

North Yorkshire Short Mat Bowling Association

Minutes for the 27th AGM

April 27th 2018 @ 7.00 pm - The Galtres Centre – Easingwold

ATTENDEES

MANCOM (MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE)

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| 1. <u>Chairman</u> | - Joseph Newsome |
| 2. <u>Vice Chairman</u> | - Rose Haynes |
| 3. <u>Secretary</u> | - Roger Green |
| 4. <u>County Team Captains</u> | - Bronagh Toleman, Arthur Jackson, Pat Jones |
| 5. <u>Membership Secretary</u> | - Jean Rhodes |
| 6. <u>Treasurer</u> | - Barry Simmonite |
| 7. <u>Junior Coordinator</u> | - APOLOGIES |

CLUBS

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| 1. Bempton | - Peter Arthur |
| 2. Church Fenton | - David Herbert |
| 3. Crossgates | - Mick & Ann Ridge, Mike Carter, Lawrence Moffat |
| 4. Easingwold | - J & K Hughes, F & G Allnutt, D Johnson, D Brown |
| 5. East Cottingwith | - Steve Duffin, Francis Boatman |
| 6. Great Ouseburn | - Joan Ramsden |
| 7. Hambleton | - Ann Simmonite, Margaret Mellors |
| 8. Knaresborough | - B Jones, P & D Beardsley, M Cowman, R Mumford |
| 9. North Duffield | - Daniel, Hayley & Mark Agar, D Newsome, D Smith |
| 10. Raskelf | - Tim Jackson, Maureen Lilliman |
| 11. Selby IBC | - John Hardy |
| 12. Selby WMC | - Geoff & Anne Whitehead |
| 13. Stewart | - Peter & Margaret Hawkett |
| 14. Welburn | - Nigel Boatman |
| 15. Wilberfoss | - Sue Douthwaite |

JN welcomed the representatives from 15 clubs, who together with 21 colleagues and 8 officers made a total of 44 attendees. The meeting commenced with a one minute silence in memory of former members who had passed away during the year.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Jill Newsome (Junior Coordinator) was unable to be present and of the 26 clubs unable to attend, the following 6 had offered their apologies

1. Branton
2. Stillington
3. Thornton Dale
4. Tollerton
5. Yedingham
6. Yoredale

MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS (all were available to view on the NYSMBA website)

After a proposal from DH, seconded by MA, the minutes of the last AGM (Apr 28th 2017) were unanimously approved as a full and accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman. The minutes of two subsequent ManCom meetings (Jul 13th and Sep 23rd 2017) had already been ratified. The minutes of the last ManCom meeting (Jan 26th 2018) would be ratified at the next (date tba).

ANY MATTERS ARISING - None were raised by anyone present

ANNUAL REPORTS from OFFICERS

All 9 reports, including the draft accounts had been sent out to all clubs on April 6th.

None of the Officers took the opportunity to make any verbal modifications to their reports and no one present raised any queries regarding the content of any report. However, with regards to the accounts, BS pointed out later in the meeting that the large reduction in the operating surplus was largely the result of the NYSMBA decision last year to subsidise the cost of the ESMBA PA cover (by 50p per member) but also to increased hall hire charges and other increased costs. DH asked if the subsidy would continue to which BS replied in the affirmative. He also proposed an increase in county team fees from £7 to £8 when playing away at venues that provided a meal. This was accepted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS for 2018/19 - A list of nominations together with proposers and seconders had been sent out to all clubs on April 5th.

The following had all expressed their willingness to stand for a further year and the meeting unanimously endorsed their re-election.

Joseph Newsome (Chairman)

Rose Haynes (Vice Chairman)

Roger Green (Secretary)

Jean Rhodes (Membership Secretary)

Arthur Jackson (A team Captain)

Pat Jones (B team captain)

Jill Newsome (Junior Coordinator)

Robert Mumford (Knaresborough) had agreed to fill the vacant post of Competition Secretary and he likewise received a unanimous vote. Mark Agar, who had filled this post for the last 2 years in an ex-officio capacity was thanked by the Chairman and agreed to help Robert in his first year wherever needed. They would meet soon for an initial handover.

Barry Simmonite (Treasurer) had decided not to seek re-election as he felt that at the age of 80 and after 11 years in the post he had more than “done his bit”. The Chairman thanked him for his dedication expressing the view of the whole committee that he would be missed. He then called for someone from the floor to take on this vital position but there were no takers.

RG said he had approached A.N.OTHER who was giving it some thought but was unable to make a decision at the moment. In the meantime RG said he felt he had no option but to take on the role himself as a “caretaker” Treasurer. He hoped there would be little to do during the quiet summer months. He asked whether anyone had any objection to this but there were none. After the meeting BS handed him the Treasurer’s laptop, bank books,

files and insurance details. BS said he had a further “trolley full” of historical documentation at home and asked whether he could dispose of all but the last 7 years. This was agreed. He would retain the rest for the time being pending the appointment of a new Treasurer.

