



# North Yorkshire Short Mat Bowling Association

## Minutes for the 26<sup>th</sup> AGM

April 28<sup>th</sup> 2017 @ 7.00 pm - The Galtres Centre – Easingwold

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### **ATTENDEES**

#### **MANCOM (MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE)**

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| 1. <u>Chairman</u>              | - Pat Jones                              |
| 2. <u>Vice Chairman</u>         | - Joseph Newsome                         |
| 3. <u>Secretary</u>             | - Roger Green                            |
| 4. <u>County Team Captains</u>  | - Rose Haynes, Arthur Jackson, Pat Jones |
| 5. <u>Membership Secretary</u>  | - Jean Rhodes                            |
| 6. <u>Treasurer</u>             | - Barry Simmonite                        |
| 7. <u>PWA Secretary</u>         | - Roger Green                            |
| 8. <u>Junior Coordinator</u>    | - Jill Newsome                           |
| 9. <u>Competition Secretary</u> | - Mark Agar                              |

#### **CLUBS**

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| 1. <u>Branton</u>        | - Peter Goldsmith                    |
| 2. <u>Church Fenton</u>  | - David Herbert                      |
| 3. <u>Crossgates</u>     | - Mike & J Carter                    |
| 4. <u>Knaresborough</u>  | - Bryan Jones, Pat & Derek Beardsley |
| 5. <u>North Duffield</u> | - Daniel & Hayley Agar               |
| 6. <u>Raskelf</u>        | - Dennis Jarvis                      |
| 7. <u>Selby WMC</u>      | - Geoff & Anne Whitehead             |
| 8. <u>Stewart</u>        | - Peter Hawkett                      |
| 9. <u>Stillington</u>    | - Adreyenne Hope & Nigel Marsh       |
| 10. <u>Tollerton</u>     | - Alan Ward                          |
| 11. <u>Wilberfoss</u>    | - Sue Douthwaite                     |

PJ welcomed the representatives from 11 clubs, who together with 6 colleagues and 9 officers made a total of 26 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, 4 had offered their apologies.

1. Bubwith
2. Yoredale
3. Thornton le Dale
4. Hambleton

**(2) MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS** - The draft minutes of the previous AGM & EGM on April 28 2016 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 DJ). The file copies of both meetings were signed by the Chairman. Minutes of 3 subsequent ManCom meetings had been made available on the website and the first 2 of these had already been verified as being correct by ManCom. A draft copy of the minutes of the most recent ManCom meeting (April 4) would be verified at the next ManCom meeting.

**(3) ANY MATTERS ARISING** – There were no matters arising from either last year's AGM/EGM 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 had nothing to add and there were no questions from the floor.
- (b) **Secretary** – RG had nothing to add and there were no questions from the floor.
- (c) **Treasurer** – BS said that in view of another good year with an operating surplus of over £1200 he would be recommending that basic fees need not be increased. (However see 5b below regarding ESMBA fees)
- (d) **Membership Secretary** – JR had nothing to add and there were no questions from the floor.
- (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** – MA had nothing to add and there were no questions from the floor
- (i) **Junior Coordinator** – JiN added the fact that 13 year old Daniel Agar had reached the semi-final of the National U18 championships after a tremendous performance in his QF. In this he had been 0-7 down and then scored a 4 on the last end to force an extra end which he won. This had been an excellent mature performance and his prospects for the future look extremely bright.
- (j) **PWA Secretary** – RG had nothing to add and there were no questions from the floor.

#### **(5) POLICY REGISTER (PR)**

- (a) **Constitution (PR1a)** – Two proposals had been put forward by ManCom and these together with reasons had been circulated to all clubs in early April.  
Proposal 1 was to remove the post of PWA Secretary from Section 5 – Administration. All PWA tasks would revert to the Secretary (apart from managing the website- see 7b below). This was seconded by SD and passed unanimously.  
Proposal 2 was to re-word Section 4 – Annual Subscriptions. This removed the reduced fees that up to now had been payable for members joining 2 or more clubs (so called dual members) or late members joining after March 31<sup>st</sup>. It also removed the definition of the fee as being made up of a NYSMBA portion plus a ESMBA portion but would now be considered as a single amount from which the Association would pay the ESMBA fee whatever that is. This would enable the possibility of not passing on any ESMBA increases in full which would not be possible under the current wording. This was seconded by DH and passed unanimously.
- (b) **Fees & Charges (PR2b)** – This policy sheet listed all fees and charges payable and had been updated with some minor changes. This included removing the payment of an honorarium to the PWA Secretary (now no longer required) and a £2 charge for rule books (now foc as an ESMBA benefit). The main change was to the member affiliation. At a recent EGM the ESMBA fee had been increased (for 2017/18) by £1 to provide “Personal Accident” cover for each registered player. A document outlining the key benefits of this had been sent to all clubs and the Treasurer read out what these were. However he had recommended that half of this increase should be absorbed by the Association so the new consolidated member registration fee would now be £5 per year. These changes were approved unanimously.
- (c) **County team selection policy (PR5b)** – JoN outlined the changes that had already been agreed by ManCom. After several attempts to define a workable policy over previous years it had become somewhat cumbersome and inflexible and had now been simplified. It would simply be up to each captain (together with their appointed vice captain) to pick their teams on a fixture by fixture basis with a view to selecting their strongest side from the players available. The pool of players available for selection would be those who had already played in recent years plus any additional members who had been recommended by their clubs. In addition, any other interested member could contact either the Secretary or any of the captains asking to be considered for selection.

