County Shirts with long or short sleeves and a collar, no T-shirts. Grey or Black regulation trousers (men)
Grey or black regulation trousers or skirts (Women) Regulation bowling shoes

Proposed Dress Code

County shirts with long or short sleeves and a collar, no T-shirts Grey or black regulation trousers or shorts (Men) Grey or black regulation trousers, shorts or skirts (Women) Regulation bowling shoes

Arthur Jackson – North Yorkshire

(17) MATCHES

Existing rule: All matches are to be completed by two weeks prior to the Individual Competitions weekend.

Proposed rule:

All matches are to be completed by the third weekend in March.

REASON FOR PROPOSED CHANGES TO NESMBA LEAGUE RULE (17)

The Individual Competitions Weekend is now played in January instead of March, which is too early to finish the season, particularly if any matches have been cancelled due to bad weather.