

Minutes of ManCom (29) meeting held on Friday 26th January at Great Ouseburn

Meeting started 6.20pm and was attended by the full committee of 9.

Chairman & Vice Chairman

Joseph Newsome (JoN) Rose Haynes

Secretary & Treasurer

Roger Green Barry Simmonite

Membership Secretary

Jean Rhodes

Junior Coordinator

Jill Newsome (JiN)

Team Captains

Bronagh Toleman Arthur Jackson Pat Jones

1 - Apologies for absence - None

2 - Minutes of ManCom - (13th July & September 23rd 2017) These were ratified and signed by the Chairman as an accurate and full account of both meetings.

3 - Matters arising

Banners – The 3 county banners had been stored in the Galtres cupboard as agreed for each captain to use as they see fit. So far it had only been displayed at 1 Premier team home game. One banner would now be kept by BT and would henceforward be displayed at all Premier team games.

Jacks – 4 new jacks had been purchased for 2017/18 and it was agreed that 4 more should be obtained for 2018/19. The old jacks would be passed to BT for use in her school club. **Action RG**

Facebook – BT had set up the NY page but use had been limited. No adverse comments had been received. She re-iterated that any bowls related information (such as county team results and club competitions and/or photos) could be displayed. It only needed an email to her with the details. Maybe its existence needed more publicity and a link should be provided via our own website

Action RG

Website – Conversion from MS Frontpage to Expression Web 4 – no progress

Action RG

County jackets – The initial “Zapkam” order had been distributed to all those who had ordered them and it was agreed to order 10 more (in 3 sizes) as reserve stock for the future.

Action BT

Their online “bowls shop” for North Yorkshire had not yet been set-up.

BT to pursue

Hambleton SMBC had used “Zapkam” for their new club shirts and these would be “on show” at tomorrow’s Easingwold Triples (Jan 27). Captains to canvas their teams to see what the demand would be if we “refreshed” our current strip in the superior “Zapkam” material.

Action BT AJ PJ

4 – Financial report

BS reported a current balance of around £9500 with some expenses still outstanding (Honorariums, BC raffle prizes etc). He pointed out that the Galtres hall charges had increased substantially over the previous year partly due to them charging for the kitchen use which last year had been FOC, partly because we now booked to 6pm rather than 5pm for the competitions and partly because of an increase in the hourly rate. (Full hall with kitchen; this year £182.50; half hall £114.50; last year £140 and £82 respectively). ESMBA insurance had increased slightly. However as the competitions and county teams continue to run at a surplus he saw no reason to increase either the entry fees for the former or the match fees for the latter. He wondered whether the member subs should now rise by a further 50p as we had not passed on the full £1 levy for ESMBA Personal Accident cover last year. After discussion it was felt that with such a healthy balance we could continue to subsidise this on behalf of our members for another year. He anticipated a much reduced final surplus by year end but a surplus nevertheless. The annual charity donation would depend on the size of this and the decision of the AGM.

Finally, he expressed his wish to make way for a younger person and therefore would not put his name forward for re-election as Treasurer at the AGM.

5 – Membership report

JR reported that the membership renewals had been trouble free. The final total was 817 which was 17 fewer than last year. However these were mostly accounted for by the loss of Bubwith SMBC reducing the number of clubs to 42.

6 – Junior issues

JiN reported on a poor year for the Juniors with only 3 registered. Her canvas to the county's primary schools had been very disappointing with only 2 replies. However one of these had been at Church Fenton and this had resulted in the running of 2 taster sessions (Yrs 5/6) which was well received. An after school club at CF has now been set up and 4 of their members are applying for DBS clearance, so they can run independently without the need for JiN to be present. It was agreed that as a general policy, the NYSMBA should pay the DBS fee of £12 for up to 3 members in any club that works with under 18s provided they agreed to subscribe to the "update service". The North Duffield weekly junior session has also continued and 1 extra youngster has been recruited.

The U18s county competition had gone ahead with the help of Church Fenton players and this culminated in a play-off between the 2 Nationals entrants which was won by Daniel Agar with Matthew Guise as runner up.

We would continue to make a £50 payment to any junior attending the England trials.

BT had started a lunchtime club at her school (Graham School, Scarborough) and early signs were encouraging.

7 – County team issues

There was a prolonged and wide ranging discussion centred mainly around the drop in support for the Premier team. Around 8 of last year's core players had dropped out and whilst BT had been able to bring in some competent new players she had never been able to field what she considered her No1 team and always had to make up numbers with players of a less than satisfactory standard. She was disappointed at the lack of commitment shown by some players who on occasions opted for games with the Yorkshire (North) league rather than support the team.

RG wanted it on record that he was totally opposed to the inclusion of 2 players from Staffordshire (although by joining a NYSMBA club and thus forfeiting all rights to represent their home county, no rules had been broken). He felt we should not prop up our team like this and if there was not sufficient home support for the ICC we should admit to this and drop out. No others present thought we should admit defeat in this way. However JiN agreed with him regarding "foreign" players and she reminded the meeting that she had made a similar stance last year after RH had included a Scottish player in the team. BT felt she had no option but to recruit these players and would continue to use them (and maybe others) so long as she was captain.

