

Minutes of ManCom meeting on 9th July 2013 @ 6.00 pm at Cobblers Drift – North Duffield

Present: Pat Jones, Rose Haynes, Lesley Harris, Barry Simmonite, Arthur Jackson and Joseph .G. Newsome.

1) Apologies for absence had been received from Jill Newsome and Roger Green who were both unwell and Peter Render.

2) The Minutes of ManCom on 12/4/13 were agreed and signed as a true record.

3) There were no matters arising from the above or from the minutes of the AGM on 19/4/13 apart from the fact that an independent Accounts Examiner had not been appointed as was required by the Constitution. BS had since asked Paul Williamson if he was prepared to carry out this duty again and he said he was.

4) A Report back from NESMBA AGM on 16/6/13 was given by PJ and everyone felt that there was nothing further to discuss. .

5) County team issues

RH stated that the 'A' team had been selected and there were currently no issues to be raised. AJ stated that he had selected the 'B' team and made contact with them. Replies had been received from all but 2 but he had since spoken to the 2 concerned and they have confirmed their availability. A list would be passed onto PR so he knew who was available for 'C' team selection. PR had also passed on a statement to say he had selected PJ to be his vice-captain.

AJ and RH outlined their plans for the practice day on the 14/9/13. The 'A' team would play from 9am to noon and then the 'B' and 'C' teams would then play from noon until 5pm. PR had passed on a request to ask if the 'C' team could arrange a friendly for this day with Humberside 'B'. AJ had raised this question with Humberside's David Rutt who had replied that this would not be appropriate as the 'C' team and Humberside 'B' would be playing one another in the forthcoming season fixtures. PR is to be asked if he can provide the 'B' team with a skip for the Fours for this day as AJ is one short.

The committee talked at great length about the County strip. RH believed the 'A' team requirements were already sorted with the exception of a couple of requirements which would be sorted once the season started. AJ hoped that the 'B' team will meet at the practice day to discuss their opinion on adopting the county strip. AJ will liaise with Sue Taylor of Bowlsweat and look into the costing the same design shirt and fleece but in different material. It was also agreed the 'B' and 'C' teams would also look into the option of just adopting the county shirt (no fleeces). BS stated he felt the NYSMBA could subsidise a percentage of the cost.

The purchase of 2 new mats was discussed and this was agreed in principal after further discussion about the cost. This would include the fenders, mats, blocks and storage box. RH suggested that we consider obtaining some of the requirements through EBAY. LH asked if we would also require 2 new scoreboards. JGN agreed to speak with Chris Hopkins to get a quote on the cost of the mats via the ESMBA. A local tradesman would need to be found to manufacture the storage box.

6) Membership - LH stated that there had been no increase to membership since the AGM. The relevant forms for the forthcoming season will be sent out in August. It was also pointed out that the Membership Policy still made reference to Len Bradley and it was agreed that this should be removed.

7) Competitions - LH asked that now we are required to pay the NESMBA £4 for each team member going to Barnard Castle, should we increase the entrance charges to our own County Championships to reflect this and it was agreed to increase the charges to £5pp (£7pp if they also want to enter the nationals.) RG had asked PJ to ask the committee if they would agree to those entering the U18 County Championships using the Thomas Taylor Junior Ace size Bowls even though these do not meet the requirements laid out by the ESMBA in their laws of the game.

8) Finances - BS stated that the current balance was £4,090.33. The cheque agreed at the previous Mancom meeting to be paid to Swinton had not yet been issued as BS did not have any signed cheques. He also pointed out that Jean Rhodes was still listed with HSBC as a cheque signatory. He would sort this out ASAP and replace JR with AJ. .

9) PWA issues - The Job Description for PWA Secretary was discussed and LH suggested that promoting bowls in general was added to the policy rather than just achievements as it currently read. The Handbook Policy, Website Policy and Archive Policy were agreed (provided that the typing error in the website policy relating to purpose was corrected).

10) The Junior Coordinator - The Job Description was agreed by all as were all the Safeguarding policies. JN had passed on details of the new DBS checks which were to be maintained online. It was agreed that we would know more once a test on one had been carried out and AJ agreed to act as the "guinea pig".

11) The ESMBA – The backlog of one year's committee minutes (only recently received) were accepted with no further action. With regards to the "Administration" announcement, no one present felt any strong objections to this although the query was raised as to how much would be externally funded and at what cost. RH felt that it could be seen as "PUTTING ALL EGGS IN ONE BASKET" considering the underlying condition of Chris Hopkins health and how much Chris and Keith are already currently involved in. Nowhere in the announcement were the administration tasks defined or who the external third party was. Would this affect their elected positions on the committee in any way?

The committee discussed how they wished their delegates to vote at the impending ESMBA AGM. They decided they would support Humberside's Graham Foote in his application for umpires' director and also support the proposal from Greater Manchester SMBA to join the ESMBA. They would of course also support their own submitted proposal regarding honorariums.

Open Forum - The committee decided on the points they would like the delegates to put forward when discussing the points suggested. They agreed to support both ideas suggested by Kent. They decided not to support the item raised by Cornwall and agreed to support the suggestion submitted by Dorset. RH and PJ agreed to make notes to bring back to the Mancom.

The committee felt that two suggestions should be made to the RRM scheduled for (2014) – one regarding the allowance of junior bowls in competitions for the reasons previously mentioned and they also suggested to propose the wearing of black trousers as opposed to grey in the ESMBA dress code.

It was agreed to put RG and RH forward, with JN in reserve, for this year's Presidents day.

12) Policy Register - All policies within the Register were agreed and the committee agreed that these should now be made available to all members via the website provided that corrections to the Diary Preparation policy (and others identified above) were agreed. The policy and should read - NESMBA NORTHERN ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS rather than NORTHERN ENGLAND INDIVIDUALS and remove the requirement of having to secure equal fixtures either side of Christmas and the necessity to alternate home and away fixtures for IC games. Also with regard to the Stock control policy the committee discussed if this could be included somewhere else. It was agreed that this policy should be kept as is naming the Treasurer (BS) as the chief stock controller. The County team captains and their vices would be responsible for stock control, all reporting to BS.

13) AOB - PJ asked if she could have 2 optional dates to put forward if asked at the ESMBA AGM for a fixture against the England Under 21 team SAT 8TH MARCH and SUNDAY 23RD MARCH were agreed. AJ would provisionally book these dates with the Galtres Centre.

14) The committee agreed not to set a date or venue for next meeting until it was know if the above regarding the England Under 21's would come to fruition.

PJ then closed the meeting at 21:52.

JGN 10/7/13 & RBG 23/7/13