

## Minutes of ManCom (24) meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Hydref (October) at North Duffield

Meeting started 6.10pm and was attended by the full committee:

Chairman & Vice Chairman

Secretary & Treasurer

Membership & Competition Secretaries

Junior Coordinator & PWA Secretary

Team Captains

Pat Jones, Joseph Newsome,  
Roger Green, Barry Simmonite

Jean Rhodes, Mark Agar

Jill Newsome, Roger Green

Rose Haynes, Arthur Jackson, Pat Jones

### 1 - APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - none

### 2 - MINUTES OF LAST MANCOM MEETING (15/4/16)

These were approved as a correct record (proposed JoN, seconded JiN) and signed by PJ.

### 3 - MATTERS ARISING

AJ had obtained details from “Foxes” regarding a county flag and passed these to PJ but nothing further had happened. PJ will now email these details to ManCom for comments and approval. It will probably be necessary to have 3 flags.....one for each team. **Action PJ**

### 4 - NESMBA

- PJ, AJ and RG (as Treasurer) had attended the AGM (Harrogate - 12<sup>th</sup> June) and the minutes had been posted on the website when received (18<sup>th</sup> August). The changes made to the Constitution and Rules were briefly reviewed. Our own proposal to remove all references to the ICC from Rule 24 had (as expected) failed. However a further attempt to modify the wording will be submitted next year.

#### **Action c/f**

- After agreement with PJ and AJ, RG had sent a letter of complaint to the NESMBA Secretary, David Rutt, voicing our dissatisfaction with the part played at the AGM by the Chairman, Graham Foote who it was felt had overstepped the mark on several issues. This letter had been copied to all counties who were present and subsequently to ManCom. There had been no feedback.
- Liam Smith (Stockport) had since volunteered to fill the vacancy of League Secretary after Maxine Groce had decided not to stand for re-election.

### 5 - ESMBA

- Committee minutes had been received for October, December, January (May 4<sup>th</sup>), February (June 5<sup>th</sup>) and May (Sep 1st).
- Those for October stated that NYSMBA had been “**unwilling to call an EGM to amend their constitutions as requested** .....” As this was incorrect we had written asking for a retraction. This had eventually appeared in the May minutes which also documented the fact that the ESMBA accepted the wishes of the NYSMBA not to make the requested change.
- A letter had also been received from the ESMBA Chairman confirming their acceptance of our constitution change and apologising for the way the matter had been handled. All clubs had been informed and told that we considered this affair now closed.
- RG had attended the AGM (Weedon 16<sup>th</sup> July) and had circulated his own notes on the proceeding (viewable on the website). The official minutes are still awaited. Their seemed to be an acceptance that the Administrator post (vacated by Keith Hawkins) needs a complete re-think. In the meantime the Administrators tasks are being handled mainly by the Chairman (Barry Hedges) and Competition Organiser (Brandon Whittaker) with help from various co-opted members such as Peter Fautley (website), Lynn Dean (safeguarding) and Herbie Bowden (?). RG had also volunteered to help and in August had been co-opted to handle player registrations.
- The new newsletter (The Extra End) was discussed. Whilst its worth at club level was questioned it was agreed to see how it developed and what sort of articles were included. It could become a useful communication tool – or a damp squib. Time will tell. RG will continue to circulate copies to

all clubs. It was suggested that perhaps a 2-3 monthly issue was more appropriate and that it should feature “news from the regions”. RG to pass on these thought to Rachel Cordy.

### **Action RG**

- MA queried the £5000 payment made to the Chairman in respect of work on the Insurance scheme as shown in the May minutes. RG said this money was part of that received from Sutton Winson for administering the scheme. The money flowing in and out of this scheme was handled outside of the normal published annual accounts. He had asked in the past for the scheme to be made more transparent but this had not happened. MA felt that in view of the large amount involved we should continue to press for this. **Action RG to write to ESMBA**
- **England teams** – RH was again in the Ladies squad (of 32) and had played 2 matches with more to come. Danny, Bronagh and Lee were in the Senior squad (48) but Ben had declined his place although as a current Nationals winner he is entitled to play in the British Isles match. Daniel, Cameron, Ben and Lauren were again in the U21 squad (of 31). MA felt that the squad should be larger as in their matches so far it had been necessary to include some adults to make up numbers.

## **6 - FINANCES**

- Current balance £8400+. With subs coming in and little expenditure early in the season this will rise before it begins to fall as bills have to be paid.
- All leagues had agreed to pay the £10 league levy providing an additional £90 income.
- Bowlswear had paid for their Handbook advert but Bolt Bowls had not.  
**Action BS to chase them up.**
- The outstanding ESMBA Insurance and 4 Junior subsidies from last year had now been paid.
- RG pointed out that the annual charge for both Norton (anti-virus) and MyHosting (website host) had increased by around 25%. He had negotiated a one off rebate to the former but this had entailed the removal of the automatic renewal option.