Going forward, it was agreed that county players (past and present) should be canvassed to obtain their availability for each of the teams for next season. A letter/questionnaire to be put together for this. Additionally all clubs will be asked to circulate their members for interest. **Action x2 RG**

Several felt that among our 800+ membership there must be a lot who, if encouraged would enjoy and benefit from county level play but how do we go about identifying them? JoN offered to put together a presentation (roadshow?) publicising the work and purpose of the NYSMBA. The idea would be to go to any club (if invited) to publicise our activities and gain support for the county competitions and teams. JoN will write to clubs once his presentation is finalised to offer them the chance to host. All felt this was worth a try. **Action JoN**

The trials day (Apr 28) will also be advertised to all clubs especially those who had entered the county championships **Action RG**

The format of trials day will be up to the captains to agree between themselves. **Action BT AJ PJ**

In the B team both PJ and RH had played their 100th game and been presented with a commemorative plaque. RG will order another for BJ who has only 2.5 games to play. **Action RG**

8 – County competition issues

All had been run very efficiently and smoothly with no problems and we were all extremely appreciative and grateful to Mark Agar for taking control of these in the absence of an elected Competition Secretary. He had been supported by the committee in various peripheral tasks but 90% of the work had been carried out by him. He had emailed RG with some suggestions for change and these were discussed.

It was agreed a formal letter of appreciation should be sent to Mark with a token gift (as he did not qualify for an honorarium). **Action RG**

Umpires – RH had organised these and would look at providing more than 1 umpire where many mats were used next year. JiN suggested we encourage all participants to do their own measuring and utilise the duty umpire only for DIFFICULT measures and any disputes over the rules.

Raffles – PJ had organised 5 raffles this year and the net raffle income was in excess of £500 whilst the overall surplus from the entire Championships was around £400 so without her hard work the Championships would have run at a loss. RG felt that for the future the number of prizes per raffle could be reduced although the spend per prize could be increased. JiN agreed. This would speed up the time taken over the draw.

Dates – JoN pointed out that ESMBA rules do not allow competitions to be held on ESMBA committee meeting days. These are published in the ESMBA diary (due out soon). PJ asked if it were possible not to have large gaps between county games. She felt that 7 weeks between games was too long. **Action AJ**

Forms/formats – Mark Agar had suggested the following changes:

- All competitions should be pre-drawn up to the final. This was agreed.
- Entry forms - should provide space for clubs to list (if possible) the names of anyone not entered who would be available as a substitute; should show clearly who is the Skip (and contact); should show if entrants will be willing to go to Barnard Castle if successful.

Action RG

Mark had also let it be known that he remains unwilling to stand officially as our Competition Secretary and he asked that the NYSMBA once again look to fulfil this post with a “**very dedicated individual who can take total control and responsibility**”.

Dress Code – was discussed but no agreement reached.

Venues – The relative popularity and benefits of the Swinton and Galtres venues was discussed and it was agreed to sound out the membership at the AGM on the issue. **Action AGM**

9 – NESMBA matters

Website - RG pointed out the benefits of the new NESMBA website in providing individual player statistics for all games.

Team - Our team this year at Barnard Castle would be the largest ever having been offered a 7th place in the Fours due to a dropout. (58 players would be going)

Banner - should be taken to Barnard Castle and displayed by our seating area there. **Action RG**

Raffle – Prizes to be provided for both days **Action RG**

AGM – The minutes of last year’s meeting (June 11) had been circulated as had RGs response to the NESMBA Chairman concerning the comments documented under the General Secretaries Report. He felt, and the meeting agreed, that these very personal comments had no place in the minutes of this meeting.

10 – ESMBA matters

JoN and RG had attended the AGM in July and the minutes had since been circulated.

England players – JoN congratulated all those who had represented their country during the season. These were Bronagh and Lee Toleman, Lawrence Moffatt, Danny Langdon, Rose Haynes, Daniel Agar and Lauren Finch.

Committee - JoN had been elected as the Umpires Director and he outlined some of the difficulties he had experienced in the post. RG had again been co-opted to continue as the Registration Secretary - a time consuming task and the main reason why he could no longer get involved in our County Competitions.

Constitution – The proposed changes had been circulated and no one voiced any concerns.

Coaching – After his appointment as the new Coaching Director, Brian Baker had written to all coaches in July that were listed on the website asking for DBS data and whether they were interested in remaining as an ESMBA coach. He had assumed that those not replying were not and the new website list now contains only those who had replied with the requested details. He had also asked counties to gauge any interest in their clubs and RG had circulated all clubs in September. Two replies had been forthcoming. (Margaret Kirby of Marton and Richard Good of BSA)

Details of the revised ESMBA scheme was now on their website. It makes use of the “Coach Bowls” setup. To qualify as a Level 1 coach involves a 2 x 1 day course (with homework) and costs £130. Coaches also need a DBS certificate obtained via the ESMBA - Lynn Dean, (£12) and must hold a basic First Aid Certificate (£30). Once these are obtained the ESMBA will refund all the outlay (for up to 2 people in our county) and will then licence the coaches and cover them with insurance.

RG will reply to Richard and Margaret with details.

Action RG

11 – NYSMBA AGM

RG reminded all that their annual reports are required by the end of March for circulation to all clubs in advance of the AGM. For those seeking office for a further year, he also needs the names of a proposer and seconder for the same reason.

12 – Other

AJ informed those present that on his own initiative he was organising an open triples contest against the Norfolk over 60s in the Galtres on the 4th/5th August. He will be circulating all clubs with the relevant details.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending, RH for her refreshments and wished everyone a safe journey home.

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