

Minutes of ManCom (23) meeting held on Friday 15th April (6.00pm) at Great Ouseburn

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

Jean Rhodes (as Membership Secretary designate) was also present as a guest.

A. APOOGIES FOR ABSENCE - none

B. MINUTES OF LAST MANCOM MEETING (12/2/16) - These were approved as a correct record and signed by PJ.

C. MATTERS ARISING

- **Disciplinary/appeals procedure** – RG had formatted the amendments requested by Ian Battersby at last year's AGM as 6 proposals and circulated them to all clubs with a copy to Ian. They will be considered at the AGM.
- **ESMBA personal accident insurance.** – RG had been informed that there is to be an ESMBA EGM to consider raising the ESMBA fee by £1 to cover "personal accident" liabilities. Details of exactly what the cover will be and who is covered are awaited.
- **League levy** – RG had written to all leagues informing them of our decision to introduce this small £10 annual charge. AJ reported on comments received at the recent Ryedale league AGM as to why the charge was necessary. RG pointed out that operating the website is not free – this year the accounts show a charge of £132.89 and if the levy is paid by all leagues it would go some way to offsetting this charge. It will be up to each league to decide whether they feel it is worth having their tables shown on the website or not. AJ said he would recommend payment to the 4 leagues of which he is Chairman. The newly formed Dales League had already agreed to the payment.
- **Membership Secretary** – RG had spent time with JR going over the basic tasks required and JR had also read through the Job Description and was confident this was a post she would enjoy filling. PJ thanked her on behalf of ManCom for coming forward and on the assumption she would be elected at the AGM, looked forward to working with her. RG will ensure all relevant documentation is up to date and spend more time over the summer handing over the necessary files ready for 2016/17. He was also in the process of trying to pin the ESMBA down as to exactly what level of information they require now that Keith Hawkins has resigned.
- **Membership cards** – A query to Barry Hedges regarding our outstanding cards (over 140) had elicited a reply that they are thinking of returning to the old system of "manual" cards. It was not clear whether the outstanding cards would be produced in the meantime or not.

D. TEAM SELECTION

- **Canvas results** - The letter had been sent to 104 players and 91 replies had been received. RG distributed an analysis which showed.....
 - 16 who did not want to be selected for any team
 - 13 who were only prepared to be selected for the Premier Team
 - 12 who were only prepared to be selected for the A Team
 - 18 who were only prepared to be selected for the B Team
 - 18 who were prepared to be selected for 2 teams
 - 14 who were prepared to be selected for all 3 teams

The 13 who had not replied would be considered as not interested in selection at all. The analysis also showed RG's suggestions for the ideal candidates for "starring".

- **Selection policy** – No major changes were envisaged as the objectives remained the same – i.e. "...to ***pick teams capable of achieving the maximum level of success...***" RG expressed the view that the A team will have a more difficult task this year than the Premier

team. The latter had been a whisker away from reaching the National ICC final and with a potentially stronger set of players to choose from RH should be quietly confident of winning this competition next year. The A team however, after an undefeated season in Division 2 would now be in Division 1 where historically they did not have a good record. He felt that AJ should make full use of those Premier team players who had made themselves available for selection even at the risk of “upsetting” some of his past “regulars”. He would update the policy document to take into account minor changes (e.g. the timing of the canvass).

E DIARY FOR 2016/17

AJ reported that the Diary was almost complete with only the A and B team fixtures to be finalised with the opposition. RH requested that he try his utmost not to arrange clashes between the teams thus allowing full flexibility for all captains when selecting their players – to which AJ agreed. The dates for all county championships, club competitions and league days had been kept on the equivalent days as last year with the following exceptions.

- The Little Cup had been brought forward to November 12th (requested by RG)
- The County U18s had been moved to December 18th (requested by JiN)
- The ND Triples had been moved to December 17th (requested by North Duffield)
- The days for the Kirbymisperton Triples and the County Mixed Fours had been swapped (requested by RG)
- The Scarborough Pairs had been moved to January 8th (requested by Scarborough)

The ESMBA had only recently placed their diary on their website and RG said he would place ours on our site soon.

F OFFICER REPORTS

Draft Accounts and all 8 Officer Reports together with one on Competitions had been circulated to all clubs and will not be read out at the AGM (except on request) to save time.

- **Accounts** - BS apologised that he had not renewed the ESMBA insurance (hence the zero figure) but this had now been rectified. Also no payments had been made to the 4 juniors who attended the England trials due to a misunderstanding. These two items amounting to around £300 will now be shown next year. At RG's request, he had also made some changes to the draft version that had been issued as follows.
 - The depreciation of assets had been reverted back to 20% from the 10% initially shown.
 - The HDC grant was shown as income against “Equipment” rather than in “Miscellaneous”
 - The St. Georges Cup donation had been moved to “Other Items” where previous donations had been shown rather than in “Miscellaneous”

RG pointed out that the “Purchased” value shown in the Assets valuation for the new equipment should be shown inclusive of VAT. **Action BS - to adjust for next year.**

- **Fees** – BS saw no reason to raise any fees but he would point out to the AGM that there was to be a proposal by the ESMBA to raise their fees by £1 (see Personal Accident above). RG would update the Policy Register (Fees and Charges) to show the levy now payable by the leagues, the increase in our insurance cover and remove the Little Cup.
- **Junior Coordinator** – JiN mentioned that she had recently been on a (free) half-day “Safeguarding” course organised by the BDA on behalf of the ESMBA. She suggested that she could probably put together a short course herself for the benefit of our own members if there was enough demand. **Action JiN**

G **NESMBA**

- **Proposals** – The wording of 5 proposals had been agreed and sent to David Rutt by the deadline date.
- **League Secretary** – Maxine Groce would not be standing again and it was not known if anyone had come forward to take over.
- **Lancashire** would not be re-joining and both Humberside teams had therefore been relegated to even out the Divisions at 5 teams each.
- **AGM June 12** – As past Chairman, PJ had organised the venue/refreshments for the AGM. PJ, AJ and possibly RH would attend as our delegates.

H **ESMBA** - RG not sure he will be available to attend this year's AGM on July 16 due to other commitments. **Delegate(s) to be decided c/f**

I **OTHER**

- **Competition Secretary** - After recent discussions with JiN and RG Mark Agar had expressed a serious interest in helping out. This was welcome news. **JiN/RG to follow up**
- **Charity giving** - Many counties and individual clubs run charity competitions and we had recently agree to a one-off donation to the St Georges Cup organisers in support of their GOSH appeal. The idea of having a more local nominated charity that we would support in years where we run at a surplus was discussed. **PJ to sound out the AGM**
- **EGM/AGM** - The agenda was reviewed and our approach to the various issues was discussed and agreed.
- **25th anniversary** – As the “Quiz” suggestion never received much support, JiN suggested that maybe we should look into purchasing a county flag for display at our major competitions (as several other counties do). **AJ to follow up with Fox's re cost**

There being no other business the Chairman thanked all for attending, RH for her refreshments and closed the meeting at 9.20pm (somewhat of a record early finish).

The next meeting will probably not be until September.

(Any issues regarding the AGMs for the NESMBA and ESMBA will be discussed by email and voting positions on any proposals agreed.)