

Minutes of ManCom Meeting - Friday 12th April at North Duffield (6pm)

Present:

Pat Jones (Chairman), Joseph Newsome (Vice Chairman) Barry Simmonite (Treasurer)
Lesley Harris (Membership and Competitions secretary) Arthur Jackson (Captain B Team)
Noel Clark (Junior co-ordinator) Roger Green Publicity Officer Jill Newsome (Temporary Secretary)

Apologies for absence: Rose Haynes (Captain A team)

Due to unforeseen circumstances Jill arrived late (6.40). The AGM Agenda that had been sent out was scrutinised and it was felt some things were present that should not be. It had always been the intention of JN to distribute the final agenda following this meeting as it was clear that amendments would probably need to be made. The draft AGM agenda was therefore followed and discussed in its entirety with amendments made as necessary.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Apologies already received from East Cottingwith and Flixton.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS (AGM; May 4; ManCom; June 12, Oct 9, Dec 15, Jan 26. The ManCom minutes from Oct 9, Dec 15 and Jan 26 were accepted as a true record and signed by PJ.

ANY MATTERS ARISING - None

CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Riccall had been received by RG asking for clarification of dress code as they were considering a club strip and wanted to know what would be permissible. RG had replied advising that club colours would be acceptable but to be always aware of, and observe any rules or dress code put in place by tournament/championship organisers.

Emails had been received from Keith Worrall -

11.3.13 acknowledging receipt of request to enter a second team in the NESMBA league;

16.3.13 informing all NESMBA counties of the proposal and outlining plans to increase Division 2 to 5 teams to accommodate this. Durham would be promoted and North Yorkshire B would be relegated. If Merseyside were to rejoin both divisions would have 6 teams.

REPORTS from OFFICERS

(a) CHAIRMAN - PJ still to write her report.

(b) TREASURER

(i) Presentation of Financial Statement 2012/13

- BS reported that there had been an inconsistency with the Galtres invoices for the County A and B teams home games. 'A' had been charged for the hall only but 'B', had been charged for kitchen and lounge in addition. It was agreed that no further action be taken.
- The report showed that "Other Events" had done well which was largely due to last year's Irish night which had made over £300.
- At the County Championships BS had been unsure that he should have paid LH as she was also Comp. Sec. present to run the days. It was agreed that all umpires should be paid for the competitions at which they officiate.
- RG had asked for an individual balance breakdown for the Northern England select game and BS had prepared an additional sheet to show this. It was agreed that he need not present this with the other Accounts statements but he would have this to hand at AGM in case any questions should arise.
- It was agreed to donate £100 to Swinton BC for the use of their mats and continued help in presenting the County Champs.
- It was agreed BS would print 20 copies of report to use at AGM.
- (ii) Fees, expenses and honorariums for 2013/14 – Overall subs/affiliation to remain the same despite reduction of 0.50p fee payable to ESMBA. BS will justify by referring to future need to replace/add to current mats within the next year. No other changes required

(c) MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

(i) Overall - 907 members - a slight reduction on last year (928) due to having lost 2 clubs.

(ii) Age/sex breakdown - Some clubs had expressed that they had not felt happy about asking for ages and LH asked the meeting's opinion on her having all dates of birth for members recorded on membership forms but it was felt by all that we could well struggle with this from a Data Protection point of view. It was agreed that this information need not be entirely accurate – an accurate estimate was all that was required. She also asked for clarification on what happens when players are members of two clubs. She was aware of members with dual membership who only paid one subscription. It was agreed that people who play for a secondary club should pay a further £1 as registration to NYSMBA but did not need to pay the ESMBA fee twice. Whilst this had always been the case it was felt that if we had difficulty understanding this, our clubs would also have some confusion. Therefore LH to put forward explanation to AGM so that the additional payment for dual registration would be recognised.

(iii) Insurance – It was agreed that the ESMBA insurance folder should be passed to, and kept by, BS and RG handed this over. RG reported that the broker had changed from PJ Aitken to Sutton Winson but rates and cover remained unchanged.

(d) PUBLICITY OFFICER – AGM report still to be written

(i) Communications with clubs

(ii) Web Site

(iii) Handbook – RG to pick winner of handbook competition at AGM – draw out of the hat.

(iv) Historical Records - the Policy Register would be made available on the website as it was felt the Association should operate in an open and transparent way. Galtres cabinet pictures were becoming out of date and it was agreed that these be reviewed and changed at the RGs discretion and costs to be met by the Association.

