



NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SHORT MAT BOWLS ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the NSMBA Committee Meeting held at Bridgman Bowls Club on Tuesday 11th July 2023

Attendees: Brian Nelson (BN), Brenda Hart (BH), Robin Patching (RP),
Chris Weston (CW), Dave Ekins (DE), Jean Foster (JF).

Welcome: Brian welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

.1. **Minutes of Meeting 15th May 2023**

Minutes distributed and read.

Proposed as true record by BH and seconded by JF.

.2. **Matters arising:** Match-Play Rules now completed and distributed.

.3. **Chairman's Report:**

.3a. ESMBA AGM is being held on Saturday 22nd July

.3b. First Aid – Lyn Dean from ESMBA stated that ICE Cards had been issued, but these had not been received by NSMBA.

.4. **Secretary's Report:**

RP stated that all the documents recently received had been distributed to the Clubs. RP had received several requests from Clubs stating that they do not wish to receive communications from NSMBA.

Complete updated list of Clubs to be sent to Committee – **Action RP.**

.5. **Treasurer's Report:**

A cheque for the Random Competition recently received was erroneously made out to incorrect recipient. Replacement cheque now received.

Marie Curie Charity cheque has yet to be presented.

.6. **Captain and Acting League Co-ordinator's Report:**

.6a. DE expressed his opinion that it was too early to ask Clubs what they wanted to do for 2023/24.

DE requested that the League Entry Form be sent to the Clubs week of 8th September, to be completed and returned to DE by 6th October. All agreed **Action RP**

.6b. DE stated that the League Competitions should start first week of November 2023. All agreed

.6c. It was suggested that League entry would be free to register for this coming season only. All agreed.

.6d. CW stated that the Random Competition went extremely well, A total of 44 bowlers played in an enjoyable event.

.6e. **Earl Spencer Competition:** Age UK Northants had enquired about Earl Spencer Competition. Due to limited resources this competition had not been pursued. Suggestion was for this year, to donate proceeds from next Random to Age UK Northants.

.7. **County Manager's Report:**

ICC dates have been sent to Clubs.

CW said that Essex have pulled out of the competition - doesn't affect our Group.

.7a. Norfolk have been unable to secure a venue for their Home game and have requested that they play their Home game at the same time as our Home game at Bridgman BC, preferably on 12th November. All Norfolk players to pay £5 each towards the cost of hiring the Bridgman Bowls Club hall.

Norfolk to recompense us for their use of venue, (approximately 50% of hire charge)
All agreed. Bridgman BC to be advised about re-arrangement.

.7b. DE has received confirmation from most players invited to join the County Squad. Some have yet to respond. DE will send reminder to those players before closing date of 24th July 2023.

.8. Future Competitions:

Next Random Game Sunday 20th August 2023, Invitations already sent out to Clubs. All Northamptonshire bowlers are included in the invites.

Greys and whites preferable but smart casual (no Jeans) are acceptable.

.8a. Presentations: All trophies to be recovered – **Action BN**

Certificates for Winners and Runners-up. Trophy for winning Club.

.8b. Some players at Cranfield wish to play in Evening League. Registration required.

.9. Membership:

ESMBA need ages stated on the Membership Forms

.10. Website address: - to be added to all Forms and written communications.

.11. County Shirts:

Discussion took place about sample shirts. Designs to be discussed between sub-group: Lesley and Jen Pearson, with Brenda and Brian assisting.

Proposals to be sent by email to Committee. Also to include Jackets - **Action: BN**

Costs approximately £25 for shirt and £30 for jacket.

Colours, logo, and design to be decided., (without players names)

Northamptonshire Flag design shown to committee.

Rose logo to be decided – proposals to be sent to Committee - **Action: BN**

Suggestion small Northamptonshire County Flag on back of shirt beneath collar.

Separate name badges to be decided. First name on badge

Shirts and jackets free to members. Members to buy badge.

.12. A O B

ESMBA IONIS email password to be obtained – **Action: BN**

Date of next meeting :

Tuesday 8th August 2023 at Bridgman BC – to be booked – **Action BN**