

NYSMBA - 21st AGM on 4th May 2012 @ 7.00 pm
The Galtres Centre - Easingwold

MINUTES

PJ lead a minutes silence for bowling colleagues who had passed away over the recent season.
She then welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked JGN for taking the minutes.

PRESENT

Management Committee (ManCom) - PJ, JGN, RG, NC, RH, AJ, LB, LH, BS.

Boroughbridge - Jean and Ken Calvert, Andrew Mather.

Branton - Peter Goldsmith.

Church Fenton - Gordon Raggett, David Herbert.

Crossgates - Peter Render, Anne Ridge.

Easingwold - Joyce Hughes, Dennis Mather.

Great Ouseburn - Paul Williamson and Simon Holtby.

Hambleton - Jean Rhodes.

Knareborough - Bryan Jones, Robert Harris.

North Duffield - Jill Newsome.

Raskelf - Maureen Lillyman.

Thornton le dale - Christine and Edwin Harrison.

Tollerton - Alan Ward and Matthew Jackson.

1) **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

These had been received from 8 clubs - Snaith, Marton, Swinton, Darley, Stillington, Escrick, Seaton Ross and Yedingham.

2) **MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS**

The minutes of the previous AGM (29th April 2011) were agreed, proposed by Peter Render and seconded by Simon Holtby and signed by the Chairman as a true record. The minutes of the subsequent ManCom meetings held on July 19, October 25, November 27, and January 8 had already been agreed by ManCom at their meetings (and published on the website for all to view).

3) **ANY MATTERS ARISING**

The only matters arising were that Jean Smallwood, who had been elected as Secretary had sadly had to resign the position due to domestic responsibilities. The ManCom had contacted the ESMBA to ask if non registered players were covered by the ESMBA insurance. The ESMBA replied stating that the club insurance covers all members registered or not.

4) **CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence that was of interest to the meeting had been received.

5) REPORTS from OFFICERS

(a) **CHAIRMAN** - PJ praised the successes of the past season, in particular the 5 players who were selected for the England squad and the 4 players selected for the inaugural match for the England Ladies. She praised those subsequently selected to play in the British Isles and World Championships. The British Isles was won by England for the first time in 20 years. In the Worlds Ben Render and David Newsome won the Pairs and Gareth Townend and Bronagh Malone were runners up in the Triples. Ben with Jo Newsome had also won the International Open Pairs competition. PJ went on to congratulate our A team on winning Division 1 for the third consecutive year and the B team for being promoted to Division 1. The County Championships were well attended and the National Finals gave us our best ever performance in the Singles with Bronagh Malone as the runner up and David Newsome as a losing semi-finalist. Jake Potter had also reached the semi-finals in the under 18 Singles. PJ finished her report by thanking the committee for their work, help and assistance over the past season.

(b) **TREASURER**

BS presented the Financial Statement for 2011/12. There were no questions from the floor regarding this. With regard to fees, expenses and honorariums for 2012/13, he informed those present that all would remain unchanged.

(c) **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY**

LB was able to report an increase of 35 in membership from last year taking total membership up to 928 - a step in the right direction. He said that he believed this increase could be down to our push on publicising the game throughout the previous season. He felt the general membership was moving along quite nicely. LB then gave a report on the age and sex breakdown of the membership and finally thanked clubs for their timely response in providing him with their insurance details.

LB was commended on his work by the Chairman, who reminded the meeting that sadly he had decided that he did not wish to re-stand for the post this year.

(d) **PUBLICITY OFFICER**

RG reported that in this role his main responsibilities were maintaining the Website and preparing the Handbook. He also keeps a lot of historical records and occasionally provides reports to the press of our activities. Last summer he had also been fully involved in the design of the new Galtres cabinet display. He was glad that every club has now provided an email address which can be used as their main point of contact. He also mentioned the trend of placing forms etc on the website for download (e.g Little Cup entry form) as this cuts the cost and speeds up communication. When the role of Publicity Officer was originally introduced as a committee post it was hoped it would help decrease pressure on the Secretary post making it easier to recruit but at the time of writing the report the post of Secretary remained vacant.

