

# **Northamptonshire Short Mat Bowls Association**

## **Minutes of committee Meeting held at Chicheley on 26th September 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**

None

### **Secretary Report**

Secretary stated that a new password had been received from Rachel Hedges of ESMBA

### **Treasurers Report**

The treasurer presented the accounts up to 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022 showing a healthy balance. In the present financial climate, it was agreed to get some Banking stability before opening a saving account.

The Charity Random Draw game held on 14<sup>th</sup> August raised £130. and has been donated to Crohn's and Colitis research.

Jean was holding Raffle monies and some prizes for the next Raffle.

Chris gave the treasurer cheques from the ICC game held against Suffolk, also receipts for expenses.

Dave passed over cheques for teams entering the Day and Evening Leagues, stating that some clubs had sent their cheques to Brian included in their registration's fees. Brian confirmed.

### **Captain and Acting League Co-Ordinator.**

Dave reported that the first ICC game against Suffolk was played on the 25<sup>th</sup> Sept with Northants winning 23-17. The games were well organised and played in a good competitive and friendly manner.

He then went on to explained that 6 clubs had entered the evening league and 7 the day league. He will contact the clubs concerned and notify them that the two leagues would commence 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and run until 6<sup>th</sup> March 2023, with the remaining weeks of March used as a catch-up period in necessary, but stated if clubs wished to start earlier that would be fine. He will send out all the score cards and dates to the clubs.

He also reported on the Random Draw event held on 14<sup>th</sup> August stating that it was well attended and a good day's bowling with all competitors having a fun day.

The net proceeds raised for charity were passed to the treasurer amounting to £130.

## **County Manager Report**

Chris stated that entry forms for all NSMBA competitions had been sent out to 18 clubs, with the first game being the mixed 4s to be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

As of to-day only 2 teams have entered this competition with a possible 3<sup>rd</sup> which is very disappointing. It was agreed by the committee to cancel Bridgman's, and this event. Chris to notify clubs concerned of cancellation.

Chris reported that at the Suffolk game the players were unable to wear County Shirts as not everyone had them. He had contacted Shot Bowl and they were unable to supply shirts as the company that made the originals had ceased trading. A discussion was had if new shirts with a new up to date design should be considered for the County. It was agreed that this should be done and Chris would look into this with proposals, if possible, for the next meeting, but stated that it would be next season before they would be ready. It was reported that a number of spare County shirts are in circulation that were loaned to players not in possession of their own, Brian and Brenda will send out a request for these loaned shirts to be returned to NSMBA, together with any member who has a shirt surplus to requirements that they may wish to donate. They can be given to any committee member and this will allow the remaining ICC's to be played in the county attire.

## **Future Competition**

As above the Mixed Fours will be cancelled at Harold due to lack of support. Chris and Dave to select team for ICC against Cambridgeshire at home on 9<sup>th</sup> October. It is hoped that the over 55s on 6<sup>th</sup> November will be better supported.

The over 60s part 1 has been arranged and will be played at Cosgrove s.m.b.c. on 27<sup>th</sup> October, entry forms have been sent out to clubs.

The game against BCC to be scheduled in February, date to be agreed.

## **Membership NSMBA/ESMBA**

Brian had sent out membership application to all clubs and received 17 replies', 14 joining NSMBA and/or ESMBA and 4 Affiliated.

## **A.O.B.**

Chris stated that he had taken the ladies trophy over to Margaret Jones, and spent some time with her, and on behalf of everyone he wished her well in having her current treatment, and a speedy return to bowling.

It was agreed that when the County team have been selected that the committee would be informed.

Date of next Meeting to be held at Newton Rd Bletchley on  
24<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 10.30am.

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

**Brian Nelson Chairman**