

Minutes of ManCom meeting held on Tuesday 21st April (6.00pm) at Great Ouseburn

Attended by PJ, JoeN, RH, AJ, RG, BS.

(1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Jill Newsome (family illness)

(2) MINUTES OF LAST MANCOM MEETING (2/2/15) – were signed by PJ as a correct record.

(3) MATTERS ARISING

- a) Disciplinary Policy – Several drafts had been prepared and discussed (by email) incorporating changes recommended by the sub-committee. A final draft had been sent out to all clubs **for consideration at the AGM.**
- b) Non-portfolio committee positions – A proposal to change the constitution to allow for up to 3 extra positions had been sent to all clubs **for consideration at the AGM.**
- c) Competition venues – A suggestion to move 2 of the county competitions from Swinton to Easingwold had been sent to all **clubs for discussion at the AGM.** The BSA club had responded in writing with their point of view.
- d) Competition standards – A new policy document had been written and agreed (by email) and added to the Policy Register.
- e) Little Cup – The reasons why this was not able to be held were reviewed and AJ was asked to speak with Peter Goldsmith about the possibility of Branton holding the new Phil Elgie competition on a different weekend to that traditionally used for this long running county competition. **Action AJ**
- f) Derbyshire player – AJ had spoken with Graham Fish regarding this “problem” and had monitored the situation with regards to mat damage when Derbyshire had visited Easingwold.
- g) Durham meal charge – RG had written to Michael Mann and circulated his response. It was still felt the charge was excessive and it will be brought up at the NESMBA AGM. **Action PJ**
- h) Team selection policy – The discussion that had started at the last meeting was continued and it was agreed in principle that none of the members in any of last year’s 3 teams should assume they would automatically be picked to play in next year’s fixtures. We would try to move away from the idea of 3 individual pools of players for each of the teams to a single pool of players available to ALL teams. To this end a comprehensive list of all current team members, former team members and “possibles” had been drawn up and was reviewed. It was agreed that a letter would be sent out to ALL of these players giving them the opportunity to nominate themselves for ANY of the matches planned for next season (including the new Four Rinks KO). A consolidated list of replies would then be drawn up showing who was available for which matches. This would become the basis for the selection of all 3 teams. The 6 team captains/vice captains would then meet together to pick the teams for the first few fixtures. Further meetings would then be necessary for subsequent fixture at which players performance would be taken into consideration. The objective was to improve the overall quality of all 3 teams so as to improve on their performance over the last few years. It was agreed that this new methodology was a radical change and further discussion would be needed at the next ManCom meeting in the light of the availability returns received from those on the list. This will be **presented to the AGM** for comments.
- i) Membership database – RG had updated the Policy Register to reflect the change in format.
- j) Membership constitution change – The proposal to re-write Section 3 MEMBERSHIP had been sent out to all clubs **for consideration at the AGM.**
- k) Membership cards – We are still waiting for cards to cover 13 additional members and replacements for the 17 lost Yedingham cards.

- l) **Easingwold mat hire** – We do not charge for clubs to borrow the county mats and other equipment so BS had returned the cheque to Easingwold for the mats they borrowed for their Open Triples. We understand that they still levy a £10 per mat charge on the few occasions when we need to borrow their mats.
- m) **Substitution policy** – Modifications had been made and agreed (by email) and added to the Policy Register.

(4) AGM AGENDA ITEMS

- a) **Officer reports** – All reports were accepted without modification. The only comments made were regarding the small surplus made by the Premier team compared with the other 2 teams. This was entirely due to the fact that the Premier team did not hold raffles. The zero figure shown against Norton (anti-virus) was due to RG not claiming back the annual renewal fee of £69.99. This would show up in next year's figures.
- b) **Crossgate's proposal** – This is **for consideration at the AGM**. General support was expressed by those present but all committee members would have a free vote at the AGM.
- c) **Modification to Disciplinary Policy** – This would be considered only if the re-written policy document submitted by ManCom was accepted. Acceptance (or not) of this modification would be down to those present – ManCom will not vote on it.
- d) **Fees for 2015/16** – BS was not recommending any changes.
- e) **Competition Secretary vacancy** – No one was aware of anyone prepared to take on this "job" although Richard Good had once again offered to help out on the day of the Swinton competitions. The future of next year's competition would be discussed at the next meeting.
Action c/f.
- f) **Knaresborough discussion topics** – The Knaresborough representative at the AGM will be asked to speak in support of these 4 items and answer any questions raised by those present, including ManCom.

(5) ESMBA

- a) **ICC** – We had been informed that the new format of small groups of 3 would go ahead next season but would revert back to groups of 6 in 2016/17. Whether this means we would revert back to the Premier Division is not known. The new "Double Rinks" competition has been changed to one for "Four Rinks" and rules had been received. However the planned Pairs/Triples competition has been axed.
- b) **Constitution changes** – Several had been received and will be discussed at the next meeting.
Action c/f
- c) **CH v BH** – The action being brought by Chris Hopkins against the ESMBA is as yet unresolved.
- d) **England Trials** – Trials for the Senior, Junior and Ladies teams are taking place this coming weekend (25/26 April). JoN gave details of those known to be attending and also the fact that David Newsome, after several years, will NOT be trialling this year.
- e) **Open Competitions** – Three new competitions are planned. The first for Pairs is on August 22nd at Church Gresley with £1500 prize money. The second, also for Pairs, will be on 28th/29th November at Torquay also with £1500 prize money. The third will be on April 23rd/24th and is planned for non-Premier or National bowlers. Details as yet unavailable.
- f) **AGM is on July 11th** – delegates to be decided at next meeting. **Action ManCom**

(6) NESMBA

- a) **Appeals meeting** – A special meeting had been held at Howden on March 31 at which the appeal by West Yorkshire was upheld. After the points for the un-played game had been re-worked out the winners of Division 1 were declared to be Staffordshire (based on shot difference). The meeting had also agreed to re-canvass all counties with regards to the proposed move from Barnard Castle to Church Gresley for 2016.
- b) **Rules changes** - Four proposals had been drawn up by RG and submitted to David Rutt within the time limit stipulated. After discussion, three were endorsed and one rejected.
Action RG to inform DR.
- c) **Secretary vacancy** – It was not known whether anyone had come forward to fill the vacancy created by Keith Worrall's resignation. David Rutt was temporarily fulfilling in the role until the AGM.
- d) **Venue for 2016** – RG explained why he had changed his mind regarding this. This now meant that our county vote would be in favour of staying at Barnard Castle. **Action RG to inform DR**

(7) AOB

- a) **Next meeting** - will provisionally be on July 7th at North Duffield 6pm **(TBC)**
- b) **Y&D IBC** – RG had received a call from Ian Clough who said they were intending buying some mats and starting a club. He had promised practical help if this got off the ground. Could this be a possible future venue for the NESMBA? **Action RG to check on progress**
- c) **NYSMBA anniversary** – March 15th 2016 will mark our 25th anniversary. It was agreed that some sort of celebration event should be considered and some possibilities were briefly discussed. Subject to be brought to the attention of the AGM. **Action – c/f to next meeting**

PJ thanked everyone for attending and for their contributions to the discussions and closed the meeting at 21.30hrs.

RG 22.4.15