(e) **CAPTAINS**

(i) A Team - RH reported that the A team had had another very successful season, winning all matches played and coming top of Division 1 for the third consecutive season. She went on to thank those who had helped out playing as a reserve. RH stated that all disciplines within the team had done equally well with the Singles and Pairs amassing 65 points each and the Triples and Fours reaching 66 each. On the trip to Northampton for our inaugural match in the ICC, we

had fared well just losing out 18-22. RH congratulated Roger Green as during the season he had achieved 100 county games. She also congratulated the B team on achieving their promotion to Division 1 and finally thanked JN for his assistance as Vice Captain and all players for their support and help throughout the season.

(ii) B Team - AJ thanked all the B team players for their support and determination in returning back to Division 1. He thanked Jill Newsome as his Vice Captain for her support. He informed those present that the B team had won 7 of their 10 games. He passed on his congratulations to the A team on winning the Division 1 for the third consecutive year and wished them all the best for the upcoming season in the ICC.

(iii) Team selection policy for 2012/13 - It was stated that this was to remain basically the same as in previous seasons. Alan Ward asked what the policy was for the B team. AJ answered that he and the Vice Captain can select who they wish to play although 12 core players will be named who it is expected will play in all games. The selection policy was read from the Policy Register by RG. Robert Harris asked if a trial would be more appropriate. A discussion surrounding this followed. Simon Holtby queried the validity of Denis Jarvis playing in the B team's last game. Apparently this should not have happened as Dennis was a "starred" player, having had 3 games in the A team. Gordon Raggett said he felt that there were substantial numbers of players who would like to play at county level and Peter Render said he had also had enquiries from bowlers in the Scarborough region about how to get into the county teams. The possibility of an additional North Yorkshire team (C team) was discussed and a show of hands showed that most of those present supported the idea. It was suggested that a practice day be organised to gauge this interest and this should be publicised county wide. Peter Render suggested he would be willing to promote the county team in the east of the county. PJ suggested that such a team could play at Bubwith if there were no dates available at the Galtres. RG suggested that plans should be made to arrange a friendly between prospective players and the B team and this was agreed. Gordon Raggett asked if each club could be contacted to propose players and the answer was "yes". RG reminded the meeting that this used to take place every year will minimal response. Jill Newsome suggested they also look into fluidity throughout the B team and C team.

(f) COMPETITION SECRETARY - LH gave a quick rundown of the winners of the County Championships, highlighting the achievement of Bronagh Malone winning the Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours and coming runner up in the Mixed Fours. She then gave a report on the Northern England finals - our highlight being Sean Conroy and Jo Newsome who were runners-up in the Pairs. Then on to the National Finals, highlighting Bronagh Malone and David Newsome in the Singles and Jake Potter in the under 18 Singles. The Little Cup had run without complication, producing an exciting days bowling. LH ended her report thanking the committee, all players and spectators in helping the smooth running of all these competitions.

(g) JUNIOR COORDINATOR - NC stated that he works endlessly with juniors, suggesting that the juniors in this county are the best around but he feels more can be done to promote and support them. Our Child Protection Policy (CPP) is fully comprehensive. RG pointed out that the ESMBA have simplified their CPP details on the website and encouraged all clubs to have a look.

6) ESMBA NEWS

PJ had circulated all the ESMBA Committee minutes to ManCom (14/5, AGM 2/7, Seminar, 3/9, 26/11). They dealt predominately with issues relating to day to day running and organising the National competitions and rarely contained anything of particular concern to clubs. They were scrutinised as they are received and any relevant information would be publicised.

ESMBA Administration - The ESMBA had renamed their Child Protection Officer to Safeguarding Officer. They are also continuing to work on their ideas for "outsourcing" much of their administrative work to a third party and documentation had been received. Counties had been consulted for their opinions and we had replied with general support - and some queries.

