

Northamptonshire Short Mat Bowls Association

Minutes of committee Meeting held at Chicheley on 6th February 2023

Present

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

Opening

Brian opened the meeting at 10.am and thanked everyone for attending.

Minutes.

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

Matters Arising

It was agreed to put the proposal of purchasing new County Shirts to the members at the A.G.M.

Secretary Report

The secretary brought to the attention of the committee paragraph 4 of letter received from ESMBA. It was agreed that the content would not affect NSMBA registration.

Treasurers Report

The treasurer had received cheques and cash for County games from Chris Weston and presented the accounts up to 6th February 2023, showing a normal healthy balance.

Captain and Acting League Co-Ordinator.

Dave wished to record his and Chris thanks to all the players who had made themselves available for county games during the 2022-23 season.

Regarding the League matches he stated that it is getting extremely frustrating that teams are not committing to match dates as agreed at the beginning of the season, and using petty excuses to rearrange matches. If clubs can only get 6 or 7 players for the match they must play the game, and refer everyone to the Matchplay Rules. This is causing home teams to rebook their venue if its available, extending the season unnecessary, and finally that both team skip must agree the score and sign the cards before sending results to Dave, as on occasions they differ and have to be checked again.

After much discussion it was agreed that amendments and alterations need to be added to the Matchplay Rules, and these proposals will be sent to all clubs prior to the AGM for consideration and confirmation.

County Manager Report

Chris stated that all the six I.C.C. games had now been played, and the result was better than last year being 2 wins,1 draw, and 3 losses, two of which were close

He stated that the £50.entry fee had been sent to ESMBA for the 2023-24 season and thought that NSMBA would be in the same I.C.C. group.

All the County games had also been played with the exception of the mixed 4s which hopefully will be played at Gt Houghton on 13th Feb. he wished to thank Gt Houghton for hosting the game.

All players who qualified for entry into the National have been notified.

Future Competition

The game against BCC to be scheduled early March, date to be agreed.

Over 60s part 2 will be played at Cosgrove on 16th February

It was agreed to hold a Random Draw charity event together with the trophy presentation on 25th June subject to the availability of BBC.

A further Random Draw event could be held Mid-August

Membership NSMBA/ESMBA

Brian stated that 3 new members had been registered for Old Stratford.

Web Site

Brenda had updated site as and when new information comes in.

Under the heading of League the results will be displayed in a new format, which will show match results as well as the clubs position being easier to follow.

A.O.B.

a. It was agreed to sell the 4 mats, together with fenders, jacks, foot mats, blocks and score boards, which are held at the store shed at Harrold. A price in excess of £50. per mat and set of equipment to any start up club, or clubs the need extra mats. Contact any Committee member for further details and inspection of equipment.

b. After many enquires why the association funds are not disclosed in the minutes it was agreed that the club secretary's copy will show the amount, but on the Website copy the amounts will be removed.

c. The Committee had received an application from Robin Patching of Manor SMBC to join the committee, albeit in general terms not more than three members from one club should join. However as the committee has been asking for members to join for 2 years or more, it would be counter productive to refuse this offer. It was agreed to co-op Robin at the next meeting and leave it to the members to vote on at the AGM.

d. Other matters under AOB have been covered in the above minutes

Date of next Meeting to be held at Newton Rd Bletchley on
13/3/23 at 10.30am.

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

Brian Nelson Chairman