



NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SHORT MAT BOWLS ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the NSMBA Committee Meeting held at Bridgman Bowls Club on Tuesday 8th August 2023

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

Welcome: Brian welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

1. Minutes of Meeting 11th July 2023

Minutes distributed and read.

Proposed as true record by CW and seconded by DE.

2. Matters arising:

2a. League Entry Application Form to be updated – **Action BN**

2b. Raffle proceeds from August Random Match donate to Age UK Northants.
Raffle Flyer to be sent to all 30 NSMBA Squad players. – **Action RP**

2c. New County shirts – see item 11.

2d. BN stated that all Trophies had been recovered and engraved.

CW stated that there may already be a Ladies Singles Trophy in existence.

To be investigated. – **Action CW**

New Trophy acquired for the Ladies Singles winner - on hold pending return of trophy from previous years winner, plus two smaller trophies for winner and runner-up.

Action CW/BN

2e. Trophy for Player of the Year in store cupboard. Decision to be made on recipient for 2022 – 23 season; subsequently engraved.

2f. IONIS password still to be obtained – **Action BN.**

3. Chairman's Report:

Nothing to report

4. Secretary's Report:

Latest list of registered Clubs completed and sent to committee.

List of all 30 County Players now complete.

League Entry Form to be standardised – **Action – BN**

Form to be sent to Clubs on 8th September – **Action – RP**

ICE (In Case of Emergency) Cards to be arranged – **Action - BN**

5. Treasurer's Report:

Report pending until next meeting

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

6a. DE stated that 27 players are expected to attend the Roll-up on Sunday 13th August.

New County Shirts and Jackets will remain property of NSMBA as the NSMBA has paid the entire costs. Players not bowling for the County will be required to return the County Shirts and Jackets. Obtain two extra shirts and jackets as spares.

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. **Action - RP**

- 6b. DE stated that the League Competitions should start first week of November 2023.
- 6c. It was suggested that League entry would be free to register for this coming season only.
- 6d. CW stated that the previous Random Competition went extremely well, a total of 44 bowlers played in an enjoyable event.

7. County Manager's Report:

- 7a. County Matches dates finalised.
- 7b. Norfolk will play our home and our away matches on same day 12th November. Norfolk unable to acquire venue for their home game. Norfolk to contribute towards the cost of the hall hire.
- 7c. CW expressed thanks to DE for his efforts with arranging all 30 players for the Squad.
- 7d. CW stated that the ICC Forms for registering Counties for 2024-2025 to be submitted by October 2023. (Minimum of six clubs to be registered with NSMBA to qualify) (Cost to register county £75) **Action - CW**

8. Future Competitions:

- 8a. Next Random Game Sunday 20th August 2023.
- 8b. Dates for in-house competitions all set

9. Membership:

- 9a. ESMBA increased fee from £4 to £4.50 for current season. Letter sent to all Clubs re 50p increase. Club Registration Form to be updated for next season.
- 9b. Three Club Registration Forms completed and returned to Membership Secretary. All Forms to be returned by end of August.

10. Website address:

BH updating website – **Action - BH**

11. County Shirts:

RP prepared spreadsheet of 30 Squad members for DE to enter shirt and jacket sizes on Roll-up day 13th August.

12. A O B

- 12a. DE requested list of ESMBA members, hardcopy to be sent to DE.
- 12b. HP Laptop purchased and set-up. Cost to be borne by NSMBA/Remains property of NSMBA.

13 Date of next meeting:

Tuesday 19th September 2023 at Bridgman BC – to be booked – **Action BN**