



North Yorkshire Short Mat Bowling Association
Minutes for the 25th AGM

April 29th 2016 @ 7.00 pm - The Galtres Centre (theatre) – Easingwold

ATTENDEES

MANCOM (MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE)

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| 1. <u>Chairman</u> | - Pat Jones |
| 2. <u>Vice Chairman</u> | - Joseph Newsome (JoN) |
| 3. <u>Secretary</u> | - Roger Green (RBG) |
| 4. <u>County Team Captains</u> | - Rose Haynes, Arthur Jackson, Pat Jones |
| 5. <u>Membership Secretary</u> | - Roger Green |
| 6. <u>Treasurer</u> | - Barry Simmonite |
| 7. <u>PWA Secretary</u> | - Roger Green |
| 8. <u>Junior Coordinator</u> | - Jill Newsome (JiN) |

CLUBS

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| 1. <u>BSA</u> | - Richard Good (RG) & Matt Fenwick |
| 2. <u>Church Fenton</u> | - David Herbert |
| 3. <u>Crossgates</u> | - Anne & Mick Ridge, Joyce Perry |
| 4. <u>Easingwold</u> | - Joyce Hughes |
| 5. <u>Great Ouseburn</u> | - Joan Ramsden & Ken Thompson |
| 6. <u>Hambleton</u> | - Jean Rhodes |
| 7. <u>Knaresborough</u> | - Bryan Jones, Pat & Derek Beardsley |
| 8. <u>Raskelf</u> | - Dennis Jarvis |
| 9. <u>Wilberfoss</u> | - Sue Douthwaite |
| 10. <u>Yedingham</u> | - Edrene Rumley |
| 11. <u>North Duffield</u> | - Mark, Hayley & Daniel Agar (arrived 7.30) |

PJ welcomed the representatives from 11 clubs, who together with 8 colleagues and 8 officers made a total of 27 attendees. The meeting commenced with a one minute silence in memory of former members who had passed away during the year.

(1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE - Of the 32 clubs not present, 6 had offered their apologies.

1. Carlton
2. Marton
3. Stewart
4. Stillington
5. Thornton le Dale
6. Tollerton

(2) MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS - The draft minutes of the previous AGM on May 1 2015 had been circulated to all clubs shortly thereafter. No changes were requested and the meeting voted unanimously to accept the minutes as a true record (proposed DB, seconded DH). The file copy was signed by the Chairman. Minutes of 3 subsequent ManCom meetings had been made available on the website and these had already been verified as being correct by ManCom. A draft copy of the minutes of the most recent ManCom meeting (April 15) would be verified at the next ManCom meeting.

(3) ANY MATTERS ARISING - No matters were raised arising from either last year's AGM or the subsequent ManCom meetings.

(4) REPORTS from OFFICERS - All reports had been sent to all clubs in early April and will be filed along with the minutes. All officers were given the opportunity to add to or modify their report and those present were able to ask questions regarding each report.

- (a) **Chairman** – PJ added congratulations on behalf of the Association and all its members to Danny, Ben, Joyce and Jane for bringing home the National Mixed Fours Trophy and also to Danny and Ben for adding the National Pairs title to this. National titles are rare and to win two in the same year is a tremendous achievement. The meeting concurred with a round of applause.
- (b) **Secretary** – RBG had nothing to add and there were no questions from the floor.
- (c) **Treasurer** – BS thanked Paul Whitcombe for checking the figures in his 3 financial reports (Profit&Loss, Income&Expenditure, Assets&Stock). The closing balance for the year of £7386 reflected a small surplus of just £6. However late payments of the ESMBA Insurance and of our Junior subsidies meant that around £300 of expenditure would be c/f to next year. The large expenditure on new mats and other equipment of over £3500 had been largely offset by a grant from HDC of £2170, the sale of the two old mats at £299 and a refund of £600 from the YBP (Yorkshire Bowls Partnership) which had discontinued its business and dissolved. There were no questions from the floor regarding any of the figures.
- (d) **Membership Secretary** – RBG confirmed there were no modifications to his report which contained all the relevant numbers regarding the makeup of our membership. In answer to a question regarding the ESMBA membership cards he confirmed that none had been received this year and that in a recent email, Barry Hedges had stated that it was highly likely that they would be discontinuing the “lifetime” laminated cards and returning to annual “manual” ones for next season.
- (e) **Captain (Premier)** – RH had nothing to add and there were no questions from the floor.
- (f) **Captain (A)** – AJ had nothing to add and there were no questions from the floor.
- (g) **Captain (B)** – PJ had nothing to add and there were no questions from the floor.
- (h) **Competitions** - RBG pointed out that in the absence of a Competitions Secretary he had produced this report for completeness. He was pleased that his expressed “gut feeling” that a National title win was on the cards had not been unfounded and he added his congratulations to Danny and Ben for their win in the Pairs.
- (i) **Junior Coordinator** – JiN informed those present that she had recently attended a half day course on Safeguarding. This had been organised by the ESMBA for all county safeguarding officers and was tailored towards safeguarding in a sports environment. She was now in a position to run a mini course for our own members if required and asked any club interested to contact her directly. There were no modifications to her report and no questions from the floor.
- (j) **PWA Secretary** – RG had nothing to add and there were no questions from the floor.

