



NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SHORT MAT BOWLS ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the NSMBA Committee Meeting held at Bridgman Bowls Club on Tuesday 15th April 2025

Attendees: Brenda Hart (BH) – Treasurer.
Robin Patching (RP) – Secretary,
Chris Weston (CW) – Committee; Club Manager (County and Nationals)
Adam Hawkings (AH) – Committee; (Over 60s/Match Organiser and
5-A Side League Organiser)

Apologies: Brian Nelson (BN), Dave Ekins (DE)

1. Minutes of Meeting 11th February 2025

Minutes were distributed and read. Proposed and agreed as a true record.

2. Matters arising:

All action points had been addressed.

3. Chairman's Report:

In Chair's absence the Secretary advised that the Trophies for the Presentation Event are in hand.

4. Acting membership Secretary's Report:

No report available

5. Secretary's Report:

Notice of 2025 AGM and Nomination Form were sent to all Clubs in January.

6. Treasurer's Report:

6a. Bank balance remains healthy.

6b. Hire of Bridgman BC venue to increase from 1st September 2025 by £20 making the cost £120.00 per session.

It was suggested that the entrance fee for the Random games could be increased from £5 pp to £6 pp next year, to be discussed in the Open Forum after the AGM. This is to cover the increased hire cost of the venue.

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

7a. Random dates – see item 11

7b. League formats for 2025-26 season to be discussed during Open Forum after AGM.

7c. Dates now arranged for the play-off for the two winning teams of the 8-a-Side Day league

7d. Trophies for 8-a-Side Evening League to be discussed with BN

7e. All results should now be on the Website

8. County Manager's Report:

Timetable for the County 2025/26 season, and Championship games all set.
Bridgman BC venue booked for all home games

9. Over 60s.

AH to arrange matches for 2025/26 season, possibility to introduce Part Two.

10. Trophy Presentation Sunday 11th May 2025.

Short Mat Bowls random competition during the morning followed by buffet lunch.
Presentation of Trophies in the afternoon..

A reminder for this event to be sent to all Clubs.

Action: Secretary

11. **Random Charity Games**

Two dates arranged and Bridgman BC Venue booked for:
Sunday 6th July and Sunday 17th August. Benefitting Charities to be decided.

12. **Annual General Meeting 13th May 2025**

Documents, as specified in the Constitution, to be distributed to all Clubs
before end of April.

Action: Secretary

13. **A O B:**

13a. County Shirts: a suspect shirt (colour-run) is required to send to the suppliers for
examination. Shirt to be obtained from a player.

Action: CH/DE/BH

13b. A supply of Score-cards is required for:

16 Ends (8-A-side), 15 Ends (Singles and Pairs), 11 Ends (Triples). Over 55s
Samples , preferably, or artwork required for printing

Action: Secretary/BH

There is sufficient stock of 8 Ends cards.

13c. Dress Code: To be discussed during the Open Forum after the closure of AGM.

13d. It was suggested that some of the damaged Yellow Jacks may be recoated.

AH to investigate and cost.

Action: AH

14. **Date of next meeting:**

To be arranged by the new Committee after the AGM.

Meeting closed at 12.30pm

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