

NYSMBA

Minutes of the Management Committee meeting Tuesday October 9th 2012

Held at Great Ouseburn (Rose Haynes) beginning 6.30

Present: Pat Jones, Joseph Newsome, Roger Green, Rose Haynes, Arthur Jackson, Barry Simmonite, Lesley Harris, Noel Clark, Jean Rhodes.

1) APOLOGIES

None received – all present.

2) UPDATES

a) Membership

LH said that all the requests for membership had been sent out to the clubs by e-mail. So far 22 clubs have replied. 2 clubs have withdrawn from the NYSMBA. Sawley haven't enough players to continue. Coxwold has folded as a club. Some members have gone to other clubs to bowl including two who had gone to St. Cuthberts for social bowling. LH said that she would write to the Secretaries of both clubs expressing regret at their leaving and hoping they would be able to return in the future. RG asked if either club was on the ESMBA insurance list. JR confirmed that neither club appeared on the list.

LH reported that we were 24 members down compared to last year's membership - 9 of those were from Sawley. 33 new members had been added, some of whom were returning players from previous years. There had been some mystery over teams calling themselves Snainton but this turned out to be Yedingham by another name.

AJ mentioned the death of Ron Czernic who had been a staunch member of Kirkbymoorside for many years. PJ suggested maybe a card should be sent to his family. RG said that normally the Association do not do this as this would become a precedent and we would then have to do it for all deceased members. However, the death of any members during the year would be mentioned at the AGM.

LH said that we had lost a few of the younger members, particularly from Crossgates which was probably down to Bronagh leaving. PJ said that Bronagh had been very good with younger members, encouraging them in their bowling.

RG mentioned Club membership certificates. LH said she had the template for these on her laptop, and had acquired a laminator. Once all the names were in she would send out the certificates.

b) Competitions

All entry forms for the county championships had been sent out to clubs by e-mail, and the closing date was 2nd November. Venues had already been booked by AJ, but we need to think about umpires as 5 of the 7 umpires we have will be playing. RG said that it was not essential to have an umpire on duty but would be nice if we could. There was general discussion as to how many umpires we have in the county, who they were and their capabilities as umpires. RG said that personally he did not like umpiring and playing because it was not possible to concentrate fully on playing when

also involved in umpiring. He also said that there was a new chap in West Yorkshire taking the test and he may be available to assist if he passed and we could also approach Maxine Groce. PJ suggested that after we have all entries in we can do the draw and then look at which of our own umpires would be available for each session/discipline.

The raffles to be organised by PJ. BS said that last year £50 was allocated per competition for prizes. We do not have a raffle for the U21's or the Singles.

RG mentioned the Cups and LH asked him if he would see to them as last year. RG said he would get them from his usual supplier and get the best deal available for engraving.

c) Secretary

JR said that she had found the job challenging, but was getting to grips with it now. She hoped that the work up to now had been satisfactorily carried out. PJ said thank you for the work done.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

BS reported that the practice day had made £30 profit. The fees had been increased to £4 for the day and there had been another event on at the Galtres Centre which meant we weren't charged for the use of the lounge and kitchen. The Galtres Centre now charges £20 per hour for the hall and Easingwold SMBC charge £10 per mat.

Although the cost for the day had been increased to £4 the A Team players only paid £3. This would be corrected next time and the B Team players would have a reduced price. RG said that the cost of the Handbooks had been reduced because a fewer number had been printed and there were fewer pages. The "Irish Night" social event had also made money.

BS said that we are currently £700 in profit after all costs have been paid and at present the balance was £3888.80

4. PUBLICITY

RG said this year's Handbook was slightly smaller with fewer pages, and a few changes had been made to the format. He hoped he had not gone over the top with the article on Bronagh but several ManCom members said they had heard adverse comments about the article which some felt to be insensitive. RG was surprised at this - the article had simply been intended as a farewell to Bronagh, who had after all made a big impact on the game during her stay with us.

RG said that he was quite happy to continue with the Handbook publication but didn't want it to be seen as a one man show. Perhaps a committee meeting before future publication to review it would be a good idea. PJ said that RG does good job and she didn't think there was any necessity to have a meeting before publication of future books. If anyone had anything they wanted adding or changing they should let RG know.

RG mentioned that Richard Good from Swinton had asked him to provide a link to his "YBP" website (from ours). On this site RG had found a link to the "Ryedale" website which contained various league tables including, unexpectedly, those of the "Vale of York Pairs" League. He had queried this with AJ who had since contacted George McDowell (Vale of York League's results compiler), and asked him to send the results to RG so they could continue to be included on our own website where clubs expect to see them.

