

# Northamptonshire Short Mat Bowls Association

## Minutes of committee Meeting held at Chicheley on 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022

### **Present**

Brian Nelson, Chris Weston, Bob Clarridge, Dave Ekins, Brenda Hart and Jean Foster.

### **Opening**

Brian opened the meeting at 10.30am and thanked everyone for attending.

### **Minutes.**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved by the committee and signed by the chairman.

### **Matters Arising**

The NSMBA bowl stickers have been printed and await collection.

B.B.C. to be contacted and enquiries to be made as to what safe bowl venue certificate they may hold, or any safe bowling documents they have to enable ESMBA safe bowls approval.

### **Safeguarding**

The committee are pleased to report that two ESMBA approved County Safeguarding officers have been appointed for the 2022/23 season, being Chris Hopkins and Brian Nelson, with Chris being the lead officer. Any members that feel vulnerable or have any safeguarding issues at County or club level are urged to report to Chris or Brian. They can be approached personally if present, or their contact details will be on web site [www.NSMBA.co.uk](http://www.NSMBA.co.uk)

### **Secretary Report**

The secretary reported that notification had been sent to club secretary stating the date, time and place for the NSMBA AGM being May 11<sup>th</sup> 2022 at 7.30pm at Harpole Bowls Club, Hilllands, Larkhall Lane, Harpole Northants NN7 4DP  
Nomination and Proposal forms had also been sent to club secretary's for NSMBA election for committee members and officers for year 2022-23, that should be returned by end of February.

The secretary informed the committee that he would not be standing for re-election at the AGM, as it is a two-year appointment and he could not commit for that time.

The secretary was asked to contact the ESMBA secretary to have a new password/number allocated to NSMBA.

The secretary would inform the ESMBA of the safeguarding appointments and request the required forms for Chris Weston to enrol in the course and qualify for next season.

### **Treasurers Report**

The treasurer presented a statement of accounts to the committee together with the Bank statement showing income and expenditure up to 12<sup>th</sup> February explaining that the NSMBA was in a healthy position considering the effects of covid 19 and that clubs had not been charged any League fees this year.

Jean wished to thank everyone who contributed with raffle prizes and for those helping in selling the raffle tickets in her absence

### **Membership**

With all the problems caused this year with unregistered players a discussion was held on NSMBA / ESMBA registration for season 2022-23.

Many proposals were considered but it was agreed to wait until after the ESMBA AGM being held on 23<sup>rd</sup> July as we believe there is a proposal on some rule changes which would affect membership.

### **Acting League Co-Ordinator**

The League organiser reported that the take up of clubs wishing to enter the league has been disappointing especially as every effort was made to get the league going after the delay caused by covid and extending the time due to the Government's plan B.

However, games are being played and results being received albeit some clubs have pulled out as they do not have enough players or venue not being available.

It was agreed that league entry forms will be sent to clubs in August for 2022-23 season with the required fee to be returned by 1<sup>st</sup> September, to enable cards and league game to be organised.

### **County Manager and Captains Report**

The Manager reported that the ESMBA had been informed of all those members who qualified for National finals.

It was provisionally agreed that NSMBA would enter an A Team for ICC games, but awaiting on ESMBA AGM for rules on the playing format.

### **Future Competition**

It was stated that the County friendly match against Oxfordshire on the 27<sup>th</sup> February 2022 will be played at B.B.C. with eight mats and 32 players.

All NSMBA competitions i.e. Singles, Doubles, Triples, Ladies Singles, Fours and Mixed Fours have now been completed, with special notice of the Ladies single match which was the first one ever organised, and many ladies wish it to continue and be part on the County games.

A possible friendly game is in progress of being arranged against Herts which the home game will be played in June.

Two Random draw games to be arranged in aid of Charity one in July and one in August, dates to be arranged with BBC.

An outstanding game between the BBC and NSMBA is still in progress of finding a convenient date.

### **Website**

The NSMBA website has now got a link to the ESMBA website.

A further heading will be added for temporary information, to keep members informed of unexpected items that happen.

If any club has a web site and they wish to have a link to the NSMBA site, please let the Secretary know and we can get that arranged.

**A.O.B.**

An item was raised regarding the use of NSMBA mats and equipment that was used for ESMBA ICC game played at BBC.

It was agreed that the County Manager Chris Weston would be responsible for granting permission for the safe use and return of all equipment with a nominal hire fee to be agreed, and to keep the committee informed of any requests.

A discussion was held on a Presentation evening, but with the uncertainty of Covid, it was decided to wait until the end of the league season and make a decision then. However, if it can be held it will be a smaller occasion, with a reduced number of presentation trophies and cups.

Date of next Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 10.30am.

**Signed.....Date.....**

**Brian Nelson Chairman**