

## Minutes of ManCom (22) meeting held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February (6.00pm) at North Duffield

Attended by PJ, JoN, RH, RG, JiN, BS

### A. Apologies for absence - AJ

B. Minutes of ManCom on 6/11/15 - These were approved as a correct record and signed by PJ

### C. Matters arising

- **Liability insurance** – BS has looked into the cover provided under the current ESMBA insurance scheme. After discussion it was agreed that this cover is adequate.
- **Disciplinary/appeals procedure** – IB amendments **c/f to AGM**
- **Accounts checker for 2015/16** – BS had spoken with Paul Whitcombe who had agreed to do this.
- **Avon County enquiry** – RG had replied referring them to our own team selection policy

### D Competitions

- **County Championships** - The running of this year's 6 competitions was reviewed and the Chairman expressed her view that all had gone extremely well. This was the second year of running these competitions without an elected Competition Secretary and she thanked everyone for their part in making them a success.
- **Little Cup** – As we were unable to commit the resources to organise this once again, RG had asked Easingwold SMBC if they would take it on but they had declined. He had then approached the BSA club and they had agreed to run it as a “trial” for this year. He was hopeful they would adopt it permanently as they had done with the High Fives but that decision would be for their club committee.
- **Practice Day** - The date was agreed as Saturday September 17<sup>th</sup> and once again JiN would run it using the same method/format as was successfully used last year. **RG to advise AJ**
- **Dates & venues for 2016/17** – The equivalent dates/venues would be used as last year with the exception that JiN would like the U18s moved to the Sunday before Christmas so that the North Duffield Triples could be held on the Saturday. **RG to advise AJ**

### E Teams

- **The Premier team** had got through to the finals day in the new Four Rinks competition and had then won their first 2 matches before being knocked out by Somerset, the eventual winners. In the ICC they had come second in their group and were being successful in the knockout stages with 3 wins so far to reach the semi-finals. Next year, their group will once again revert to 4 teams.
- **The A team** had won all 5 games so far and will be promoted to Division 1 next year.
- **The B team** had managed a single win and a draw but it looks as if they will end up bottom of Division 2.
- **Selection process for 2016/17** - It was agreed to canvas all current and potential players once again with a view to identifying those who were interested in selection and in which teams. This would give everyone the opportunity of expressing their preference for 1, 2 or all 3 teams. After discussion, over 100 players were identified. RG to compose letter for agreement before sending out to everyone on the list. **Action RG**

### F Membership update

- Barn and Flixton had both left and Selby IBC had joined leaving 43 clubs. Total number of registered members stood at 864 of which 9 were “dual” members. This is a drop of 24 from last year.

- Apart from the full list of members required by the ESMBA, RG had also sent them a separate listing of all those now requiring membership cards. This included all new registrations, late registrations from last year and Yedingham (whose cards were lost in the post).
- Only 6 clubs had nominated members prepared to serve on a disciplinary panel.

## **G** Finances update

- BS stated that the current balance was £8000.79 (a surplus of around £600) but with anticipated expenditure in the pipeline he expected the year to end with a small operating deficit.
- It was agreed to increase our ESMBA equipment insurance by £1000 - an additional £15 pa.

## **H** PWA update RG had nothing to report

## **I** JUNIOR update JiN had nothing to report

## **J** ESMBA issues

- With the resignation of Keith and Carol Hawkins the ESMBA were under some pressure to keep the ship afloat and several emails had gone unanswered. Nothing had yet been received regarding the ICC for next year and membership cards are still awaited.
- The possibility of including “Personal Accident” insurance under the ESMBA policy would be expensive and would increase the annual subs by £1. After discussion the view was expressed that this was unnecessary and would probably not be acceptable to our members.  
**Action c/f to AGM**
- Dissatisfaction was expressed over a lack of any consultation regarding the Scarborough league issue and also a request for a National Finals substitution that had been approved without our knowledge.

## **K** NESMBA issues

- Next year the 2 Divisions should revert to 5 teams apiece assuming Lancashire do not return and Greater Manchester do not enter.
- Andy Miles has the organisation of the Northern Championships on course and we have been offered extra places in the Singles, Pairs and Fours. All entrants had now been notified along with the usual program recently received. The local rules agreed at the AGM will be in force.
- A possible amendment to the NESMBA Rules was briefly discussed. **All c/f**

## **L** Other business

- **Constitutional issue** – This had arisen over the summer after a “complaint” had been sent to the ESMBA by the Scarborough league. RG had kept ManCom fully informed with all developments as he had found out about them. The upshot had been that the ESMBA had requested a change to our constitution to reverse one of the changes made at our AGM last year. A letter sent to the ESMBA in November regarding this judgement had finally been replied to in early January and after discussion the wording of a final reply to them was agreed.
- **Leagues** - The above issue had led to a discussion of the relationship between the Association and all the leagues operating in our county. It was agreed that the independent management of them all should continue without change. However, it was also agreed that a nominal charge should be made for their use of the NYSMBA website for the publication of their tables. This is in recognition of the substantial amount of time and effort required to keep these up to date. RG to write to all league committee with this decision. **Action RG**

- **Officers for 2016/17** –RG would not continue as Membership Secretary after the AGM. BS said he would not stand in the way of anyone wishing to take over as Treasurer. All other officers were prepared to stand for election again.
- **Reports for AGM** – RG asked for all officers to provide their report by the end of March for circulation to all clubs (as well as the names of their proposers/seconders).
- **25<sup>th</sup> anniversary** - the idea of holding a charity quiz and a free buffet for all clubs to be held in the Galtres entertainment centre had received little support from our clubs and so the idea had been abandoned. Partly as a result of this decision, it had been agreed to make a donation to Great Ormond Street Hospital charity which had been requested by the organisers of the annual St. Georges Cup. The idea of making future charity donations to a more local charity would be c/f. **Action AGM**
- **Speaker systems** – These are to be disposed of to anyone who wants them.
- **Substitutions** – Requests from Ben Render and Arthur Jackson for a substitute in their respective Fours at Barnard Castle were discussed and approved.
- **Dales league** – This was in the process of being launched by Keith Jones of Kirkbymoorside. It will have 12 teams from 5 clubs (Marton, BSA, TLD, Helmsley and Kirkbymoorside). RG had received a copy of their constitution and had requested one change.

There being no further business, PJ closed the meeting at 10.00pm

**Next meeting will be at Great Ouseburn on Friday April 15th**