5. TEAM MATTERS

a) Review of Practice Day.

AJ said that he had been run ragged.

RH said that the A Team were not happy with the format. RG said that he could not understand what had been put on the board and was not sure whereabouts he was playing. It was not clear what mat they were supposed to be playing on, and for the last game they didn't even know who they were playing. The opening speech was not very good although AJ said he had to shout because the acoustics at the Galtres are not good. BS said that it was constructive criticism. RG said that it might be better next year to have two separate days – one for each team.

PJ said that the feedback she had from the potential C Team players who had attended was positive and they had been happy with it. Pete Render had looked after them well.

b) C Team Progress

JR produced a typed list of the C Team player nominations. RG said that he understood that some had dropped out. PJ said that we could maybe talk to them and encourage them. NC and Pete Render are going to organise the C Team and they should check who is really keen from the list. They should try to arrange a friendly match to test their commitment. RG said that perhaps the annual Juniors get together at Bubwith could be organised as a game against the C Team.

The matter was left in the hands of NC.

c) Any Other Team Matters

RG said that Merseyside have left the NESMBA but are staying registered with the ESMBA.

Following the on-line discussions about the ICC and playing formats Craig Burgess had decided to have a meeting for 1st December. He would be writing to all counties with the various proposals – there are apparently 4 of them. JR to send to all Mancom members when it arrives for their views.

6. ENGLAND MATCH

Review of the checklist circulated 12th June

JR handed all present the final list of players who had put their names forward to play in the match against England Team. This had 45 players from the other Northern Counties, 16 'A' Team players, and 20 'B' Team players and with club nominations there were approximately 130 names in total.

We had to decide is whether we have two separate teams of 52 players for each day or one team of 52 playing on both days – or something in between. Whichever way we looked at it not everyone nominated will get a game. It was decided that we should put out the strongest team available, to give England the best contest possible and therefore very few of those people who have put their names forward from our clubs will get a chance to play. JN said that our club members had put their names forward in good faith and might feel rejected if they are not considered.

There had been mention of also entertaining the England Junior Team, but it was doubtful that there would be enough room. If we could entertain the Under 21's perhaps they could play our other club

members who were not selected for the main match. RG suggested we could have a limited number of the under 21's to play on two mats, but the only problem is space. PJ suggested we could go to Swinton but this was not considered an option. JN said that the key question is could we get 12 mats down at the Galtres Centre. RG said that this would not give us any room for spectators so 12 mats was out of the question.

There was a general discussion as to the number of mats and possibility of using another location as well as Easingwold. This was not feasible as the England Team would not want their players split into two locations. BS suggested we could maybe use the concert room at the Galtres. PJ said that we would have to look into the possibility, but we could not go any further until we know whether or not the concert room was available and whether or not it was big enough to get two or four mats down.

Team Selection: To be decided upon by Rose Haynes, Jill Newsome, Jo Newsome, Arthur Jackson and Roger Green. These five know the strengths of all the players and will be able to select the strongest team available. JN said that before we can select the teams we need to know what space is available at the Galtres.

AJ would contact the Galtres Centre and look at what space is available, and as soon as he knew this RG would contact Brandon Whittaker to let him know whether we could play the Juniors or not.

Souvenirs and Gift Exchange:

JN said that England will more than likely present our team with something - probably a badge. PJ said we could discuss this nearer the date, but RG thought we needed to decide now because things had to be ordered. He had made enquiries at Potters about their "Keep Calm, Play Bowls" mugs which came to nothing, but in any case the mugs were likely to cost too much. Nothing was decided upon at this time, but everyone was agreed that we should try to give the England Team something.

PJ asked if we had enough "Northern Select" bowls stickers to give to all our players. RG said that we only had a few left so he would order some more. Unfortunately the order had to be for 500. JN suggested that we could maybe order 250 county stickers and 250 for the England game. RG would explore the matter.

Dress Code:

RG said that we were going to be a Northern Select Team so it would be nice to see the different county strips – rather than insist on grey/white throughout our team.

Umpires:

RG said that we should endeavour to provide a set of umpires on each day even though it was a friendly game. PJ said we should be able to provide enough umpires.

Raffle:

RG said that we need a raffle as it is our only form of income apart from entry fees. PJ said that those lucky enough to be selected to play should bring a raffle prize with them. She also said that she would run the raffle.

Parade and Music:

JN said that the England Team always march on and march off. Music optional and to be thought about.

