

Minutes of ManCom meeting held on Tuesday Jan 21 2014 (6.30 pm) at Great Ouseburn

1. **Apologies for absence** had been received from LH, AJ & PR.
2. **Minutes of last meeting: (8.10.13)** verified & signed.
3. **Matters arising**
 - a. It had been pointed out that Cameron Breeze is in the England U 21 squad and had played several matches.
 - b. 'B' & 'C' team shirts had been returned to Fox's due to being printed with an unauthorised (GForce) logo and new ones were still being awaited. It is possible the original ones might be returned to us with a strip covering the logo (for spares).
 - c. No reply had been received to our letter (Oct 10) regarding the ESMBA Annual Accounts. RG had twice queried this with the Administrators (Nov 15 & Jan 4) and subsequently (Jan 8) the Treasurer (John Jackson who is still currently in the role) had requested a copy of the original letter which RG had immediately forwarded.
 - d. ESMBA will cover costs for the hall for the U21 day. BS to invoice ESMBA.

4. **Reports**

- a. The **Chairman** reported that the County Championships had passed off successfully and had been very well organised although she expressed disappointment at some events which had overshadowed some of the days (to be covered later). The 3 county teams had performed well and we could look forward to the challenge of the match against the England U21 team as an excellent opportunity for our younger players.
- b. The **Vice-Chairman** reported that England had beaten Wales in Weston Super Mare (134 – 58) and the team had contained 4 players from North Yorkshire (Ben Render being unable to play due to sickness). The team for the World Championships (Little Cup day) had still to be decided. Decisions from ESMBA were awaited regarding Top Club competition which had teams entered whose members were not from a single club.
- c. The **Treasurer** reported a healthy balance of £7,054 and therefore saw no need to charge our team for the forthcoming match against England. He would make enquiries with the ESMBA regarding insurance for trailers when transporting mats. The Honorariums were reviewed and paid out. It was felt that the honorarium due to the Secretary position (which had shrunk in size) should now be the same as every other post and this would be an item for the AGM. The County Championships had made a profit of > £1,000 so it was decided once again to send £100 donation to Swinton as a "thank you" for their continued help. There was a suggestion that we should also support a charity but it was felt that the first demand on any extra money should be looked at in favour of our younger bowlers.

- d. The **Membership Secretary's** report was read in her absence. This showed 881 members registered (incl. 6 dual registrations). She expressed some concern that some clubs did not understand the principal behind "dual registration". Lesley confirmed that she would not be standing for re-election at the AGM.
- e. The **'A' team Captain** reported a good season despite little actual success in the ICC group games. There had been changes to the team and also several instances where substitutions had been required (all for legitimate reasons). The first KO game in the "consolation" competition was to be the following weekend against London. One team member had dropped out at short notice and there was discussion regarding whether the reasons given were acceptable and whether any action should be taken. This to be further discussed at the next meeting. It was also agreed that the Selection Policy probably needed reviewing before next season to clarify and formalise how substitute players are chosen. The fees for this season (£85) had now been paid and the fixtures had been received for 2014/15. These had been passed to AJ so bookings can be made for the home games. RH indicated she would be prepared to stand for re-election at the AGM.
- f. The **'B' team Captain's** report was addressed by BS, the Vice-Captain who reported a close league table which would be decided by the final match against the 'C' team.
- g. The **'C' team Vice-Captain** (PJ) reported that all (but a few) interested players had been given at least one game. She expressed delight at the season's achievements and would be satisfied to finish second in their first year. RG stated that in spite of initial scepticism he was glad to have been proved wrong and he felt well pleased that the new team has received so much support and was enjoying such success.
- h. **The PWA Secretary** reported on the work involved in his role and was congratulated on the continued excellence of the website which compares well with others and is widely used. He suggested introducing a new "In Memoriam" page to list members who had passed away and it was agreed that this was a good idea. Clubs will be asked for names of their past members who they would like to be listed. There is a new Secretary at Kirklevington.
- i. The **Competition Secretary's** report was read out by the Chairman. Entries had been higher than previous years resulting in 20 places in the National Finals. We also had been allocated 18 places in the NESMBA Finals. After commenting on incidents which occurred during the Fours Final and on the Juniors day she ended by confirming that she would not be standing for re-election at the AGM.

An additional report from Lesley headed "**Events of the Weekend of 4/5 January**" was also read out. One member had dropped out of the Singles competition at the last moment with no notice. After discussion, it was felt that as all entrants are given a phone number for last minute emergencies this was not acceptable. This was a National heat and as such could result in a ban for next year's competition but it was agreed that in this instance a letter be sent as a warning.

She also highlighted some other difficulties that arose during the Singles round robin stage and documented how she felt in trying to cope with these, both as the Umpire for the day and the Competition Organiser. It was agreed that the question of umpiring next year would be looked at closely in the light of her observations. She went on to report on several other incidents that had occurred the following day (Triples) and why these had also upset her so much.

It was agreed that some of the contents of this report may need to be considered further when a separate written complaint document from one of the players (received the day before the meeting) is discussed.

- j. The **Junior Co-ordinator** reported that plans had been agreed for the U21's England weekend with Brian Claessen (ESMBA U21 manager). There would be 7 mats (3 rinks and 4 triples) in the main match plus 2 more mats available for the team's supporters to play a friendly against some of our members. Games would be 10 ends and there would be 4 sessions (2 morning, 2 afternoon). The England players would play in all sessions. For our team, she had approached all North Yorkshire U18's and when definite numbers were known other players would be approached to make up numbers. It was agreed that JN would make up the team from those related to our U18s first and then include the 'younger' members of our county. It was hoped that North Duffield's "Downs Syndrome" player could also be involved. JN to approach LH with regards the organisation of the matches on the day. All ManCom members offered to do whatever was necessary on the day. Lunch would be free to the U18s – adult participants would be charged £5. BS will need to know final numbers at least a week before to liaise with Lou Bumby. He will also organise teas/coffees and juice. RG to take team photos. JN to decide on mementoes with BC (pens or badges). Graham Foote organising umpires. Dress code for our team grey/black and white. Teams to "line-up" and PJ will do the "welcome" at beginning of day. RH/RG/AJ to prepare mats etc at beginning of day.

At this point several Agenda items plus a letter of complaint that had been received the day before, remained un-discussed and it was realised that not enough time remained to cover these adequately. All would be carried forward to another meeting to be held as soon as possible.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 10.35pm

JN/RG 9/2/14