



NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SHORT MAT BOWLS ASSOCIATION



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Minutes of the NSMBA Committee Meeting held at
Bridgman Bowls Club on Tuesday 23rd January 2024

Attendees: Brian Nelson (BN), Robin Patching (RP),
Brenda Hart (BH), Chris Weston (CW).
Apologies: Dave Ekins (DE), Jean Foster (JF).
Welcome: Brian welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

1. Minutes of Meeting 14th November 2023

The previous Minutes were distributed and read.
Proposed as a true record, agreed as correct.

2. Matters arising:

- 2b. Islip decided to register as an affiliated club.
- 2c. XL spreadsheet list of members - updated
- 2d. League results to be added to website.- all updated
- 2e. Insurance Certificate – not issued by ESMBA. (Only the Policy/Schedule)

Life Members

A record of NSMBA Life Members to be retained on file **Action - RP**
Chris Hopkins, Old Stratford (Pays £1.00 for ESMBA registration; (not £4.50))
William Roberts, Manor (Pays £4.50 for ESMBA registration)
Chris Weston, Pytchley. (Pays £4.50 for ESMBA registration)
Recommendation for Dave Ekins, Pytchley, to become NSMBA Life Member. To be
ratified at the next NSMBA AGM. Add to AGM Agenda. **Action - RP**

Umpires

Umpires Kit now purchased and available for NSMBA use
List of qualified umpires to be retained on file **Action - RP**

League Scorecards Supplies are with CW and BH

Friendly Games

County Friendly Game to be arranged on same day as Ladies Singles; Sunday 17th March
to ensure full usage of the hall and assist the Ladies with setting out the equipment and
marking games.

Friendly Short Mat/Long Mat V Bridgman BC to be arranged for 2024 – **Action - BN**

- 3. **Chairman's Report:** Nothing to report
- 4. **Secretary's Report:** Nothing to report
- 5. **Treasurer's Report:** Accounts up to date as at 19th January 2024

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

- 6a. One club yet unable to arrange League game before end of March 2024.
6b. Discussion at next AGM – NSMBA recommends that the start time for all evening league games should be no later than 7.30pm. Add to AGM Agenda **Action - RP**
Depends on hall availability

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

- 7a. Northamptonshire finished at bottom of the Inter-County group.
First and second teams enter main competition knock-out stages.
Third and final teams enter into a Consolation competition to be held on Sunday 18th February at a neutral venue – to be announced. Northamptonshire to play against East Sussex.
7b. Website to be updated with this competition. **Action – BH**

County Games

7c. The home and away games V Norfolk were viewed by the Committee as being not successful and too physically challenging to some of the Northants players.
ESMBA have ruled that both home and away games will **not** take place on the same day for the coming season

- 7d. Next season our group will be Cambridgeshire, Suffolk, Norfolk and Northamptonshire.
7e. Suggestion to remove National Qualifiers out of the County competitions.
A separate day for the National Qualifiers can be arranged.
To be discussed at the next AGM. Add to AGM Agenda. **Action - RP**

8. **Future Competitions:**

- 8a. County Consolation (7a above)
8b. Eight National places over all disciplines, one in Singles, one in Pairs, two in Triples one in Fours, one in Mixed Fours, two in Over 55s. To be played at Solihull and Melton Mowbray.

9. **Bowling Shoes:**

It is a requirement at Bridgman Bowls Club that all players must wear **FLAT, SMOOTH SOLED** bowling shoes. Soles with ridges are not permitted.
Failure to comply may result in the offending shoes to be removed prior to playing

10. **Coaching**

It may be worthwhile considering providing improvers coaching to NSMBA players
ESMBA have been approached but they do not have coaching courses at present.
Suggestion to run coaching session at Bridgman BC
Possibility of Long Mat qualified coaches to be approached. **Action - RP**

11. **A O B:**

- 11a. Dates for next seasons ICC matches with CW.
Three Sundays to be booked at Bridgman BC. **Action - BN**
11b. Randoms to be arranged and venue booked. **Action - BN**
11c. Possible Hang-Over Fours/Random - first week in January to be arranged..
11d. Annual General Meeting 2024 will take place on Wednesday 15th May at Roade SMBC
11e. Mr Gunter's complaint was discussed and a response from the NSMBA committee will be sent to Mr Gunter at the earliest opportune moment..

12. **Date of next meeting:**

Tuesday 26th March 2024 at 10.30am at Bridgman BC – book venue – **Action BN**

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