



NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SHORT MAT BOWLS ASSOCIATION



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Minutes of the NSMBA Committee Meeting held at
Bridgman Bowls Club on Tuesday 19th September 2023

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

Apologies : Chris Weston (CW).

Welcome: Brian welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

1. Minutes of Meeting 8th August 2023

The previous Minutes were distributed and read.

Proposed as true record by DE and seconded by BN.

2. Matters arising:

2a. IONOS website - BN has now received the logging on details and has started to monitor for messages

2b. ICE Cards (In Case of Emergency) to be arranged once number of members known. **Action - BN**

2c. XL spreadsheet listing members to be finalised and hard copy sent to DE

Action – BN/RP

2d. HP Laptop (365/Windows 11) purchased for NSMBA (owned by NSMBA) for use by Secretary for all NSMBA communications and documentations. Cost £565 (includes software, setting up) plus contract for annual Microsoft Licence.

Free version of Firewall to be implemented annually.

Printing and paper to be absorbed therefore no cost to the NSMBA .

2e. Abingdon BC players moved to Denton BC. Alan Addison and Ann Alexander both to receive NSMBA announcements.

3. Chairman's Report:

Nothing to report

4. Secretary's Report:

League Entry Forms sent out, one more to be sent to Denton.

5. Treasurer's Report:

Costs of new County Shirts and Jackets, Laptop and Trophies resulted in a reduced bank balance.

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

6a. DE stated that 27 players attended Roll-up on 31st August – successful event.

6b. All players had decided on sizes of new shirts and jackets

- 6c. DE stated that name badges are now available at a cost of £4.50 each.
- 6d. DE expecting League Entry forms to be returned by 6th October.
- 6e. Last season's League results to be archived on Website. **Action – BH**
- 6f. List of current Clubs to be added to Website. **Action - BH**
- 6g. For all Inter - County Competitions (ICC) the onus is on the home County Team to supply an umpire. The ESMBA has deemed that ICC matches played without an umpire shall result in disqualification of the home team with all points being awarded to the opposition. Only one umpire currently registered in Northamptonshire but is not available to umpire. Umpire for first county match against Cambridgeshire to be arranged with Cambridgeshire providing an umpire **Action – DE/CW/BN**
Offers from NSMBA players to enrol and train as umpires.
Volunteers and costs to be discussed.
- 6h. NSMBA to obtain permission from ESMBA when “double-header “ matches are played **Action –DE/BN**
- 7. County Manager's Report:**
In CW's absence, DE stated that number of teams are to be finalised for the “Over 55s” on Sunday 1st October. **Action- DE/CW**
- 8. Future Competitions:**
“Mix-Fours” to be played on Sunday 8th October.
- 9. Membership:**
Membership list to be completed **Action - BN**
- 10. Website:**
Updated regularly **Action - BH**
- 11. County Shirts:**
Lead time 5 weeks from order/payment, possible delivery by 1st October .
- 12. A O B:**
- 12a. Membership Cards to be printed and sent to Clubs **Action - BH**
- 12b. Registration Certificates to be issued to Clubs **Action - BH**
- 12c. Insurance Certificate to be added to Website **Action - BH**
- 12d. Vote of thanks extended to Brenda Hart, Jenny Pearson, Lesley Nelson, Dave Ekins for their participation in organising and ordering of the new county shirts and jackets.
- 13. Date of next meeting:**
Tuesday 14th November 2023 at Bridgman BC – book venue – **Action BN**

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