

Minutes of the Management Committee meeting – 17/4/12

Held at Great Ouseburn (Rose Haynes) beginning at 18:00

Present: Pat Jones, Joseph Newsome, Arthur Jackson, Roger Green, Rose Haynes, Lesley Harris, Barry Simmonite, and Noel Clark.

Apologies had been received from Len Bradley.

1. PJ welcomed all to the meeting and thanked JN for taking the minutes.
2. The minutes of last 3 ManCom meetings were agreed.
3. **Matters arising from the previous minutes:**
 - RG had written to the ESMBA as agreed with our view of their proposed Admin policy. A reply was received on 6/12/11. In answer to our questions it stated the figure of “Postage” as shown in their Accounts was falsely low as there was much additional postage costs claimed under the expenses of its individual committee members. We had asked how much task outsourcing would take place should the new policy be accepted. This was expected to be 65% of the total ESMBA committee work. In the suggested policy a new slim line committee had been proposed and the ESMBA agreed that there would still need to be a central point of contact. We also expressed our concern regarding the committee’s general communications and in their reply, the ESMBA stated that they felt adopting the new Admin policy could result in more timely communications and general effectiveness of the ESMBA committee. We pointed out that we had discovered the county consultation document on their website purely by chance and wondered how many other counties were actually aware of this document or told that it was there to be viewed? The ESMBA stated that the consultation document had been sent out to all counties. We are unsure why we never received this.
 - NC asked if a reply had been received to our suggestions for the Woodbridge trophy. They had agreed to change the format to Triples with the prospect of prize money. The England U21 team was mentioned and it was felt there was little properly organised support for them through the ESMBA – basically they were given 1 match per year and very limited coaching.
 - The England team had accepted our invitation to play a Northern Select side on the 16/17 of February 2013.
 - A long and comprehensive letter had been received from a member of the Association apologising for behaviour in the county championships held at Swinton earlier in the season. A discussion followed with regard to this and commending the member for their letter. The incident prompted discussion as to how we were to handle complaints and discipline if similar events ever prevailed again.
4. **All officers are required to give reports to the AGM** (and for the Handbook) and these would have these completed ready for May the 4th.
5. **A review of our EOY Accounts** was conducted and the committee commended BS on his excellent work. Mike Hannan our “accounts checker” had decided not to continue and BS was asked to write to him on behalf of the committee to voice our thanks for his work. It was agreed that the AGM must vote in the accounts checker and volunteers were to be requested at the AGM for this position. RG asked why the catering costs (away games) for

the two county teams were handled differently and it was agreed that in future they should both be handled in the same way. BS said he felt all fees could remain the same for next year but it was also agreed to increase the cost of mileage expenses from 30p to 40p per mile.

6. County Teams

- The possibility of a county 'C' team was discussed and we agreed we couldn't take this any further this year as the March deadline had passed for this to be submitted to the NESMBA. It was agreed that the committee will review this next year.
 - The county team Selection Policy was discussed and several small changes were agreed. The 20 'A' team players would be selected first and then the 12 core players of the 'B' team would be named. All NYSMBA bowlers would be eligible to play in the 'B' team if required but RH stated that she did not expect that any 'A' team players would be expecting to play in 'B' team fixtures. Any involvement would be entirely at the 'B' team Captains discretion whose objective was to do as well as possible in Division 1.
7. **Juniors** - NC stated that the youngster's team had visited Stockport St. Albans for their annual fixture. The England U21 trial had been re-arranged for the 1st/2nd of September.
 8. **England fixture in February 2013** – RG will contact all northern counties with a nomination form for interested players (probably at the NESMBA AGM in June). Our own clubs would also be asked if anyone was interested in being considered. Once a pool of players had been obtained the teams (52 for each of the 2 days) would then be selected by our own committee. The costing and catering would need to be finalised as well as the exchange of gifts. PJ and AJ suggested the caterer that had done such a great job at the recent Irish Night (Louise Bumby).
 9. The usual letter regarding the **ESMBA Presidents weekend** had been received requesting the nomination of players to play in this fixture. It was agreed to put this before the AGM.
 10. A short discussion took place with regard to a suggestion to change to the **Dress Code** (black below the waist as opposed to the current grey). The committee felt this was a good idea.
 11. The topic of **Umpires and Coaching** was discussed. AJ reported that he had done some coaching at the Helmlsey club. The committee are to look into publicising the fact that our coaches are available, and can be approached. RG reported that over the last year we had lost 4 umpires due to some resigning and others becoming inactive. The committee were to look into what encouragement could be used to promote new umpires. It was agreed that the NYSMBA would cover the cost of CRB checks.
 12. **BDA and the YBP** - RG and LH (and others) had attended the "Club night" at Malton recently and were quite impressed at the progress being made in promoting the game. The YBP had recently offered to return the £100 donation originally made when they were setting up their operation but it was agreed to allow them to keep the money in their funds.
 13. Reports from the **England team** – the England ladies team would remain the same for the planned re-match against Armagh in Ireland. Credit was paid to all the players we had playing for the England u21's and Senior team. It was agreed that a report on our players and the roles they had played and their achievements would be given by the Chairman in her address to the AGM.
 14. The **NESMBA League and Championship Secretaries** would be resigning at the NESMBA AGM in June. Maxine Groce of Humberside had shown an interest into taking on the League Secretary role. Andy Miles has 2 people who have shown interest in his post as Championship Secretary.

15. The 2 **proposals** being put before the AGM were discussed and endorsed.
16. AJ had completed the provisional **Diary for the 2012 – 2013 season** resulting in only two clashes and RG had published this on the website. The Junior County Championship may be a problem due to an England Fixture on the planned date. AJ would look into this when we knew who was in the U18 squad.
17. With regard to the **election of officers**, all current officials were prepared to re-stand with the exception of LB who had previously announced his decision to stand down. These officers all had a proposer and a seconder for their re-election so there is to be no competition for any posts. The positions of Secretary and Membership Secretary had no nominations so these will be sought from the floor at the AGM.
18. RG reminded the committee that we still have an unused **laptop** in our organisations possession and it was agreed to retain it for use by any potential Secretary. Failing this a further discussion would decide its best use.
19. The meeting closed at 22:14.