

# Northern England Short Mat Bowling Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Armley Leisure Centre, Leeds  
On Sunday 14 th June 2015

21 members in Attendance. Chairman Mrs P.Jones , Vice-Chairman Mr. G.Foote , Temporary General Secretary Mr.D.Rutt, Treasurer Mr.R.Green, League Secretary Mrs.M.Groce, A.Fish, G.Fish, R.Cooper , H.Cooper, (Derbyshire) M.Mann, K.Stout (Durham), T.Glossop (Humberside), A.Jackson, R.Haynes, B.Jones (North Yorkshire), J.Skelding (Staffordshire), B.Burn, B.Fennell (Stockport), W.Stockhill, S.Rhodes, A.Miles (West Yorkshire), amounting to 16 voters.

**1. Apologies for Absence** M and A.Jones (Staffordshire), B.Purcell and A.Hollas (Lancashire),

**2. Minutes of AGM 2014** The Minutes had been circulated after that AGM and were approved as a correct record, proposed B.Burn, seconded W.Stockhill, and duly signed by the Chairman.

**3. Matters arising** Humberside referred to page 2 League Rules (23) Food. They made these comments re food hygiene, etc. and were happy to congratulate Staffordshire on a significant improvement in this matter.

## **4. Chairman's Report**

Chairman Pat Jones commented that time certainly flies when you are having fun, I can hardly believe a year has passed since our last AGM. I have enjoyed my year as your Chairman, the highlight being the weekend at Barnard Castle when we all witnessed some outstanding bowling and I had the pleasure of presenting the winners with their trophies. An event like that does not just happen, a lot of work is put in before hand as well as the daily running and I would like to congratulate everyone who helped to make it such a success. We had an extra Executive Committee meeting to try and solve a few problems but everything was sorted out after the matter was fully discussed. I would like to thank Keith Worrall and David Rutt for their help and assistance throughout the season also Graham Foote, Maxine Groce, Roger Green and Barry Purcell who as an Executive Committee do such an excellent job and are always only a phone call away if you need any advice, making the job so much easier. I would like to wish Graham Foote a happy and successful time when he takes over as the new Chairman.

## **5. Temporary General Secretary's Report**

Towards the end of January 2015, I (David Rutt) made an offer to the Chairman to take on the position of General Secretary on a temporary basis until the AGM. After discussion Pat accepted my offer.

Why did I offer –

Firstly because I felt that the NESMBA was like a boat without a rudder following Keith Worralls resignation;

Secondly because too many emails were flying around on various issues and even after all these years some members still think that the Officers are the Executive Committee. WRONG, the Officers as 6 individuals have their own responsibility yet collectively they have no authority. The Executive Committee includes the 6 Officers **and** 2 Delegates from each Area.

Thirdly because I have a wealth of knowledge on Bowls Administration and hopeful I have shown that to you by virtue of us getting to this meeting.

## **6. Treasurer's Report**

(a) Treasurer Roger Green had circulated the Statement of Accounts which showed an operating deficit of £511 reducing the balance to £2599. He highlighted various expenditures stating that the Championships were not paying their way. Graham Foote made comments re Umpires expenses and that these could have been reduced to £530 instead of £671 by reducing mileage cost. It was noted that a number of Umpires had qualified for their National Badge through these Championships. Bill Burn and Andy Miles also made comments. It was suggested that, if Graham Foote was to organise Umpires again in 2016 that he would aim to cap to £500 approx. This was supported by Graham Fish and Bill Burn to which the meeting agreed.

(b) The Treasurer recommended that the entry fee be increased from £4 to £5 per person per entry which the meeting agreed to. He also suggested that the Competition Secretary Honorarium be increased from £20 to £40 which the meeting agreed to, proposed by John Skelding.

(c) The appointment of an inspector of the Accounts was agreed to unanimously with Barry Simonite of North Yorkshire being recommended. Note to replace 'Auditor' from Constitution next AGM.

## 7. League Secretary's Report

In 1992 our Queen described her year as Annus Horribilis, as the League Secretary I can only describe my last year the same. Each year prior to the season commencing I send out, via their Area Secretary a copy of the NESMBA League Rules for every team captain. It is the responsibility of the team captains to read, be aware of, and implement the rules in their entirety and not just cherry pick a word, sentence or paragraph to suit.