We had offered to raise a "Northern Select" team to play the England team and the 16/17 February 2013 had been agreed. We plan to invite nominations from all NESMBA counties as well as our own clubs. Once the level of support was known we would decide whether to go ahead. A team of 52 would be required on both days so there will be scope to involve many players. However we also want to make sure the eventual teams were capable of putting up a good fight so our best players may well be playing on both days. Final team selection is likely to be a joint ManCom effort.

We had received notification of the ESMBA Presidents Day requesting nominations for representatives to play on this day (Sep 2012). Robert + Lesley Harris and Paul Williamson showed interest in taking part and it was agreed to nominate these players.

Change to Dress Code? RG informed the meeting that it was possible that the ESMBA may propose a change to black trousers as opposed to grey. Robert Harris suggested that if this were to happen he hoped the ESMBA would communicate with bowls wear companies and manufacturers advising them of the change. A straw poll showed a small majority in favour of such a change.

Umpires & Coaching - 3 of our 8 umpires had recently resigned for various reasons and another could no longer take on "active duties" for health reasons. Anyone wishing to become an umpire should contact RG regarding this. AJ had held a coaching session at Helmsley SMBC.

BDA/YBP - These organisations are two bodies tasked with increasing participation in the games of bowls in general (all disciplines) and are setting up numerous activities. NC is on the YBP committee (local to Yorkshire) whilst RG informed everyone of the very good website set up by the BDA (the national body) which publicises their activities. Funds and resources are available to any club wanting to run promotion/recruitment days.

England teams PJ had already referred to the successes at National level (Ladies, World and British Isles) in her report. David Newsome and Ben Render were both unfortunately unable to attend the meeting. Trophies which were to be presented to them from the NYSMBA in recognition of their World Pairs win were therefore presented to Jill Newsome and Peter Render on their behalf. Jill and Pete passed on thanks to all North Yorkshire bowlers on behalf of the lads for their support and interest over many years.

7) NESMBA NEWS

Replacements for the Competition Secretary and League Secretary have come forward and these volunteers will now need to be voted in at the NESMBA AGM on the 17th of June. RG reported that there was some ill feeling in some counties about our decision to enter the ESMBA ICC. This had resulted in a proposal to ban the return of a second team to the IC league for a period of 3 years. He felt this was very small minded and hoped that this would not receive general support at their AGM.

8) PROPOSALS (details had been circulated to all clubs)

(a) Proposal 1 - Constitution - The proposal to make it an AGM responsibility to appoint an "auditor" was adopted unanimously.

(b) Proposal 2 - Constitution - Minimum membership - This had been submitted by ManCom and there was some debate (after a question from Edwin Harrison) about whether there should be a free vote or whether the ManCom should have 1 block or 9 individual votes. After much discussion about the advantages and disadvantages that this proposal would bring, it was withdrawn by the ManCom.

9) DIARY for 2012/13

This had now been completed by AJ and there were only 2 clashes. It is available on the website pending inclusion in next years Handbook.

10) ELECTION OF OFFICERS (a list of nominations had been circulated to all clubs)

Secretary - Jean Rhodes - proposed PJ seconded by NC - voting unanimous.

Membership Secretary - Lesley Harris - proposed PJ seconded Robert Harris - voting unanimous.

Accounts checker - Paul Williamson proposed Simon Holtby seconded Peter Render - voting unanimous.

All the other officers (as per nomination list) were elected en-block - voting unanimous.

11) LEAGUE REPORTS

Several people gave reports on their respective leagues.

12) OPEN FORUM

Robert Harris suggested that completion of forms i.e. county championship entry forms could be completed and submitted online. RG agreed to look into this.

Alan Ward voiced a complaint against Paul Williamson regarding an incident at the county championship Singles competition at Swinton. This generated some argument between the two of them which was stopped by the Chairman on the grounds that this was not the forum for individual complaints. RG advised the meeting that a Policy regarding disciplinary procedures was currently being developed by ManCom. It had however already been agreed that any complaint must be provided in writing. The draft procedure was read out by RG.

There was no other business so the meeting was concluded @ 21:30.