

North of England Short Mat Bowling Association

Annual General Meeting Held on Zoom 1/6/2025

Attendance

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

Derbyshire: Wendy Empett. Durham: Absent. Humberside: Stephen & Helen Smurthwaite, Staffordshire: John Skelding & Peter Johnson. Stockport: Angharad Brideaux & Peter Roberts. West Yorkshire: Roy Lewis & Kathryn Jones, North Yorkshire: Jill & Joseph Newsome.

1. Apologies for Absence.

John Pajak, Durham Contingent.

2. Minutes of AGM 2024.

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

3. Matters arising. None

4. Chairman's Report

R Martell See attached

5. General Secretary's Report

A Miles See attached

6. League Secretary's Report

B Burn See attached

7. Competition Secretary's Report

G Stubbs See attached

8. Treasurer's Report & adoption of Accounts

M Shaw See attached

9. Agree Fees and subscriptions for the 2024/25 Season

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

Proposals

10. Staffordshire SMBA – P. Johnson.

Rule Change to Rule 25.

After Discussion a vote was taken. Unanimous. The proposal was successful

Rule 24 – add Rule 24f

Vote For 4, Against 7, Abstain 3. The proposal was Unsuccessful.

Rule 24 – add Rule 24g

Vote For 7, Against 7, Abstain 1, Chairmans casting vote Against.

The proposal was Unsuccessful.

11. North Yorkshire SMBA

Practice Time to be replaced with 2 roll ups.

After some discussion a vote was taken: 5 For the proposal, 9 against, 1 Abstention.
The proposal was unsuccessful.

Change to arrangement of play.

For the proposal 6, Against 7, Abstain 1

Proposal was unsuccessful.

12. Appointment of Auditor to check annual accounts

The current auditor is retiring so it will be left to the Incoming Treasurer to appoint a new Auditor.

13. Date and Venue for 2025 Annual General Meeting

It was decided that the AGM should again be held on Zoom on Sunday 7 June 2026, with a start time of 9:30 am.

14. Election of Officers

Chairman	John Pajak	Stockport
Vice-Chairman	Richard Walsh	Staffordshire
General Secretary	Andy Miles	West Yorkshire
League Secretary	Stephen Smurthwaite	Humberside
Competition Secretary	Graham Stubbs	Humberside
Treasurer	Bill Burn	Durham

The Officers were voted in unanimously en-bloc.

19. AOB

Andy Miles suggested that the League Trophies and the County Shield be replaced in line with the Championship trophies. This was discussed and decided that the County Shield should be replaced and a suitable place be found to display the old retired County Shield.

20. Close of meeting

Meeting closed 10:45am