



NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SHORT MAT BOWLS ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the NSMBA Committee Meeting held at Bridgman Bowls Club on Tuesday 19th November 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 Hawkings - Committee (AH) (Over 60s/Match Organiser & 5-A Side
League Organiser)

BN welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

1. Minutes of Meeting 10th September 2024

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

2. Matters arising:

All action points have been addressed and completed

3. Chairman's Report:

I would like to thank the Committee for all the hard work they continue to put in.

I went over to Adam's and we had a bit of a training session about updating the Website with the League Results.

The Website has been updated to accommodate the new leagues and are being populated as games are played.

All the Trophies were collected in, bar one, the Mixed Fours Shield.

I used a redundant shield to replace the missing one. All the trophies have been ordered and should be ready to be picked up on Thursday 21st November 2024.

I intend to get to Bridgman Bowls Club early on Saturday 23rd November to display them and add an NSMBA insert where possible.

The cost of trophies has more than doubled but that is because we have provided trophies for the League winners and Runners-Up instead of certificates as we did last year as requested by NSMBA members.

4. Acting membership Secretary's Report:

We now have a total of 258 members registered with the NSMBA,
14 Fully Registered Clubs and 4 Affiliated Clubs.

Of these members, 148 have also registered with the ESMBA

5. Secretary's Report:

Everything up to date, Minutes of meetings typed and distributed promptly.

6. Treasurer's Report:

6a. Bank balance remains healthy.

6b. Members registration fee paid to ESMBA.

6c. Treasurer reported that Lloyds Bank is changing banking rules for Clubs and proposing to charge for any transactions. BH to investigate banking with other banks.

- 6d. It is recommended and requested that payments to NSMBA should be by Bank Transfer Payments to NSMBA. Cheques to be avoided wherever possible.
- 6e. A Card Payment machine to be considered to receive payments.
- 7. Captain and Acting League Co-ordinator's Report:**
- 7a. Due to insufficient number of players available the County away game against Norfolk had to be cancelled. This match will be re-arranged in the New Year
- 7b. DE reported that the County match against Suffolk was hard fought in good spirits. Northants played extremely well against Cambridge and both home away matches were won by Northants.
- 7c. League fixtures are now under way and results are being posted on the Website.
- 7d. It was noted that some clubs are finding it difficult to complete their games within the two hour/ Club estimated session time limit. This may mean some clubs incurring an extra cost for the extra hire time of the venue. This situation has historically been the case and is no different now. It is unfair to expect visiting teams to play without having a roll-up. Teams Captains can however reach an amicable agreement not to roll-up.
- 7e. AH reported that the 5 a-side results are managed via an XL Spreadsheet and are also posted on the Website.
- 7f. All participating clubs are reminded that the 8 A-Side results should be forwarded to Dave Ekins and the 5 A-Side results forwarded to Adam Hawkings.
- 7g. AH reported that the Over 60s (are not part of the National Competitions). 9 Teams of four entered, match played at Harpole was successful and is considering introducing and including Part Two for next season. It was noted that a neutral venue is being considered such as Bridgman BC where games can be played on a Sunday.
- 8. County Manager's Report:**
- 8a. Three Matches.(Over 55s, Triples and Mixed Fours) played; 3 more (Singles, Pairs and Triples outstanding). Last date for entry 30th November 2024
- 9. Trophies**
- All trophies returned and now being inscribed. BN to collect from Trophy shop ready for Presentation day. **Action: BN**
- 10. Presentation Day 23rd November 2024**
- 22 Names/Players expected, open for more players. Free raffle
Prizes for the friendly games to be arranged. Buffet lunch arranged with Bridgman BC.
Players to arrive at 9.30am for 10am start.
- 11. Umpires Attire** (donated to NSMBA by Roy and Jo Walker)
- Men's jacket and waistcoat given to AH. Ladies jacket and waistcoat to be re-donated. Suggested donation to be made to Air Ambulance Service (request by Roy Walker). Suggestion to run a raffle on the National Fours match – proceeds also to Air Ambulance.
- 12. A O B:**
- 12a. Shed to be emptied, Bridgman BC interested in purchase.
- 12b. The old Mat, Fenders, Block, Jacks and scoreboard in the shed to be donated to Bletchley Indoor Bowls Club.
- 12c. Question of players attire discussed at length. The status quo will remain but will be an item on the next NSMBA AGM Agenda for discussion.
The existing Match Play rules may be open to mis-interpretation.
- 13. Date of next meeting:**
- To be arranged early 2025