

Minutes of ManCom (27) meeting held on Thursday 13th July at North Duffield

Meeting started 6.10pm and was attended by all of the committee bar one.

<u>Chairman</u>	Joseph Newsome (JoN)
<u>Secretary & Treasurer</u>	Roger Green Barry Simmonite
<u>Membership Secretary</u>	Jean Rhodes
<u>Junior Coordinator</u>	Jill Newsome (JiN)
<u>Team Captains</u>	Bronagh Toleman Arthur Jackson Pat Jones

1 - Apologies for absence - The Vice Chairman, Rose Haynes, could not be present as she was recovering from a recent operation.

2 - Minutes of ManCom - (4th April '17) These were ratified and signed by the Chairman as an accurate and full account of the meeting.

3 - Matters arising

Banners – 3 banners had been purchased and these were passed to RG for storage at the Galtres. It would be up to each captain to make sure they were displayed at both home and away games.

Constitution – The proposal to alter details regarding registration had been passed at the AGM and an updated version had subsequently been sent out to all clubs.

Jacks – RG was given final approval to purchase 4 new jacks (from Boston Bowls) for £35 each (incl. postage). **Action RG**

Fees – The increase of fees by 50p was approved at the AGM and clubs had been informed that this represented only half the amount being levied by the ESMBA to cover the new Personal Accident Insurance. (JR to modify the documentation she sends out to clubs and to ensure that they are made aware that this insurance covers ONLY registered members). The relevant Policy Register has been updated. **Action JR**

Charity – The £100 donation to Yorkshire Air Ambulance had been sent and an acknowledgement received.

4 - Matters arising from NESMBA AGM (June 11)

Umpires expenses - RG's proposal had been approved

Rules 24 (Multiple teams in the league) – Our proposal had not been adopted but an amendment put forward by Stockport was accepted even though we had pointed out that its contents were somewhat contradictory. The upshot was that both BT and AJ would need to “star” 12 players each and these 24 would not be able to have any games for the B team. (These names to be sent to the League Secretary before ANY games were played). Other players could have games in the B team until such time as they had played 3 games for either the A or Premier team when they would be added to the list of “starred” players. PJ could only select non “starred” players. **Action BT & AJ**

Dress Code – After debate it was agreed that umpires should enforce the published dress code at Barnard Castle more strictly. Andy Miles will make it clear what is/is not acceptable in his documentation next year.

Officers – Bill Burn (Stockport) was elected as the League Secretary. Michael Shaw (Stockport) took the Chair for 2017/18 saying he would like to look into the possibility of setting up a NESMBA website and Facebook page to improve communications across the Association. David Rutt stood down as Secretary and as there was no-one willing to take this on, Michael opted to fulfil this task as well, until someone came forward. However David said he was prepared to conclude his tenure by producing the minutes and updated documentation. These are still awaited.

5 - ESMBA AGM items (July 15)

RG had raised several queries regarding the Accounts directly with Barbara Mills and these had been answered. No-one raised any issues regarding the Officer reports or last year's minutes although RG had noted that the National entry fee would be raised to £2.50 and that an open “Over 55 Pairs” competition was to be introduced. The profiles submitted by the 2 candidates for Chairman

were discussed and it was unanimously agreed which one would receive our votes. The 5 candidates standing for the 3 general committee members (without portfolio) were also discussed and once again it was unanimously agreed who we would vote for. (JoN is to be proposed as the Umpires Director and RG is willing to continue as Registration Secretary). RG and JoN to attend as our delegates and they were given freedom to act on any other issue as they chose. **Action JoN & RG**

6 - Practice day format

After some discussion it was agreed that

- Sep 23 was far too close to the start of the season for it to be of much use in assessing players for selection in the first game or two. However it should go ahead as a social day this year. JiN will organise the morning session along the same lines as previous years (random teams). 12 mats will be laid out allowing each team captain 4 mats on which to do their "own thing" after the lunch break. **Action JiN**
- The possibility of an extra session at another venue for a pre-season get together for potential Premier team players would be looked into. **Action JoN & BT**
- In future it may be better to have a "trials" day (for all teams) at the end of the season and April 28th 2018 was earmarked for this. **Action - AJ**
- Should it be decided to ask some players to undergo tests, JoN/RG would be happy to assist with this.