## **(6) ELECTION OF OFFICERS for 2017/18**

The Chairman (PJ) read out a statement explaining that after 6 very enjoyable years she had decided that the time was now right for her to stand down and she fully endorsed her Vice Chairman (JoN) as her successor. She thanked him and all the ManCom for their support and also to all North Yorkshire bowlers for their friendship during her time in post.

A list of nominations had already been circulated to all clubs showing the proposer and seconder for all posts apart from Competition Secretary. JoN pointed out that RH would also be standing down after 7 successful years as Premier team captain and Bronagh Toleman had been proposed as her successor. RH had been nominated as his replacement as Vice Chairman. No-one had been nominated as PWA Secretary as this post had now been discontinued. MA had decided not to stand as Competition Secretary and JoN thanked him for all his work last year in this key position. He would be sorely missed.

All those on the nomination list were then voted in for 2017/18 unanimously as follows.

<u>Chairman</u>	Joseph Newsome	<u>Vice Chairman</u>	Rose Haynes
<u>Secretary</u>	Roger Green	<u>Treasurer</u>	Barry Simmonite
<u>Membership Secretary</u>	Jean Rhodes	<u>Junior Coordinator</u>	Jill Newsome
<u>Captains</u>	Bronagh Toleman(Premier)	Arthur Jackson(A)	Pat Jones(B)

The new Chairman asked if there was anyone present prepared to take on the task of Competition Secretary. There were none. He then pointed out that in the past ManCom had managed to run all competitions without a nominated Competition Secretary but this may not be possible in future due to the changed circumstances and responsibilities of some of the ManCom members. This was a serious situation and members must wake up to the situation that there could be no County Competitions organised next year which would mean no National Heats or qualifiers for Barnard Castle. All those present were asked to make their clubs aware of this and to seek people who may be prepared to help out.

BS stated that Paul Whitcombe was happy to check the accounts again next year so he was duly re-appointed as the Association's "Accounts Checker".

## **(7) OPEN FORUM**

**(a) Charity giving** – At last year's AGM it was agreed that each year we would decide on whether or not to make donation to a local charity and if so how much and to which one. ManCom's suggestion for this year was £100 to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. After some discussion this was formally proposed by AW and seconded by AH and passed unanimously.

**(b) Website** – RG reiterated that the software being used (Microsoft FrontPage) is no longer supported by Microsoft. Whilst it has continued to function OK there is always the possibility that something drastic could go wrong for which there would be no remedy. The hosting cost for the site has also been rising. RG felt that the time is approaching when it will be necessary to redesign and re-launch a new site using different software. With the disbandment of the PWA Secretary post, the management of our current website will now be handled by an appointed "Webmaster" and RG is happy to carry on fulfilling this function but the way is open for someone to come forward who would like to take on this project. In the meantime ManCom had asked him to look at possibilities. DH said that the Church Fenton website was also based on FrontPage but had been successfully migrated to another package.

Action RG to follow up with DH

**(c) Facebook** – The possibility of creating a NYSMBA Facebook page had been suggested by Bronagh Toleman and she had been invited to the AGM to explain the benefits to the county.

However as she was not present this possibility will be marked forward for future ManCom discussion. JoN explained the reservations that had been expressed in previous meetings and a straw poll of those present showed there were only 4 Facebook users present. **Action c/f**

**(d) Other** – AW asked why he had not been selected for either the A or B teams and it was explained to him that not everyone who expressed an interest in playing was guaranteed selection. Captains had to weigh up the players available for each fixture and pick what they considered the best team. RG said that although AW was in the available player pool he should consider the possibility that he had not been considered as up to the standard required. He was not alone in this.

SD asked for the minutes to record her clubs thanks to the committee for all their work in running the county affairs.

No other points were raised so the Chairman thanked all for their attendance and closed the meeting @ 20:25hrs.

**RBG April 30 – this draft approved for issue by ManCom May 7**