Again there have been problems with result sheets. Will team captains check their additions before signing the sheet; if the results were taken which appear without checking them the winner of the Divisions could be quite different.

Staffordshire finished top of Division 1 by beating West Yorkshire A both on points and shots difference after Rule 29 was applied; Staffordshire actually finished with 255.14 point to

West Yorkshire A's 254.85 a difference of 0.29 although by rounding up or down the result table showed both to be on 255. If this occurs again the scores will be calculated to a necessary decimal point.

Humberside B won the Division 2 title by 6 points from Durham. Humberside B is promoted to Division 1 and North Yorkshire A are relegated to Division 2. Maxine Groce.

## 8. Competition Secretary's Report

Barry Purcell sent in his Report and stated this has been his third year in Office and each year he had been surprised by the willingness of the competitors to help in any way they can. This makes the job so much easier and enjoyable, I can't thank individuals because I'm certain to miss someone out and upset a good friend. From my point of view, the competitions ran very smoothly from start to finish without any problems (apart from broken jacks).

I mentioned in my 2014 report that it would be my last year in this position, so I will not be standing for re-election this year. I will of course give the new Secretary as much help as required.

**NOTE that all the Proposals and Amendments hereunder which were approved by the meeting will automatically be included in RED TYPE in the UPDATED issue of either the Constitution ; League Rules ; or the NEW document relating to INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP RULES.**

## 9. CONSTITUTIONAL ITEMS

Proposal by Humberside to include new Rule 5.9 was carried by 11 votes to 5

Amendment by North Yorkshire on the above failed by 5 votes to 11

Proposal by Humberside to amend Rule 10 Laws of the Game was carried by 16 votes to nil.

## 10. LEAGUE RULES

Proposal by North Yorkshire to Rule 7 Score Cards was considered by the meeting but not supported

Amendment by Humberside to the above was carried by 12 votes to 4

Proposal by Maxine Groce to Rule 14 Result Sheets was considered by the meeting but not supported

Amendment by North Yorkshire to the above was carried by 15 votes to 1

Proposal by West Yorkshire to Rule 24 Two Teams in League was considered

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Amendment by Humberside to West Yorkshires Proposal was considered and carried by 10 votes to 5 making this a substantive motion to be considered in relation to the North Yorkshire proposal.

On the vote between these 2 Proposals the meeting decided 10 votes to 4 in favour of the Humberside motion.

Proposal by North Yorkshire to Rule 29 Fixture Cancellations was carried by 8 votes to 4 with 3 abstentions

Proposal by Humberside to Rule 29 Fixture Cancellations was considered but not supported.

## 11. OTHER

Proposal by Humberside to formally accept introduction of a new Document entitled

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP RULES relating to Barnard Castle Championships

Was carried by 14 votes to 2

Proposal by West Yorkshire to the Rule 3 of the New Document was defeated by 3 votes to 11

Proposal by Humberside to the Rule 3 of the New Document was carried by 9 votes to 5

## **12. Date and venue for 2016 Annual General Meeting**

The retiring Chairman, Pat Jones, brought forward the suggestion that the venue for each AGM should be selected by the retiring Chairman in order that the distance travelling by attendees should even itself out of the years. The meeting responded favourable to this idea. The 2016 AGM will be held on SUNDAY 12 th JUNE at a venue to be advised.

## **13. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Vice-Chairman	Graham Fish	nominated by Derbyshire
General Secretary	David Rutt	nominated by Humberside
League Secretary	Maxine Groce	nominated by North Yorkshire
Treasurer	Roger Green	nominated by Derbyshire
Competition Secretary	Andy Miles	proposed at the meeting
Chairman	Graham Foote	nominated by Humberside

Following the Election of Officers the incoming Chairman expressed grateful thanks to Pat Jones as the outgoing Chairman for all she had done on behalf of the NESMBA.

In addition Graham thanked all the Executive Committee for their hard work especially referring to David Rutt who took up the reins at a difficult time.

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