

Northern England Short Mat Bowling Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Armley Leisure Centre, Leeds. On Sunday 15th June 2014

17 Members in Attendance. Chairman Mr A McCallum Mr K Worrall (General Secretary) Mrs M Groce (League Secretary) Mr B Purcell Competition Secretary) A Fish, R Cooper (Derbyshire) M Mann, A McCail (Durham) D Rutt, G Foote (Humburside) A Hollas, D Walton, (Lancashire) P Jones, R Haynes (North Yorkshire) W Stockhill (West Yorkshire) A Jones M Jones Staffordshire)

Non Attendance from Stockport

Apologies for absence Mr R Green

The Chairman opened the Meeting and welcomed everyone.

Minutes of the 2013 which had been distributed after the AGM were approved.

Matters arising Mr Rutt raised the point that the word Committee had been used on two occasions when it was believed that the word Officers should be substituted, the General Secretary amended this accordingly

Chairman

Chairman Mr McCallum opened his report by saying how much he had enjoyed his year of office and thanked Keith Worrall for all his help and assistance throughout the season, also Maxine Groce and Roger Green who as Officers had made his job so much easier.

General Secretary

Mr Worrall explained the reason for reversing his decision not to stand for re-election this year. He Congratulated North Yorkshire for gaining promotion and also West Yorkshire for winning Division 1 on a dramatic last weekend, history had been created at the Barnard Castle weekend with West Yorkshire sweeping the board in the disciplines and also the County shield.

League Secretary

Mrs Groce opened by Congratulating the successful Champions, with West Yorkshire prevailing by a mere 3 points over Staffordshire and North Yorkshire B being promoted from Division 2. All Captains are to be urged to ensure the team sheets are correct before submitting them to the League Secretary, on numerous occasions the additions and information were incorrect.

Competition Secretary

Mr Purcell said that the Championships had run very smoothly and thanked everyone who had helped in many ways. He said that he believed that the weekend had been spoilt for many with the competitions running very late into the evening. He proposed that the skip in the Fours should not be allowed to visit the head. Only one player should be allowed on the mat at any one time, this is to eliminate time wasted in these actions, even though this contradicts the ESMBA Rule, it would become a Local Rule to govern Northern England Championships. This was agreed by the meeting. A further suggestion of reducing the qualifiers from each group from two to one after debate was defeated.

Suggestion was made from the floor that the Executive Committee should meet before the Barnard Castle details were released, to formulate the wording, re skips not being allowed to visit the head in the fours and also to discuss the comment made by Mr Foote in relation to the Jack being re spotted after a killed end rather than replaying it entirely.

In conclusion he said that if re-elected this could well be his last year in post.

Treasurer's Report

Mr Green was not able to be at the meeting due to Holidays, however the report and summary of accounts was discussed and accepted.

Proposals

A proposal from Staffordshire to amend Rule 26 did not receive a seconder and therefore was defeated.

A proposal from Staffordshire to have the 4 disciplines each played to a conclusion at the Northern England Championships played did not receive a seconder so was defeated.

A proposal from Humberside on Constitution Rule 11 to amend the wording on the final sentence to, "such dissolution of funds must be shared equally between each Area". This was proposed A Fish Seconded G Foote and was accepted unanimously.

Amendment to League Rule (20) change wording from Rinks to Fours was accepted unanimously.

League Rule (23) Food. Disquiet was raised at the manner in which food was handled and prepared at the Staffordshire venue which appeared to disregard food hygiene, food being handled with bare hands and certain health and safety issues. The debate also surrounded the amount of meals being ordered by visiting Counties and the Conditions which Durham, Humberside and West Yorkshire have to adhere to with the hiring of their venues and the ordering of meals. The Staffordshire delegates said they would attempt to address the hygiene issue for next season.

Election of Officers

Chairman	Mrs P Jones	North Yorkshire
Vice Chairman	Mr G Foote	Humberside
General Secretary	Mr Keith Worrall	West Yorkshire
League Secretary	Mrs Maxine Groce	Humberside
Treasurer	Mr Roger Green	North Yorkshire
Competition Secretary	Mr Barry Purcell	Lancashire

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12-13

Date of the 2015 AGM Sunday 14th June at Armley Leisure Centre Leeds

Keith Worrall
General Secretary
NESMBA