## **7 - COUNTY TEAMS**

- Starred players: RG could not understand why the initial list of 12 starred players submitted by AJ included 6 who had stated in the selection canvas they were prepared to play in the B team if required. AJ had in effect removed the freedom of choice of these 6 to play for A or B. The results of the canvas had showed that there were 22 players who were not interested in B team selection and he felt that this initial list should have been limited to these players (as had been discussed at the previous ManCom). AJ however felt this was irrelevant as it was likely they would have already played 3 games (and thus be starred anyway) by the time the opportunity to play in the B team arose. As Captain he said he would star whoever he chose to.
- Fleeces: There was a need to replenish the stock of fleeces as several team members did not have them. However, the original style of “woolly” fleece did not seem popular and consideration would be given to changing this to a “windheater” type over-jacket. JiN offered to see what was on offer from Bowlswear and report back. **Action JiN**
- Premier team had won both their opening matches by 38-2 – a brilliant start. For the next match RH had picked a Scottish player who was temporarily living in the area and who had registered at Crossgates although his home address was in Scotland. She had been advised by other Premier team players who knew him that he was of the required standard. Discussion followed as to whether this could be construed as a slap in the face for some of our better players who had long been loyal to the county and who had opted to be available to play in the Premier team if required. Should such players be given the opportunity of a Premier match in preference to an “outsider”? Our selection policy was worded such that only those who had been canvassed should be considered for selection but RH felt this was too restrictive and inflexible and there should be room to introduce new players who had arrived in the county since the canvas. Opinion was divided but RH insisted that her job was to pick the strongest team possible and that if she were to be overruled she would have to consider her position. It was agreed to support her stance and the selection policy would be reviewed for next year. **Action c/f**
- A team had lost both their opening matches 27-13 and 36-4.
- B team had yet to play

## **8 - MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

RG had handed over all the files and procedures to JR during the summer and she reported that she thinks everything is under control. Only 14 clubs had so far paid their subs so she will remind outstanding clubs of the end of October deadline as she will be on holiday around then. All details have to be sent to the ESMBA during November. RH handed her this year's ESMBA membership cards that had been brought back from a recent England weekend.

## **9 - COMPETITIONS SECRETARY**

RG had handed over all the files and procedures to MA during the summer and he reported that he thinks everything is under control. Competition entries are coming in slowly although the closing date is October 29<sup>th</sup>. JiN offered assistance with completion of the ESMBA entry forms. JoN gave him details of where to go for the keepsake trophies (the supplier used up to now had gone out of business). RG will help out with any aspect of the preparation of the formats for each competition and the preparation of the relevant spreadsheets once all entries have been received. The first competition is the Mixed Fours on November 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **10 - PWA SECRETARY**

- 350 copies of the Handbook had been produced on time with the same number of pages (48). Colour had been extended to the inside of the front and back covers and a second advertiser had been found. Due to RG's holiday, AJ had handled the distribution at a YNL meeting and also on practice day. RG had sent the remaining 6 clubs out by post. The use of Welsh in the Diary was a simple attempt at light-heartedness.
- A letter from "Bowlsweat" had expressed disappointment over the position of their advert in the Handbook. RG to reply giving the reasons why it had been moved. **Action RG**
- The website pages had been reviewed and the relevant new pages had been set up in time for the new season. It was noted that the BSA (Swinton) club website was also being used to display tables for 3 of the leagues.
- All the perpetual trophies had been engraved and were now re-located back in the Galtres cabinet (after dusting!). The photo-frame had been updated.
- There had been talk of setting up a NYSMBA county "Facebook" page and the pros and cons of this were discussed. There had not been a widespread call for this and RG had not received any feedback to his suggestion for such a page in the last 2 Handbooks. The benefits to the county at large seemed hard to quantify. JoN had already set up a group that could report Premier team successes/failures and comment. It was decided to refer this to the AGM for the opinion of our clubs. **Action c/f**

## **11 - JUNIOR COORDINATOR**

JiN had not received any feedback from any clubs regarding recruitment of juniors and she is now considering targeting schools directly. North Duffield have held one taster session for their local school and Church Fenton are planning a similar exercise in their area.

## **12 - AOB**

RG asked if the stock of score cards and stickers was adequate for the season ahead and it was confirmed we had plenty.

There being no further business, PJ thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 10pm.

**Next ManCom meetings 7<sup>th</sup> February and 4<sup>th</sup> April – both to be confirmed. AGM 28<sup>th</sup> April.**