

## Minutes of ManCom (32) meeting held on Friday January 25<sup>th</sup> 2019 at Great Ouseburn

Meeting started 6.15pm with the following committee members in attendance.

<u>Chairman &amp; Vice Chairman</u>	Joseph Newsome (JoN) Rose Haynes
<u>Secretary &amp; (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

1) Apologies for absence – Arthur Jackson was unable to attend.

2) Minutes of last ManCom (Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> 2018)

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 made no progress on replenishing our stock of county shirts/jackets from ZapKam as she was still awaiting details from AJ and FB regarding requirements. It was agreed that they should both make sure to inform her before the end of this season so that she can place an order in readiness for the start of the 2019/20 season. **Action PJ AJ FB**
- **Chairman's presentation** - JoN had updated his Powerpoint and plans to present it at this year's Selby AGM as a trial run. Plans for further presentations will then be made. **Action JoN**
- **NESMBA Rule 20** – As agreed at the last meeting, a proposal for an immediate change to this had been requested. However, the NESMBA committee had decided that the views of NESMBA members should not be sought at this time and any discussion should be deferred until the AGM in June. No concrete reason for this had been given and the NESMBA Secretary had at our request now marked the proposal forward for consideration in June. Our B team will therefore have to settle for only 10 points for the cancelled West Yorkshire fixture. No-one has yet come forward to fill the Treasurer vacancy left by Roger's resignation.
- **ESMBA AGM/RRM** – After email agreement from all ManCom, 4 proposals had been submitted to the ESMBA for rule changes. RG mentioned that he had also (as ESMBA Registration Secretary) submitted a very comprehensive re-write of those parts of the constitution relating to ESMBA membership. He had finally withdrawn these after the ESMBA committee had decided there were 18 points that they could not support.

4) Finances (all figures rounded)

- Since the AGM there had been a net reduction in our balance from £8800 to £8250.
- Taking into account known items of Income and Expenditure still to come, RG estimated that by EOY this will have reduced by a further £400-500. The 2 main reasons for this was the cost of the website redevelopment (agreed at the last meeting) and the overheads involved in the unanticipated move of the Pairs/Triples competitions from Swinton to the York IBC.
- In broad terms this meant that the latter had run at a deficit of over £350 as opposed to the normal surplus of a similar amount.
- RG said there were several reasons behind this including
  - ❖ Increased hall hire charge
  - ❖ Cost of supplying entrants with "free" tea and coffee at Y&DIBC prices
  - ❖ Cost of van hire/petrol for the collection/return of the 12 mats required
  - ❖ Cost of helpers to prepare the venue on the Friday evening

- Much discussion followed regarding the various issues involved to protect our funds from deteriorating further. There was a general desire to continue using the central York venue next year although the use of alternative venues was considered.
- It was finally agreed to consider all or some of the following.
  - ❖ To discontinue the 50p subsidy we had been paying on behalf of clubs for ESMBA PA cover. This would mean annual fees would rise to £5.50p
  - ❖ To increase the entry fee for all competitions by £1 to £6
  - ❖ To seek more local/cheaper van hire
  - ❖ To not pay for teas/coffees up front at the York venue and to consider having an “honesty box” for teas/coffees at Easingwold competitions (50p). Players always paid for their own when at Swinton so maybe they should do the same at York and Easingwold.
  - ❖ Hold an extra raffle at the Singles championships
  - ❖ Reduce the “treat” offered to the Friday helpers at York
  - ❖ Consider charging Barnard Castle qualifiers with their entry fees. This is currently £5 per player per discipline and up to now has always been paid on their behalf.

**Action c/f**

## 5) Membership

- 4 clubs had left and 2 had joined. The number of ESMBA registered players now stood at 821 which represented a small increase – the first for several years.
- 13 players had joined 2 clubs (duplicate members)
- There were just 6 juniors registered in 3 clubs.

