

## Minutes of ManCom (26) meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April at Great Ouseburn

Meeting started 6.20pm and was attended by all of the committee:

Chairman & Vice Chairman

Secretary & Treasurer

Membership secretary

Competition Secretary

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 (7/2/17)** - These were approved unanimously as a correct record and signed by PJ.

3 - **MATTERS ARISING**

**County banner** – A quotation of £23.60 from Foxes for a simple banner was confirmed. The size, design, colour and wording were all confirmed and it was agreed to purchase one banner for each team. They would be displayed at inter-county games (at the discretion of each captain) and at the county competitions and the NESMBA Championships. **Order to be placed PJ**

**NESMBA Rule 24** – A draft proposal had been circulated by RG who confirmed that Andy Miles would be prepared to second it although it was unlikely that Stockport would support it. All agreed it was a fair proposal which should be submitted by the deadline date of April 16<sup>th</sup>. **Action RG**

**ESMBA insurance scheme finances** – still no reply to our letter from the ESMBA

**BOLT Bowls** - RG had emailed them and they had asked for our bank details so a transfer could be made (for Handbook advert). BS had sent these details but payment had still not been received. It was decided to write this off as a bad debt.

**Church Fenton Open Day** - BS had paid the agreed amount (£41.89)

**Member Registration** – RG had prepared a draft proposal to alter our constitution and it was agreed to put this to the AGM for their vote. **Action RG**

**Galtres booking times** – AJ confirmed that all home IC bookings had been changed to run until 5pm and all the CC times will run until 6pm.

**Facebook** – RG had written to Bronagh Toleman inviting her to address the AGM.

**Junior subsidies** – BS had now paid all the subsidies for 15/16 and 16/17. It was agreed to continue these for another year (£50 pp).

**Team selection for 2017/18** – The revised policy agreed at the last meeting had been updated on the website and all clubs had been asked to publicise this and asked to nominate players for consideration. Responses had been received from 2 players and there had also been an enquiry from a Herefordshire Premier player who is planning an imminent move to North Yorkshire.

**Jacks** – Boston Bowls had quoted £22 per jack (renovation) and £34 (new). It was agreed that 4 new jacks should be ordered. For the future we will consider renewing them on a rolling basis (assuming their condition warrants it). **Action RG**

**Dress Code** – Disappointment was expressed at the non-standard and sloppy dress worn by some competitors at Barnard Castle and also that some of our own players had chosen other coloured strips in preference to our own county colours. The difficulty in ensuring uniformity (mixed teams of county/non county players or from different clubs) was discussed. It was agreed that for our own internal competitions the published dress code should be revised based on that defined by the ESMBA standards and that all our players taking part in external competitions should be strongly encouraged to follow this. **Action Competition Organiser**

**Nominations for 2017/18** – Apart from Competition Secretary, nominations had now been received for all posts.

**County over jackets** – JiN now has orders for 16 (min. required is 20). It was felt that additional jackets should be ordered for stock to cater for future demand. Cost price is £35 but BS recommended a £5 subsidy in keeping with previous practice. **Action JiN**

**Practice Day** – There was substantial discussion regarding both its purpose and its format. The “**all teams mixed up**” format (organised by JiN) followed in previous years worked well and required minimum planning and no notification of numbers turning up. It was felt there was some benefit in mixed abilities playing together. However the A and B captains felt that their teams would also like an hour or so practice on their own. It was agreed that the captains should therefore liaise with JiN with a view to having a differing format in the morning and afternoon to satisfy all requirements.

**Action JiN, AJ. PJ**

#### **4 – AGM Agenda items**

**Officer Reports** – All reports had been circulated within ManCom and with a small change to the Junior Coordinator report all would be sent out to clubs in advance of the AGM. This would include the Secretary and A team captain’s report (not yet to hand).

**Competition Secretary** – MA explained why he felt he could not stand for re-election. It was hoped that a volunteer for this critical position would be forthcoming at the AGM. If no one came forward to take this responsibility on, the way ahead for 2017/18 would be discussed at our next meeting. There had apparently been comments passed about the draw for the championships being “behind closed doors”. RG/MA explained when/how this was done and felt that those complaining should have trust in the organisers. Nevertheless a more public draw will be considered for next year. There was discussion regarding the way in which “next best” players had been selected in those competitions having a mixed format of groups containing 4 or 5 players. MA explained how he had used a calculation to pro-rata the points and shots and this was generally felt to be fair.

**Treasurer Annual Accounts** – BS had published draft Accounts very soon after year end close although they had not yet been checked by Paul Whitcombe. He asked for clarification on the way the county shirts/fleeces should be shown on the Assets/Stock register. The bottom line for the year was an excess of income over expenditure of over £1200 which was largely due to the “profit” made by the county A and B teams and the county championships - mainly as a result of the raffles held in all three areas. It was expected that at the ESMBA EGM to be held on Apr 7<sup>th</sup>, an increased fee of £1 would be approved (to cover Personal Accident liability). After discussion, it was agreed that BS should recommend to the AGM that only half of this increase should be passed on to members.

**Action BS**

**Policy Register – Constitution changes** – Two changes would be put to the AGM. One concerned the simplification of the way we levy annual fees and the other would remove the post of PWA Secretary. Draft proposals had been circulated and no changes were made to these.

**Policy Register – Fees and charges** – See above regarding annual subs increase. This change (if approved) would be reflected in an update to the “Fees and Charges” sheet in the Policy register along with several other cosmetic changes. **Action RG**

**Policy Register – Selection Policy** – See above

#### **5 – Forum**

**Charity Donation** – ManCom’s proposal will be £100 to Yorkshire Air Ambulance but the amount and recipient(s) to be discussed at AGM

**Website** – Future to be decided. Out-sourcing to be considered.

There being no further business, PJ thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 9.40pm. **Next ManCom meeting date and venue tba. (AGM 28<sup>th</sup> April).**

**DRAFT - RBG April 11th**