

## NYSMBA

### Minutes of the Management Committee meeting June 12<sup>th</sup> 2012

Held at Great Ouseburn (Rose Haynes') beginning 6.30pm

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

#### 1) APOLOGIES

None received - all present.

PJ welcomed JR to the committee and thanked her for taking over the vacant Secretary's position. PJ also thanked JN and RG for their work when there wasn't a Secretary in position.

#### 2) SECRETARY

The draft Secretary's job description (circulated to all members) was discussed and it was agreed that the main responsibility was to be the point of contact for all communications and the circulation of such to relevant parties. Meetings would be arranged, agendas circulated and minutes taken.

The compilation of the diary would remain in the Secretary's job description but at present the job is undertaken by AJ who would continue to do this whilst he was in the position of 'B' Team Captain.

RG will continue to store the records and archives (about 20 folders) and as such would have his title changed to Publicity and Records Officer. JR will collate all the documents and records received during the year and then hand over to RG at the end of the year for adding to the archives. However RG handed over the following 5 folders to JR. Minutes of past meetings (2); ESMBA Information Pack (1); Constitutions (1) and ESMBA Insurance information (1).

The Policy Register to be kept by RG until completed then discussed further.

Stock items - BS keeps records of ties, bows, badges and team strips. JN will enquire whether additional items of these can be obtained from the same suppliers who provided the strips. Additional bowls stickers, scorecards and rule books to be ordered by RG when required.

The list of details for all clubs and leagues to be maintained. This includes playing venues, Chairman, Secretaries, Treasurers, Fixtures Secretaries (where applicable) team Captains and Email contacts. RG is changing the Handbook pages so that all these will be published in next year's copy.

New job descriptions for Publicity Officer and Junior Coordinator are to be compiled and added to the Policy Register (once agreed).

#### 3) MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

LH has taken over the role from Len Bradley and has received all the relevant files from him including the job description. She is happy with this as it stands. PJ thanked LH for taking over the job. RG to supply her with the template for the Club membership certificate which he had been printing/laminating for LB.

#### 4) COUNTY TEAMS

- a) Selection. RH said the 'A' team will remain largely the same as last year although it has lost three members so three new members have been introduced. She has all the forms printed and selection letters ready to be sent out to each team member. AJ has sent out availability forms to all potential 'B' team players but as yet has not received all the replies.
- b) 'C' Team. An invitation to attend the Practice Day will be sent out to all clubs for players who are interested in joining a county 'C' Team. JN suggested an item be put on the website to invite anyone interested to attend this day. NC to be co-ordinator and contact point for anyone interested in joining a 'C' Team. Anyone interested in joining a 'C' Team would have to be informed that it is too late for us to enter the Northern IC league for 2012/13 but we would plan to join for 2013/14. However, if there is enough support, there is potential for some "friendly" games in the season ahead.
- c) Practice Day. To be held 15<sup>th</sup> September 2012 commencing 9am at the Galtres Centre. The 'A' Team should play continuously through the whole day. The 'B' Team and any potential 'C' Team players would play on the remaining mats. BS requested that the fee for the day cover the costs to save running at a loss as last year. RG said that the key thing is how many turn up on the day. If sufficient to form a 'C' then plans can be made to enter the team into the league for the following year. Obviously they would not be able to play in this coming season as all fixtures have been made. JR to send out a letter to all clubs informing them of the purpose of the Practice Day and requesting nominations from players who are interested in forming part of a 'C' Team.

#### 5) ENGLAND MATCH

RG will publish a letter to all NESMBA counties and NYSMBA clubs requesting nominations for players for the North versus the England Squad to be held on 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup> February 2013 with a request to return to JR by the end of September in time for the next ManCom meeting.

RG produced a budget estimate for this match which showed a loss of approximately £600. He will send an e-mail to request a subsidy from the ESMBA.

#### 6) NESMBA AGM

The agenda had been circulated to all members. The proposals made were discussed as follows.

##### West Yorkshire SMBA

Rule 6 (Order of Play). The proposal is to change back to the previous format. The committee agreed that the current format was acceptable and were therefore against the proposal.

Rule 29 (Fixture cancellations.) The proposal is to change the allocation of points should a game be cancelled for any reason other than inclement weather. The committee agreed that the current allocation of points was fair and should be retained, and were therefore against the proposal.

Rule 30 (3 year ban on any County leaving NESMBA League to play elsewhere.)

All agreed that this proposal was small minded and mean spirited and particularly aimed at North Yorkshire. The main question is why they have made this proposal as they have given no rationale for it. The committee agreed to vote against the proposal.

##### Derbyshire

Rule 6 (Order of Play) Proposal for this to remain unchanged. The committee agree.