## 6) County Competitions

- Robert was congratulated on his first season as Competition Secretary. All 6 competitions had run smoothly and without problems and the enhancements he had made to the competition software were all successful.
- **National Finals:** We had been allocated the following places. Singles 2; Pairs 3; Triples 2; Fours 4; Mixed Fours 1; Over55 Pairs 3 and Juniors 1. RM announced the names of the qualifiers.
- **Northern Finals:** We had been allocated the following places. Singles 4; Pairs 5; Triples 5; Fours 6. RM announced the names of the qualifiers.
- 3 players who had qualified in the Pairs, Triple and Fours had declined their places at Barnard Castle. This left Danny Langdon in a position where he had to request substitutes for the Pairs and Fours which he still wanted to take part in. Discussion followed regarding the wording of our published Substitution Policy after which it was agreed that Danny could legitimately play with substitutes. RM to contact him regarding who these should be. Once Danny’s substitutes are known RM would write to all qualifiers with a definitive list of our full team. **Action RM**
- However it was felt that for future years the NYSMBA Substitution Policy should include a limit to the amount of substitutes that could be made in any particular discipline. **Action c/f**
- The resurrected Little Cup clashed with the ICC semi-final. If the Premier team got through their quarter-final there could be several dropouts but everyone wanted it to go ahead so we should encourage entries from our clubs. To date RM had only 9 entries in and a minimum of 20 were required. In the past there had been sponsorship to fund the £150 prize money but this was no longer available. PJ agreed to organise a raffle to help the finances. **Action PJ**

## 7) County Teams

- RG provided the captains with an updated **availability list** of contact numbers for all those in the player pool. This now contained 110 players of which 16 were newly added for this season. It also contained the names of 12 players who for one reason or another had made themselves unavailable for selection this year.

- PJ said there were rumours flying around that we were reducing to 2 county teams. This was untrue – there would still be 3 teams for the 2019/20 season.
- The ESMBA had scheduled a Premier team game for 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> January 2020. As this clashed with our long standing arrangement with the Galtres Centre for our Singles/Fours National qualifiers they had been asked if they would change this to use one of their unallocated dates earlier in the season but no reply had yet been received. We would however make the effort to find another date (or possibly another location). AJ to look at the possibilities. **Action AJ**
- Payment for the cancelled Premier team home game against Cheshire had now been received and the fixture had been played on another date by sharing the hall with the B team. It had not been possible to re-schedule the cancelled B team's away game against West Yorkshire and the team had to settle for 10 points under Rule 20 (see 3 above).

## 8) WEBSITE

- Bow House had set up the basic structure for the new site by the end of November and RG had been given an introduction to the WordPress Editor facilities. Since then the work of populating the new site with data from the current site had been progressing well. RG is taking this opportunity to review all areas and reformat as he sees fit. A lot of historical data will be dropped. He is looking at the idea of giving all league table compilers the ability to update their own tables directly.
- Bow House have been helpful with all queries and requests for changes.
- ManCom had been given a link to enable them to preview the site as it currently stands. All expressed satisfaction although RG emphasised that it should be considered as “work in progress” for a while yet.
- RG has more work to do before he is happy to release the new site to the world and hoped for a live date of “sometime in March”. Some disruption at the changeover may occur.

## 9) JUNIORS

- The Junior Championships were held at North Duffield for just 2 contestants. All charges were borne by the club itself.
- The after school club at Church Fenton is attended by 4 promising girls.
- North Duffield has recently registered a third junior and is hopeful of 2 more.
- JiN is organising a Junior get together for all juniors (over half term) whether registered or not. Hopefully this will include the 3 from North Bay.
- Next year we would offer all juniors free NYSMBA membership. **Action JR**
- Daniel Agar had attended the junior England trials again this year and should therefore get the agreed £50 subsidy. **Action RG**

## 10) NESMBA

- **AGM:** This will be on June 9<sup>th</sup> in Stockport. FB and RM expressed a readiness to attend in order to support our Rule 20 proposal. To be confirmed nearer the date. **Action FB and RM**
- **Barnard Castle:** The NESMBA are trying to establish why the ESMBA were now asking for a £3000 deposit before loaning their mats when this had never been the case in the past. AJ had however already got the transport of 10 mats in hand. Durham would supply the other 6. A letter of thanks had been received from Andy Miles.
- Richard Good had committed to a full weekends umpiring and JiN, RH and RG to advise Andy Miles regarding their availability. **Action RG, RH JoN**

## 11) ESMBA

**AGM/RRM:** These will both be on July 6<sup>th</sup>. JoN and RG will be going in their capacity as ESMBA committee members. We are entitled to 2 county votes so it would be good if 2 others

could go as well, to support the rule book changes we had submitted. After 3 years doing the job, RG will not be standing for re-election as Registration Secretary.

## 12) **Other business**

- **GDPR:** An email from Elaine Gathercole (Welburn) was discussed. Her observation that emails sent out to large groups should be done using the BCC (blind carbon copy) email facility was endorsed. Also RG would ensure that email addresses would not be published in the Handbook if individuals did not want this.

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

The date of the next meeting will be organised via email sometime prior to the AGM in April.

(Modified draft minutes 30/1/19 RBG)