7 - Team Selection issues

- BT had canvassed all last year's Premier team plus several others asking whether they would be available for Premier team selection. A few had declined and several had agreed but many had not yet replied at all so she will follow this up urgently.
- AJ said he needed to know who BT had selected before he could select his own players.
- PJ said that her team would contain some ex-Premier and A team members this year.
- RG said he felt that all 3 captains could start to select their teams without waiting to be informed who the other captains were using. All 100 players in the contact pool were initially available to all 3 captains and anyone approached could only say "Yes", "No" or "Possibly". It was ultimately up to each player to decide which team they wanted to play in according to their personal preferences.
- Awards to be ordered for the 3 players who will play their 100th game this year **Action RG**

8 - New county "overjackets"

The various designs from "Zapkam" circulated by BT were discussed and by a majority vote a predominantly white "tracksuit" jacket (but with the county gold/maroon colours and badge featured) was agreed upon. As this was different to the one that had been circulated at the end of the season by JiN (from "Bowlsar") it was agreed that captains should quickly establish whether those (18) who had already asked for one still want to go ahead with the new design. AJ/PJ to liaise with BT over number/size required and a bulk order would be placed. This would attract the discounted price of £21.52. Delivery was quoted as 4 weeks and the intention was to distribute the order on "practice" day. **Action BT & AJ & PJ**

The agreed design would also be placed on Zapkam's "club shop" so that others could subsequently purchase jackets if required. Individual orders would be £29.23. .

9 - Competition Secretary

JoN advised the committee that Francis Boatman had volunteered to assist in the running of this year's competitions. We had also been advised that although Mark Agar had not been prepared to fully commit to standing officially for the post, he would never the less help as much as possible. RG suggested that other Mancom members could/should help out with various tasks as in previous years viz:.

- RG to prepare poster and entry forms and circulate to clubs and place on website
- RG to receive back and record all entries and enter into the "spreadsheet system" used over the last few years. **Action RG**
- RH to engage umpires for all competitions. **Action RH**

- JiN to complete and submit the ESMBA National entry forms. **Action JiN**
- JoN to select and purchase all keepsake trophies. **Action JoN**
- BS/AJ to supervise the preparation of the hall (Galtres) for the 3 competitions held there (Mixed Fours, Singles, Fours). Also to supervise the provision of tea/coffee/biscuits for the same. **Action BS/AJ**
- JoN/JiN to organise and run the U18 Singles (Dec 17 at Bubwith). **Action Jon/JiN**
- PJ to organise and run the 4 raffles **Action PJ**

This would leave the largest tasks to be tackled jointly or separately by Francis and Mark.....

- working out the format and order of play and doing and circulating the draws
- modifying the “results” spread sheets after the draws were done ready for use on the day
- preparing all scorecards.
- running each competition by recording all scores etc.
- advising the ESMBA of the National results
- advising all qualifiers of final details of the ESMBA and NESMBA finals once places had been allocated..

JoN agreed to talk further with FB and MA to confirm their involvement and check on the usage of the Competition Secretaries laptop and the contents of the box of “goodies” (scorecards etc).

10 –Other

Finance – BS reported that our balance was currently £8417.25

Membership – RG passed this year’s ESMBA registration membership cards to JR. He had already passed on to her some changes to the Handbook requirements for a few clubs and she confirmed that she will modify the club summary sheet to show the new fee of £5 per member. PJ reported that there was some disgruntlement at the recent WRSL (summer league) meeting regarding the charge for dual members. RG reminded her that this only applied where players joined 2 clubs. If the league rules allowed members registered in one club to play for another club during the summer then that is their business and no charge applies for the second club.

Facebook – BT has been invited to our AGM to present the case for a NYSMBA Facebook page but had been unable to attend. Although some ManCom members remained sceptical about its value it was agreed after some discussion that BT should go ahead and create a profile for the NYSMBA and be its moderator. Its use would be reviewed at the next meeting in the New Year. It was agreed that the page should be taken away if it was considered in any way problematic. **Action BT**

Website - RG had been told that Church Fenton had migrated their site from MS Frontpage to MS Expression Web 4. He will look at what is required to do the same for our site. **Action RG**

Norton – This had been renewed on RG’s laptop at a reduced price for 2 years. He assumed the renewal would be propagated to our other 2 NYSMBA laptops. BS to check his laptop and RG will ask MA to check his. **Action BS & RG**

Handbook – RG had now started work and as usual the plan was to complete it and get it printed in time for distribution on practice day. The captains confirmed that the analysis showing each county teams results by player/discipline should be continued as this was found to be interesting and useful.

Juniors - JiN had recently emailed around 50 primary schools across the county asking if they would like any of their pupils to attend a taster day. It was early days yet but there had been some positive feedback. She would liaise with those clubs nearest to any school that shows interest with a view to finding a time/date that would be agreeable to both club and school.

Action JiN

Daniel Agar and Lauren Finch are once again in the England U21 squad.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at around 9.20pm. **Next ManCom meeting date and venue tba**