

Minutes of ManCom meeting held on Tuesday 8th July (5.45pm) at North Duffield

Attended by JoN, RH, AJ, RG, BS, JiN

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – had been received from PJ (council business). PR was also unable to attend. JN (as vice-Chairman) chaired the meeting.

MINUTES OF LAST MANCOM MEETING (14/4/14) – were read and signed as a correct record. (Already posted on website).

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MANCOM & AGM (May 2)

- **Disciplinary Policy** - Although significant changes had been agreed to our Disciplinary Procedures at our last ManCom and to our Constitution at the AGM it was decided to build on these to see if further improvements could be made. To this end it was agreed to set up a sub-committee of 3 non-committee members (possible names discussed). RG to draw up terms of reference and once agreed by ManCom relevant persons would be contacted. **Action - RG/PJ**
- **Committee positions** – After the AGM, JiN had expressed the opinion that it may be a good idea to co-opt several non-elected members on to the committee. This would have the result of broadening the experience of the current members into the ordinary membership. The idea was received favourably and would be looked at further as a Constitution change may be required. **Action - c/f**
- **Subsidised travel for IC matches** – This idea, raised at the AGM, was further discussed and rejected on the grounds of both cost and perceived effectiveness.
- **West Yorkshire request to amalgamate teams** – The idea of an “amalgamation” under a “Yorkshire” banner was rejected. However it was agreed to write to West Yorkshire saying that if any of their members wished to join a North Yorkshire club and affiliate to the ESMBA via that club there would be no objections. Such members would then be available for selection into our teams. Such members would then have to take part in our County Championships in order to qualify for the Nationals and Barnard Castle and could not play against us in the NESMBA IC league. **Action - RG to draft letter to be sent by PJ.**
- **Young player subsidy** – Of the 43 players named in the England U21 squad, 7 were from North Yorkshire. The £50 subsidy agreed at the AGM would be paid to all of these once they had attended their first squad day. **Action - BS**
- **Galtres Mats** – AJ had spoken to Judith Dalby with the offer of financial help in replacing these as and when necessary. However, Judith had stated this would not be required as the cost would be fully borne by the Galtres when the need arises.
- **Stickers/Scorecards/Shirts** – AJ distributed new scorecards to the Captains and stated there would be enough spares to cover the County Competitions. 1000 new stickers to be ordered. County shirts for A and B teams will be handed out on practice day. The “free” shirts (with unwanted logo disguised) would be held by AJ as reserves. Players would be charged £15 per shirt. All Captains would have an inventory list that they must keep up to date to enable BS to keep an accurate figure of the value of items in stock. **Action - AJ and BS**

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- **AGM Officer reports** – All would be accepted although it was felt that the final comments in the Treasurer’s report were inappropriate.

- **Accounts** – No reply had ever been received regarding our queries with last year's figures. This year's figures were discussed and several more queries raised. Answers would be sought at the AGM and voting for acceptance would depend on these answers.
- **Constitution changes** – There were 24 proposed changes submitted by the ESMBA committee and 1 from Hampshire. We had already written to the ESMBA complaining that their changes had not been presented correctly according to their own guidelines and were therefore difficult to understand. They had subsequently re-issued the changes plus additional ones with a list of "rationales" for each. However, it had still required a lot of time and effort to compare the proposed changes against the original wording. RG had concluded that there were 7 "cosmetic" changes, 12 relating to the introduction of "Administration Officers" and there were another 5 "standalone" changes. Each was considered in turn and a decision taken as to how we should vote.
- **Election of Officers** – All those standing for uncontested positions would be supported. After discussion regarding the candidates for the 2 contested positions it was decided to vote for John Hurst as Umpires Director. However, because a consensus could not be reached regarding the Chairman it was agreed that we would abstain and accept the decision of the other delegates.
- **Open Forum** – All 5 proposals were discussed and a decision on our collective view on each was noted.
- **RRM** – Apart from the 11 proposals that we had put forward ourselves, there were a further 21 proposals from other counties. Each was looked at in turn and a decision taken on how to vote. (Note that many of the other proposals would not be needed if ours were passed.)
- **Delegates** – RG would attend. No one else available. **Action – RG to report back**
- **Presidents Day** – No names would be submitted.

COMPETITIONS

- In spite of there being no-one willing to take on the post of Competition Secretary it was felt that we should make every effort to ensure the running of all 6 County Competitions and the Little Cup could go ahead. A list of all the tasks required to achieve this was scrutinised and allocated to various ManCom members. However, all present agreed that they would offer support in any area if required. It was recognised that this would put ManCom under a lot of strain/pressure and club members should be made aware that this would NOT be a precedent for future years. Three (non-committee) members had tentatively offered help with recording results etc on the days of the Competitions and JiN expressed a willingness to run the Juniors.

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- The Minutes of the AGM had been circulated. RH/PJ had attended with PJ taking over as Chairman for the year ahead. RH had nothing to add to the minutes.

COUNTY TEAMS

- **Squads** - RH/JoN informed the meeting that they, along with RL, were still in the process of finalising the Premier squad in the absence of SC. Initial enquiries had been made but nothing certain as yet. AJ had been informed of the probable/possible Premier names in readiness to go ahead and select the A team squad of 20.

- **Practice Day** – The Premier team would practice in the morning and the A/B teams in the afternoon. Squad photos would again be taken. **Action – AJ to ask DJ for use of tripod**
- **Badges and awards** – After brief discussion it was confirmed that the awarding of Badges for completing 4 IC games would be discontinued and the idea of introducing Silver and Gold badges for 25 and 50 games played would not be pursued.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY (RG)

The up to date members' database and other documentation/archives had been received from LH and all clubs would be contacted regarding renewal at the start of the season. He had been informed that there would be a change in the way membership cards were issued as the ESMBA were planning to laminate these which would last for several years. Further details about this were awaited. No application form had yet been received from Husthwaite although they had been accepted by the Kyle Valley league on the assumption they will be joining the NYSMBA.

FINANCES (BS)

- Current balance is around £4600.
- In spite of writing to the ESMBA, the payment for the hire of the Galtres for the England U21 match had not been received. **Action – RG to follow up**

PWA SECRETARY (RG)

Work on the Handbook had only just started. This, together with updating the Website and Galtres cabinet would hopefully be done on time.

JUNIORS (JIN) – Jill would advise BS of any of the England squad who attended matches/squad days so that he could pay the agreed subsidy.

AOB

Next meeting will be on practice day at around 11.30

The meeting finally ended at 10.45hrs.

RG 15.7.14