**Rule 8(Practice Time)** Proposal for away teams to have two practice woods in each direction. The committee agree on this proposal but feel it should also apply to the home team (in addition to the pre match unlimited practice time).

**North Yorkshire 1 year ban.** Proposal that the NY 'A' Team or any other team formed by NY should be barred from returning to the NESMBA County League for one year after their application to join the league. As above, the committee are against this proposal. If it was passed then it was agreed that at the AGM, the NYSMBA should register their intention of putting in two teams for the following season (thus giving the required 1 years notice).

## Humberside

**Rule 23 (Lunch)** Proposal to include 'any supporters' in the list of meals required. The committee do not disagree with this proposal but feel the current wording is adequate.

**Rule 15 (League Formation)** Proposal to replace 'League Secretary' with 'General Secretary'. No reason given for this change. The committee could see no benefit to this change.

**Rule 8 (Practice Time)** Proposal similar to Derbyshire's above. The committee to vote for this change.

**North Yorkshire 3 year ban.** Proposal that North Yorkshire 'A' Team be barred from re-joining the NESMBA League for 3 full seasons. Again there is no rationale for this proposal and it is petty. The committee vote against.

**Expenses for Umpires.** Proposal that the NESMBA Exec Committee prepare a schedule of expenses payable to qualified umpires officiating at the Individuals Competitions Weekend. The committee agree to this proposal and RGs guidance notes already used this year can be used as a basis for NESMBA discussion.

**Issue of Schedule.** Proposal that the above Schedule be issued to umpires who will be officiating at such a weekend prior to the event. The committee agree to this proposal.

It was agreed that RH and AJ attend the NESMBA AGM on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June as our delegates. RG will be attending in his capacity as League Secretary/Treasurer.

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### Norfolk

**Section 6 (e) of the ESMBA Constitution.** Proposal that the sentence "Members of the ESMBA Management Committee shall all be entitled to one vote each" be deleted. The rationale for this proposal being that it is undemocratic and can result in proposals etc supported by the majority of counties being defeated if the committee vote in unison. The committee agree to support this proposal.

**(Aside to this item.)** Further discussion was then had regarding the NYSMBA Committee voting. It was agreed that the NYSMBA Committee members should not have an individual vote unless they are the only representative of their own club present. This will have to be an amendment to the NYSMBA Constitution and will have to be included in the agenda for next year's AGM.

### Essex

**Membership Fees.** Proposal that the ESMBA membership fees be reduced by 50p for 2013 onwards. The committee felt that this was a trivial amount and therefore vote against the proposal.

## 8) FINANCES

BS stated that the Irish Night had made a good profit of nearly £300 and at this time the balance held was £3414.08

Due to the change in the committee members, the cheque signatories should be amended. It was agreed that the three signatories should be BS, RG and JR. The necessary forms had been obtained by BS from the bank, to be completed by JR and returned to the bank.

9) MATTERS ARISING FROM MANCOM MEETING 17<sup>th</sup> APRIL - No matters arising

10) MATTERS ARISING FROM AGM 4<sup>th</sup> MAY - All matters arising already covered above.

11) POLICY REGISTER - AGREE NEW DOCUMENTS

a) Disciplinary procedure

BS suggested that any Mancom member who had an interest in a complaint, i.e. a member of the same club involved, should be excluded from investigating the complaint..

JN asked what should happen if the complaint was regarding a Mancom member. It was suggested that a disciplinary sub-committee be formed consisting as provided for in the Constitution. These suggestions to be added to the Disciplinary Procedure document.

Len Bradley had commented that 28 days was too long for appeals and thought 14 days should be long enough. The general opinion was that it should be left at 28 days.

b) Venues Policy

LH suggested that the venue for 'The Little Cup' should alternate between the Galtres Centre and Swinton which gives more incentive to the Scarborough side of the county. After discussion it was decided to leave all venues as they were at present as 4 competitions are already held at Swinton.

c) Publicity Officer's Job Description

To be arranged and in hand.

d) Junior Co-ordinator's Job Description

To be arranged and in hand.

e) Secretary's Job Description

As discussed in item 2 above.

12) A.O.B

Woodbridge Trophy

JR had received an e-mail stating that the prize money for this competition would be £60 for the winners and £30 for the runners up.

Galtres Centre Display Cabinet

RG suggested that the photo display which shows last year's winners should be updated with the photographs of the current winners. This was agreed. The display boards to remain unchanged for the time being.

B Team Selection

AJ asked if he should pick the strongest players for the 'B' Team - all others to be considered for the proposed 'C' Team. PJ said that he should put out the strongest team available as they were now our only team in the league. The committee agreed.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 10.15pm.