



MINUTES OF THE NSMBA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
on Wednesday 10th May 2023 at 7.30.PM
held at HARPOLE SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB

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The Meeting was opened at 7.30pm by Brian Nelson, and Harpole SMBC were thanked for hosting the AGM and the members were also thanked for attending.

Present:

Brian Nelson NSMBA Chair and acting Membership Secretary, Brenda Hart Treasurer, Bob Clarridge Secretary, Chris Weston Competition Secretary, Dave Ekins County Team Captain and acting League Co-Ordinator, Jean Foster committee member.

Also, in attendance 26 members from 8 clubs, see Attendance Record attached

APOLOGIES: None

Pre meeting remarks:

Chris Hopkins announced that the agenda was incorrect as item 3b and 3c should be under the Open Forum as it was not a constitution matter. A lengthy discussion followed regarding the Matchplay Rules amendments that needed to be proposed and voted on, which could not be done in the forum. It was agreed that the item be moved to the forum, with members present agreeing the proposal by show of hands and the committee accepting and implementing the amendments. Without this provision the acting League co-ordinator would not continue in office. In addition, Chris stated that item 10 on the agenda was incorrect as the proposed office positions were not open as they closed at the end of February, it was agreed that this was insignificant to the meeting.

Finally, he stated that A.O.B. should not be an item on the AGM agenda.

It was noted that several members left the meeting after this discussion

MINUTES FROM 2021-22 AGM:

The meeting was declared open and the Secretary stated that the Minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated to all club secretaries. The Chairman asked for a proposer and John Adams proposed and Chris Weston seconded, all were in favour, the Chairman signed the minutes.

MATTERS ARISING: None

Receive Proposition:

An addition to the Constitution: that not more than 3 members from one club be elected to the NSMBA committee.

Proposed by Chris Hopkins, Seconded by Sue Gunter

Voted by show of hands 14 for; 15 against; **not carried**

Reports 2021-22

The Chairman, Secretary, Membership Secretary, Competition Secretary, County Team Captain and acting league co-ordinators reports had been circulated to all clubs and were taken as read. Under the Membership report Jenny Pearson asked why membership cards had not been issued by the committee as was required for entry into competitions. The acting membership secretary, Brian stated that in the 30 years he had been a member he had never been asked to show his card, however some membership cards had been collected by Chris Hopkins and given out. Brian again explained with limited resources the committee had little time to issue cards. Jenny offered to help this year 2023-24, in getting and issuing NSMBA cards to all members. This was accepted and appreciated by the committee

Treasurers Report and Accounts

The Treasurer stated that as in previous years the Association Auditor would have checked the accounts in April. She has informed the Treasurer that she no longer wishes to continue as the NSMBA auditor. As yet, due to the short notice a new Auditor has not been appointed, albeit that an e-mail had been sent to all club secretaries asking if any of them or their members could help. There had been no response therefore the accounts are being presented in draft form.

Sue Gunter stated that as the accounts had not been audited that they cannot be presented to the members, and should be postponed. It was pointed out that they are the draft accounts and when an auditor has been found and appointed that the accounts will be fully audited and will be circulated to all clubs, this was accepted by the members.

Brenda Hart asked if there were any questions from the floor;

Members had a few questions on the accounts which Brenda answered with the exception of one, which she will check and forward the answer.

Diana Adams asked if the accounts could be more itemised, and that ESMBA and NSMBA payments separated. Brenda agreed to do this in future.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

As Bob was standing down as Secretary this year a vote of thanks for his work over the last five and half years was proposed by Chris Hopkins, and appreciation shown by the members. All offices were declared vacant and a paper vote was held for the following officers:

Chairman

Brian Nelson Proposed by Chris Weston; Seconded by Dave Ekins

Chris Hopkins Proposed by Jenny Pearson; Seconded by Fred Pearson

The members voted in favour of Brian Nelson.

Treasurer Brenda Hart Proposed by Dave Ekins; Seconded by Bob Clarridge

Jenny Pearson Proposed by Chris Hopkins; Seconded by Tim Gunter

The Members voted in favour of Brenda Hart

Secretary Robin Patching Proposed by Bob Clarridge; Seconded by Chris Weston

The members voted in favour

General Committee Members:

Chris Weston, Dave Ekins and Jean Foster

ANNUAL FEES for AFFILIATION and MEMBERSHIP:

It was agreed that there would be no increase this year on Annual or Affiliation Fees.

DATE and VENUE for NEXT YEAR'S A.G.M

Chris Clayson of Roade SMBC has invited the NSMBA to hold the 2024 AGM at their venue the Village Hall, Roade on 15th May 2024.

The Chairman thanked Chris and Roade SMBC.

Signed

Meeting closed at 8.40pm

Addendum:

The year-end accounts for 2022/2023 which were presented at this AGM were inspected on 29th May 2023, found to be correct, approved by the auditor and are hereby attached.