



# NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SHORT MAT BOWLS ASSOCIATION



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Minutes of the NSMBA Committee Meeting held at  
Bridgman Bowls Club on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 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 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023

The previous Minutes were distributed and read.

Proposed as true record, except CW; all agreed as correct.

## 2. Matters arising:

2a. ICE Cards (In Case of Emergency) are now available and are being issued to Clubs

**Action - BH**

2b. Enquiry from Sue Martin, Islip BC, about joining ESMBA for insurance.

They decided to register as an affiliated club.

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

**Action - BN/RP**

2d. League results to be added to website.

**Action - BN**

2e. Insurance Certificate to be added to website

**Action - BH**

## 3. Chairman's Report:

Nothing to report

## 4. Secretary's Report:

Minutes of meetings recorded and issued

Copy of Registration Forms from St Andrews and Islip required by Secretary **Action - BN**

## 5. Treasurer's Report:

Accounts up to date as at 14<sup>th</sup> October 2023.

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

### County Games Report

6a. Both the home and away matches against Norfolk on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023 were played in a sociable and enjoyable atmosphere. It was noted that the NSMBA players are to be complimented on their abilities, aptitude and their commitment to the games on the day.

6b. The home game against Suffolk on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2023 was a friendly and successful game with Northants winning 21 points to 19 for Suffolk.

### League Report

6c. 5 teams for the evening league and originally 10 teams for the day league. Subsequently two clubs dropped out of the day league leaving 8 teams in all.

First few games have been played and the scores have been noted. Website to be updated.

**Action - BN/BH**

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

In CW's absence, DE stated that there are nine teams registered to play in the 4s competition on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November. This was updated via message from CW that there are now ten teams entered.

It is noted that all entries for these competitions should be submitted by 19<sup>th</sup> November to comply with ESMBA regs for any entries to the Nationals to be registered.

Report on the county games to be added to the website.

**Action – BH**

**8. Future Competitions:**

Next competition is the Pairs on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December.

Names to be recorded for the up-coming Singles competition on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December

**9. Membership:**

9a. Membership list to be completed

**Action – BN**

Suggestion that the NSMBA registration fee for junior (under 18s) players to be waived for the next season. To be proposed at the next AGM.

**9b. Life Members**

A record of NSMBA Life Members to be retained on file

**Action - RP**

NSMBA Life Members are exempt from paying the registration fee, currently £2.50, per season.

Current NSMBA Life Members are:

Chris Hopkins, Old Stratford (Pays £1.00 for ESMBA registration; (not 4.50) )

William Roberts, Manor (Pays £4.50 for ESMBA registration)

Confirmation required for Chris Weston, Pytchley, NSMBA Life Membership.

Recommendation for Dave Ekins, Pytchley, to become NSMBA Life Member

**10. A O B:**

10a. Raffle to be arranged for Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

**Action – JF/BH**

10b. Record of Hot-Shots to be held on file.

**Action – RP**

10c. Hot-Shots: Certificates to be presented at end of season.

**Action - BN**

10d. Accounts values to be recorded on Minutes for the Club Contacts only.

10e. Results of County Matches are added to website.

10f. Proposal for roll-up prior to County games. Considered but not feasible.

It was noted that the County Qualifiers gives players opportunity to practice at Bridgman.

10g. **Umpires** – Six players from NSMBA going forward for umpire status.

10h. DBS checks need to be actioned for all umpires.

10i. Suggestion to buy Short-Mat Umpire's Kit for NSMBA.

**Action – DE**

10j. **League Scorecards** Further supply required

**Action - DE**

10k. **County friendly games** suggestion to hold a friendly on same day as Ladies Singles Game on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Alternatively - suggestion for a Mens' singles friendly game.

10l. Friendly Short mat/Long mat Northamptonshire V Bridgmean BC to be arranged for 2024,.date to be confirmed

**Action- BN**

**11. Date of next meeting:**

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 10.30am at Bridgman BC – book venue – **Action BN**

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