(e) CAPTAINS – Reports to be written

- Job description - this would be taken off the AGM agenda as any change to the wording would be covered by ManCom tonight.
- Team names - there would be no change to the current team names. They would be known as A, B & C with the A team playing in the ICC and B & C playing in the NESMBA league.
- A Team – RH had requested that a third person be included in the selection process and the Selection procedure would be updated.
- B Team - AJ requested that as soon as RH had arrived at her team selection he should be notified so that he was aware of any former B team players involved before it was common knowledge elsewhere. It was also agreed to amend the Selection Policy to make it a target to choose the A team within 1 month of the AGM.
- C team - It was agreed that there had been enough interest shown to launch the C team and an application had already been made, and acknowledged by the NESMBA. The office of C team Captain had been included on the nominations sheet in blue as this was not formally an office to be filled at present. The Constitution would be changed to allow for the inclusion of this and Job Description/Selection Policy would be circulated to the successful nominee.
- Team Selection Policy for 2012/13 – Amendments agreed by those present once further requested changes had been made. Not a matter for the AGM and this would be taken off the agenda.

(f) COMPETITION SECRETARY - Report written for AGM – nothing to raise tonight.

(i) County Championships

(ii) Northern England Championships.

(iii) National Championships

(iv) Little Cup

(g) JUNIOR COORDINATOR - NC announced his intention to stand down for health reasons and the inability to drive at night. JN agreed to consider putting her name forward at the AGM.

(i) Events - the annual Stockport vs North Yorks juniors had not gone ahead this year but a junior “get together” had taken place at Church Fenton instead.

- (ii) Woodbridge Trophy – had not taken place due to lack of entries.
- (iii) CPP (Child Protection policy) – no comment

ESMBA NEWS

- No minutes other than AGM (14/7) had been made available. RG would report to AGM re AGM.
- ESMBA Administration – no comment
- Match against England team (Feb 2013) - it was felt that a letter of thanks should go to the Galtres management for their help. JN to write.
- BDA/YBP – no comment
- England teams (Ladies and British Isles) – PJ to comment in her report
- Top Club competition. North Duffield team have qualified to take part in the finals weekend in Torquay on 20th April so JN unable to attend AGM.

NESMBA NEWS – AJ and RH had attended AGM – AJ to report

PROPOSALS

- Subs to remain unchanged despite decrease payable to ESMBA - this was not a proposal and had been addressed under the Treasurer's report.
- Possible purchase of new mat - this was not a proposal and had been addressed under the Treasurer's report.
- Payment to Swinton – had been agreed under the Treasurer's report
- Intention was to enter a new NESMBA team entry (C team) and venue would be Easingwold as AJ had established there would be capacity for this. AGM to endorse.
- Proposals to change Constitution – JN apologised for circulating the wrong proposals to the clubs as she had been unaware that RG had sent her example proposals from last year and she had inadvertently circulated these in error. The correct ones would be circulated along with the finalised AGM agenda, before the AGM next Friday. The constitution was checked and it was found that this action would not be in violation of conditions set down therein.
- Introduction of 2nd county strip for current B team – this was not a proposal but a suggestion that had cropped up at the end of the season. It was felt that all North Yorks county teams should wear the same strip (one county – one identity) even if it were to be in an alternative material. The only alternative was greys/whites. It was unclear as to how much subsidy should be available if players did want the strip as the original grant money used for the original subsidy was no longer available. AJ agreed use his availability list to find out exactly how many B team players wished to adopt the existing county strip with a view to the purchase of same for as early in the new season as possible. C/F to next ManCom meeting.
- Job descriptions – already covered

DIARY for 2013/14 - was nearly complete. RH had asked for the inclusion of a practice day for the A team but it was agreed that to just have the A team present would incur costs for the Association so it was agreed that all teams should attend with the Captains to meet beforehand to agree on and organise the format for the day.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS (as per attached list – 2 vacancies)

LEAGUE REPORTS

OPEN FORUM - This time is available for anyone to raise any issues they wish to be considered by the Management Committee for the year ahead. Discussions will be minuted but no decisions will be made.

JN would re-issue the AGM agenda in its corrected state along with the correct proposals. The Chairman thanked all for their attendance and for their work over the year. The meeting closed at 10.20 pm.