For the remaining post of Premier team captain there had been 2 nominations and both the existing incumbent, **Bronagh Toleman** and the challenger, **Francis Boatman**, took advantage of the Chairman’s invitation to address the meeting to present their case for election. After the appointment of 2 scrutineers (Ann Whitehead and Derrick Johnson) was approved, a secret ballot was then undertaken. (The attendance meant there were 22 possible votes with the Chairman having a casting vote should it be required). The scrutineers then passed all ballot papers and the results of the count to the Chairman who announced the result that Francis had been duly elected.

After a proposal from DH, the meeting thanked BT for her work during her year in office.

APPOINTMENTS for 2018/19

(a) ACCOUNTS CHECKER – Paul Whitcombe (Great Ouseburn) had agreed to check over the 2018/19 accounts and was duly re-appointed.

(b) WEBMASTER – RG agreed to manage the website for a further year and was duly re-appointed. He urged those present to seek a replacement who would like the challenge of taking over and even re-designing the site using more up to date software.

OPEN FORUM

- **2018 charity donation** – after a short discussion it was agreed to make 2 donations of £100 each to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance and the Alzheimers Society. This decision was made in the knowledge of a much reduced operating surplus (down £1000) but also a healthy bank balance (over £8000).
- **Coaching** – RG had circulated a precis of the details of the ESMBA coaching scheme. Their in house scheme set up several years ago had now been superseded by a much more comprehensive course run by “Coach Bowls” which involved 2 single days separated by several weeks during which homework was required. Completion of this (plus DBS clearance and a First Aid certificate) results in a professionally accepted certificate as a Level 1 coach. Costs can be recovered from the ESMBA (2 people per year). He and Jill Newsome had recently attended a course held at Thornaby and although he had dropped out after the first day (for reasons not elaborated on) Jill had now completed the course successfully. Further info can be obtained from the ESMBA website or the ESMBA Coaching Director – Brian Baker.
- **Data Protection (GDPR)** – RG had circulated a sheet intended to make clubs aware of the impending legislation and the implications for the NYSMBA and its member clubs. Guidance is awaited from the ESMBA as to what is required but in the meantime Mark Agar spoke up to say that both clubs and the NYSMBA should review what personal data they hold, where they hold it, why and for how long.
- **Competition venues** – The relative merits of Swinton and Easingwold were discussed with regards to our competitions. Currently 4 are held at the latter, 2 at Swinton and the Juniors at Bubwith. Both main venues can handle 10-12 mats and DH wondered what would happen if competition entries increased requiring more than this. Bridlington LC and the York IBC were considered as possible other venues if required. RG had been informed that Swinton have raised their charges for next year from £160 to £200 per day.

- **DBS (formerly CRB)** – Clubs were informed that ManCom had agreed to fund DBS clearances for up to 3 members per club. This would be upon request but only where this was considered a necessity for those working with children. Church Fenton had recently taken the offer up for 3 of their members who are involved with a local school.
- **OOM (Order of Merit)** – After 12 years of maintaining the OOM listings RG had “discovered” 2 unused trophies that he felt could be usefully used to present to the winning male and female bowlers each year. This year’s winners were David Newsome and Bronagh Toleman to whom he presented these new trophies together with a keepsake framed certificate showing where each had gained their OOM points. He asked the meeting if he should carry on compiling the data and it seemed to be generally felt that it should be continued. He would see about having a base made for each trophy on which the previous annual winners could be inscribed retrospectively. He also said that from now on points would only be awarded for County, Northern and National success. Club open competitions success would be ignored.
- **Clubs** – Carlton SMBC had resigned and an application had been received from Bronagh Toleman regarding a new club she was in the process of setting up in the Scarborough IBC to be known as the North Bay SMBC. This application would be considered further at the next ManCom meeting. Acceptance would normally be a formality should the insurance and membership conditions be met.
- **NESMBA** – The AGM will be on June 10 and one of the proposals being put forward is a request from Stockport to enter a second team (presumably in Division 2). We had put forward several minor proposals of our own.
- **Umpires** – JoN would like to hear from anyone interested in becoming an umpire.
- **RRM** – The 5 yearly ESMBA Rules Revision Meeting will be held after the AGM in 2019. All proposals must be submitted to the ESMBA by the end of the year. Although any individual can propose a change directly, he suggested that these would be better routed via the Management Committee who would ensure they are submitted in the correct format.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.20.

This DRAFT copy has been approved by ManCom for general issue to clubs and posting on the NYSMBA website. The content will be ratified at the 2019 AGM.

Roger Green (Secretary)
May 1st 2018