Catering:

BS said that as the event was over two days it would be better to have different caterers for each day. Lou Bumby would do one day, and there is someone at Helperby who does catering who may be available. He will look into this. The eating sessions would have to be staggered because it would be impossible to accommodate everyone at one sitting. PJ said that BS was appointed to take care of the catering.

Spectators and Changing Facilities:

JN said that the England Team will arrive in their blazers and would need to have changing facilities. RH said that there were adequate changing facilities available at the Galtres.

RG asked if we wanted to have an official photo and PJ said that this would be a good idea and we had a photographer in our midst who could do this. LH agreed that she and Robert would take care of the photographs. RG said that it could be done in the lounge before the start of the game, between 10.30 and 11.00.

Cost:

BS said that the cost for hiring the Galtres will be about £500. Catering would be about £5 per head. PJ said that we should increase the charge for the entry fee. Last time it was £12, this time it would be more realistic to put it up to £15 per person per day. This may cut down the number of people willing to play on both days. RG to inform the other Northern Counties in case this caused any of them to drop out. RG said that when he next contacted Brandon he would ask again if there was any ESMBA subsidy available. The fee for hiring the mats from Easingwold is £10 per mat. BS said that he was sure PJ was capable of raising £200 from the raffles. PJ said that we had made a profit of £300 on the Irish Night, so that could be put to good use for the England Game.

JN said that Brandon might want ideas for accommodation for the England Team. Various suggestions were made as to accommodation close to Easingwold. RG said that when he wrote to the other Northern Counties with the team selection he would include information about accommodation for any wishing to stay over for the two days.

Review of tasks:

Team selection sub-committee of five. A meeting to be arranged as soon as possible.

BS to take care of catering and water heater.

Accommodation to be suggested for the England team but individuals from our team can sort out their own accommodation.

Team colours agreed to be county strip or grey and white.

Umpires – we will sort out our own.

Raffle to be organised by PJ.

Photographs to be organised by LH/RH.

Cost to be £15 per day which includes a buffet lunch.

Captains will do the scoring – maybe RH one day and AJ the next.

7) NESMBA AGM 17th June

RH and AJ attended.

There was a motion that North Yorkshire be prevented from entering a second team for three years, but after much discussion as to the reasons why, the motion was withdrawn. The order of play had reverted to the original format.

David Rutt (Humberside) had complained that there had been no committee decision on the rules about fulfilling fixtures after we had failed to play our final match against Staffordshire. He also felt there should have been a committee decision regarding umpires expenses at Barnard Castle and not

a unilateral decision by the Treasurer (Roger Green). RH said that if umpires were playing anyway they should not get expenses.

8) ESMBA AGM 14th July

RG and NC attended.

The fees for next year have been reduced by 50pence. Last year the motion to increase the fees by £1 was only passed by one vote. Peter Winter has given up the insurance job, and Keith Hawkins is taking over. He is trying to be helpful because no one else volunteered but RG felt he was taking on too much to handle.

Honorariums. This year the sub-committee (of those who do not receive any payment) came up with a figure which represents a 25% increase. There was quite a debate about it and the Chairman said that if it was not acceptable there should be proposals to vote on. RG suggested that we put forward a proposal to clarify the procedure. We do not disagree with the amount they get, it is the increase that is haphazard. RG will put something together for a proposal from NYSMBA.

The "Information Pack" CD supplied by the ESMBA contained several incorrect items of information, included the publication of the old rules rather than the current ones. The ESMBA said they would correct everything when they loaded the Information Pack on the website, but as yet that has not been done.

9) BDA WITHDRAWAL

The latest information we have is that a final decision is to be made by the ESMBA committee at their next meeting in November. It was felt that withdrawal is short sighted. The BDA do a lot and it is not a good thing to turn our back on them without credible alternatives in place.

10) OTHER MATTERS ARISING FROM MANCOM MEETING 12TH JUNE

Nothing more than has already been discussed.

11) JUNIORS

NC said that he was waiting for all the youngsters to get registered. All had been sent forms. He also asked if there was any money forthcoming for the Juniors. BS said that last year the Juniors were given a grant of £70 for the Stockport game. NC said that this year's game will go ahead if there is some money available. BS agreed to give £80 to the Juniors to help towards this year's Stockport match.

12) DATES FOR NEXT MEETINGS

RG said that we should have two more Mancom meetings before the England Match, one before Christmas and one after. General discussion regarding dates when everyone would be available. Final decisions were for the first meeting to be held on Saturday 15th December at 4.30pm at the Galtres Centre. The second meeting to be held on Saturday 19th January 2013 at Bubwith.

13) AOB

All matters already discussed.

There being no more business the meeting closed at 10.30pm