(5) POLICY REGISTER (PR)

- (a) **Disciplinary and Appeals procedures (PR A4)** – A much revised document (V3) had been approved at last year’s AGM based on a sub-committee report headed by Ian Battersby. Ian had subsequently submitted a document asking for further minor changes and these had been circulated to all clubs as 6 specific proposals. These were all minor “tweaks” to the wording and changed nothing of the overall procedures. After a proposal by MR (seconded by RG) all these modifications were unanimously accepted.
- (b) **Fees for 2016/17 (PR B2)** – BS stated that he saw no reason to increase any of our documented fees. However, the ESMBA are holding an EGM prior to their AGM in July to consider a proposal to add a further £1 to their affiliation fee. This addition will be specifically to cover the cost of a national “Personal Accident” cover scheme for all ESMBA registered members. If this is accepted it will be passed on to all members registering next year. There were several queries from the floor regarding this as well as a view that it seems to be very good value for money. RBG said that until full details had been received we could not realistically decide whether to vote in favour or against this proposal. SD proposed (seconded by ER) that it be left up to our delegate to the AGM to decide once all arguments had been heard. RBG said any details received would be passed on to clubs. ***(Note that the entry fee for the Little Cup will now be determined by the***

BSA club now that they have adopted this competition. A £10 levy had also been agreed by ManCom for all leagues choosing to use the website for publicising their tables).

(c) **County team selection policy for 2016/17 (PR E2)** – JoN pointed out that the policy adopted last year remains basically unchanged and a letter had already been sent out to 104 players identified as potential team members. 13 had not replied and 16 had opted out of selection. The remaining 75 had expressed their availability as follows.

- Premier Team only - 12
- A team only - 12
- B team only – 18
- The other 33 players were all available for selection in either 2 or all 3 teams.

In effect this meant that each captain had around 40 players to consider when picking their teams for each fixture. Those available for the B team may reduce once it had been decided which players would be “starred”. The objectives of each team remain to win the division they are playing in. Any club having members who have not been contacted but who would like to be considered should contact any of the captains directly.

(6) **ELECTION OF OFFICERS** - A list of nominations had already been circulated to all clubs showing the proposer and seconder for 10 of the 11 Officer posts. There had been no nominations for Competition Secretary.

(a) The Chairman asked if all the Officers prepared to stand for re-election on the nomination list could be re-elected en-bloc. This was agreed by those present and all were re-elected unanimously.

(b) RBG had stated his intention of not standing for re-election as Membership Secretary and Jean Rhodes had been proposed and seconded for this post. After Jean had identified herself to those present she was elected unanimously. PJ thanked her for coming forward to fill this critical post and RBG would hand over the relevant files and documentation during the summer.

(c) PJ then asked if there were any nominations for the vacancy for Competition Secretary. Mark Agar stated that although he was not a bowler himself he had been very involved over the last few years both locally and nationally as the father of Daniel who had been playing for the England Juniors and last season for the Premier team. He had been impressed with the effort that goes into running and administering the game and in particular the support that Daniel had been given at all levels. He had expressed his willingness to help out and after conversations with both JiN and RBG he had read the JD (Job Description) so knew what would be involved. He was then proposed by RG, seconded by ER and elected unanimously. PJ was delighted with this and assured him that he would be fully supported by the other members of ManCom. It was great that with Jean and Mark joining ManCom she had a full committee for the first time for several years.

(d) BS stated that Paul Whitcombe was happy to check the accounts again next year so with the support of those present he was duly re-appointed as the Association’s “Accounts Checker”.

(7) **OPEN FORUM** The Secretary had not been sent any requests for discussion topics in advance of the meeting.

(a) **Charity giving** – PJ pointed out that after being approached by the organisers of the St Georges Cup (a charity competition organised basically as an annual North v South competition), we had made a donation of £100 to their nominated charity - Great Ormond Street Hospital. However ManCom had agreed that although this was a one-off we should perhaps consider supporting a more local charity on a regular basis. Several present spoke in support of the idea and the Yorkshire Air Ambulance was mentioned as a candidate. It was finally decided that this will be a topic for each future AGM at which a charity would be chosen and an amount agreed for each year.

No other points were raised so the Chairman thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting @ 20:20hrs. (This meeting was then followed by an EGM – see separate minutes)

RBG May 2 – this draft approved for issue by ManCom w/e May 8