

Northamptonshire Short Mat Bowls Association

Minutes of committee Meeting held at Chicheley on 9th August 2022

Present

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

Opening

Brian opened the meeting at 1 30 pm and thanked everyone for attending.

Minutes.

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

Matters Arising

- a. Brian reported that all the Trophies are ready for collection and he will have them for presentation on Sunday 14th August at the Random Draw.
- b. Brenda had printed the Certificate's for approval and it was agreed to have them laminated also for Sunday.
- c. Bob informed the committee that he attended the ESMBA AGM and had spoken personally to Lynda White the ESMBA secretary and requested the Password for Northants to gain access to all information.
- d. The donation from Whilton Marina Ltd is not listed as separate item, but is within the accounts for use if required.
- e. Brian to get 2022-23 Membership forms together with league forms to all clubs requesting their completion and return by 15th September
- f. Members personal insurance will be covered by ESMBA membership.
- g. The NSMBA league will be played as before with 4 in a team.

Secretary Report

There were no matters not covered by other business

Treasurers Report

The treasurer presented the accounts up to 9th August and requested that monies be transferred from the general to the saving account to gain as much interest as possible. The committee agreed leaving approximately £2000. In the general a/c. £251 had been raised at the Charity Random game had been donated to Macmillan nurses.

Jean was holding £23. 80. in Raffle monies and some prizes for the next Charity event on 14th August.

Captain and Acting League Co-Ordinator.

Dave reported that the first batch of County invitation letters had been sent out and depending on the response, further letter would be sent. A team of 25-30 player were needed to cover the home and away fixtures.

Regarding other competent players not able to play in the Premier team, the possibility of playing friendly games with other County's is still an option. If any Members of the NSMBA would be prepared to act as Captain and arrange matches, he would be able to pass on various contacts details of other County's. He stated that some members had been approached to take up this position, but they were unable to commit the required time.

County Manager and Captains Report

Chris stated he had been in contact with Suffolk, Cambridge, and Herts and all the I.C.C. matches and dates had been agreed, and he will forward theses to Brenda to post on the Web site.

There are two ICC. dates that coincide with S.M.P.T. dates. which may be rearranged by ESMBA, but he will keep members informed.

Future Competition

The second Charity Random Draw game is to be played on Sunday 14th August at B.B.C. supporting Crohn's & Colitis UK.

At the time of the meeting there are 40 players that have entered.

Membership NSMBA/ESMBA

Brian to send out 2022/23 membership renewal forms to all clubs by 16th August, stressing the importance of joining the NSMBA and the ESMBA for the cost of £6.50 pp. This gives all members access to any County and League games with the added cover of personal injury, should anything happen when playing in games.

With the renewal forms will be NSMBA league entry forms at £20. per team, which will need to be completed and returned by 15th September.

A.O.B.

a. Brian stated that he had been approached by ESMBA under 18s coach Brian Baker to play at Bridgman's on the 18th September. Brian to inform them of B.B.C. hire fees, and it was agreed to make a charge of £50. for use of NSMBA equipment.

b. Bob reported that he had spoken with Chris Hopkins if he would consider organising the over 60s part 1 and 2 which he would. Bob to contact Chris on behalf of NSMBA to ask him to arranged this competition, and when dates and venue have been agreed to inform the committee.

Date of next Meeting 26th September 2022 at 10.30am.

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

Brian Nelson Chairman