

# Northamptonshire Short Mat Bowls Association

## Minutes of committee Meeting held at Chicheley on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2022

### **Present**

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

### **Opening**

Brian opened the meeting at 10.30am and thanked everyone for attending, and brought apologies from Jean Foster.

### **Minutes.**

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

### **Matters Arising**

- a. The B.B.C. Fire Certificate and all other safety equipment for the venue are up to date and specification
- b. There had not been any Nominations or Proposals received for the NSMBA committee membership by the secretary.
- c. County game against Herts is home on 5<sup>th</sup> June and provisionally away on the 26<sup>th</sup> June, Dave to sort out players. The two Random Draw dates are the 17<sup>th</sup> July and the 14<sup>th</sup> August, both in aid of Charity. All Charitable nominations received from clubs will be considered.
- d. The committee are waiting for a date from B.B.C. for long and short mat games, B.B.C. verses NSMBA.
- e. Both Safeguarding officers contact details are now on the Website.

### **Secretary Report**

The secretary requested the committee members written reports in preparation for the NSMBA AGM are ready so that they can be sent out to clubs prior to AGM.

The Secretary is still awaiting password from Linda White the ESMBA secretary.

### **Treasurers Report**

The treasurer presented a statement of accounts to the committee together with Bank statements showing income and expenditure for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. The accounts showed a surplus over expenditure of £925.48. The treasurer stated that there will be some engraving costs when the Trophies are presented, together with an additional cost of league winner's certificate, but should still show a healthy surplus.

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

The acting League organiser reported that the finishing date for games had been extended twice now until 14<sup>th</sup> May and would not wish this to be extended again, he urged club to get their fixture date sorted. Although most clubs had met this schedule without any problem there is still one or two lagging behind. He wished to thank all club fixture secretary for keeping him informed of results.

## County Manager and Captains Report

The captain reported that the friendly game against Oxford had now been played with Oxford winning 43-29, he thanked all 32 Northants players for traveling and arriving on time together with those players who offered to play for Oxford.

The National trials were played at Solihull on 5 & 6<sup>th</sup> March with Chris Hopkins and Steve McCallister winning the over 55s against Simon Willies and John Turner with Chris Weston and Dave Ekins getting through to the last 16. In the mixed 4s Chris Weston, Dave Ekins, Sue Gunter and Chris Drage also got through to the last 16.

The Finals of the Singles, Pairs, 4s and Triples take place at Melton Mowbray on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. (7<sup>th</sup>,8<sup>th</sup>,9 & 10<sup>th</sup> April)

## Future Competition

Future competition dates as listed above under matters arising.

The committee had been asked if the Summer League would be going ahead, due to lack of committee members and assistance from NSMBA members it was agreed that this, and the over 60s part 1 and 2 would not go ahead this year. **It cannot be stressed sufficiently how undermanned the NSMBA committee are and how desperately committee members are required to ensure that the NSMBA remain a viable Association.**

## A.O.B.

**a.** It was agreed that no formal presentation evening would be held this year, but trophies and certificates would be presented at one of the Random draw events.

Brian to collect cups etc. from previous winners and Bob to arrange engraving together with a new cup engraved **NSMBA Ladies' Singles.**

**b.** It was agreed that an Open Forum would be held after the AGM.

**c.** It was agreed that the NSMBA would only enter an 'A' team in the 2022-23 I.C.C.

**d.** Passengers traveling to away games to pay the driver £7. pp.

**e.** A discussion was held on the ESMBA accident insurance scheme, and it was agreed that the Chairman would get clarification after an ESMBA insurance flyer was produced.

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

Signed.....Date.....

**Brian Nelson Chairman**