



NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SHORT MAT BOWLS ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the NSMBA Committee Meeting held at Bridgman Bowls Club on Tuesday 10th September 2024

Attendees: Brian Nelson – Chair and Acting membership Secretary (BN),
Brenda Hart - Treasurer (BH),
Robin Patching – Secretary (RP),
Chris Weston – Committee Club Manager (CW) (County and Nationals)
Dave Ekins – Committee (DE), Team Captain (Competitions and League)
Adam Hawkins - Committee (AH) Over 60s/Match results

BN welcomed and thanked everyone for attending...

1. Minutes of Meeting 28th May 2024

The previous Minutes were distributed and read.
Correction - the £3.00 fee is for National entries
Otherwise proposed as a true record, agreed as correct.

2. Matters arising:

All action points have been addressed/completed

3. Chairman's Report:

Proposed co-option of Adam Hawkins to NSMBA Committee – all agreed.

4. Acting membership Secretary's Report

Number of registrations are up from last season (202) to 262 members.

15 Clubs registered plus 3 affiliated Clubs

In order to avoid unfortunate errors occurring with payments it was agreed that Clubs would be invoiced against which they would then pay the correct amount due. **Action: BN/BH**

Playing venue names required by ESMBA.

Registration Form to be updated to include playing venue name/address

5. Secretary's Report:

- 5a. A Consultation Proposal Form for the 5 a-side, 6 a-side and original 8 a-side format was designed and sent to Clubs, replies returned to DE by 8th August **Action: all Clubs**
- 5b. Registration Forms sent to Clubs, replies returned to BN by 31st August **Action: all Clubs**
- 5c. League Entry Forms sent to Clubs, replies returned to DE by 8th Sept **Action: all Clubs**
- 5d. List of members (Copies of Registration Forms c/w reg numbers) – send to CW and DE: **Action: BN/RP**

6. Treasurer's Report:

Insurance of £96.00 for the NSMBA for period 1st Sept 2024 – 31st August 2025 has been renewed. (Zurich)

Treasurer reported that apart from a few initial errors the Registration invoicing was a success. This arrangement to continue in future.

Donations from Random games paid to the nominated charities;

£210.00 to Alzheimer Society and £195.00 to Cynthia Spencer Hospice, and both charities have acknowledged receipt .

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

- 7a. Main squad consists of 22 players, additionally 8 players in the squad pool from which players will be selected to make up the full squad for the up-coming game.

- 7b. List of members with County shirts to be kept on file with Secretary. **Action: DE/RP**
- 7c. Responses from the Consultation for 5 a-side, 6 a-side and 8 a-side were received by DE who is now in a position to announce the outcome.
- 7d. League fixtures and instructions to be sent to Clubs by 15th Sept **Action: DE**
 12 teams wish to play 5 a-side; possibility of 6 teams/day league and 6 teams evening league. Reminder to Clubs they will need a sixth person to attend for marking Singles games.
 5 a-side games results
 Only 3 teams wish to play evening 8 a-side; arrangements to be decided.
 9 teams wish to play 8 a-side day league; arrangements to be decided.
 Clubs to arrange Fixtures dates for their games.
- 8. County Manager's Report:**
- 8a. County match dates all confirmed: first game is away against Suffolk on Sunday 29th Sept.
- 8b. **ICC** - for 2025 season ESMBA decided to put all County teams into one pool; Northants are drawn against Norfolk and West Midlands. Unsatisfactory situation for Northants. Decision deadline for entry is 30th October **2024**.
- 8c. Nationals Qualifiers - Entry Forms sent to Clubs.
- 9. Random Games - update**
 Both Random Games were successful; it was gratifying to welcome players new to the games.
- 10. Over 60s Games.**
- 10a. Games consist of Four players; Entry Forms sent to Clubs
 Closing date for entries is 1st October
- 10b. Add results of games to NSMBA Website - **Action: AH/B**
- 10c. Committee expressed thanks for Adam's help and support.
- 11. Trophies**
 All qualifiers trophies to be collected - **Action: BN**
- 12. A O B:**
- 12a Presentation Event – possible in-house game and finger buffet.
 Sunday preferred at Bridgman BC, date to be decided – venue to be booked: **Action: BH.**
- 12b. DBS confirmation for AH awaited – copy for treasurer's file: **Action: AH**
- 12c. Umpires jacket required for AH.
- 12d. Software Licence renewal required for Treasurer's Laptop, send claim to NSMBA.
- 12e. ESMBA Constitution stipulates that County Committee must be ESMBA registered and therefore "it follows" Club Committee members must be ESMBA registered.
 To say that "it follows" is not valid and is not a constitutional requirement.
- 12f. Continue effort to clear shed. Photos of contents c/w list – send to Committee - **Action: RP**
- 12g. Sets of keys for shed, CW (1), DE (1), BN (2)
- 12h. The Committee discussed an e-mail from Jenny Pearson and it was agreed that no further action would be taken
- 13. Date of next meeting:**
 Tuesday 19th November 2024 at 10.30am at Bridgman BC – book venue – **Action: BH**
- 14. Meeting closed at 1.15pm**
- 1st October 2024
 Since the meeting
 Daventry decided to change their status to Affiliated only.
 St Johns have joined as an Affiliated Club.