



NORTHAMPTONSHIRE SHORT MAT BOWLS ASSOCIATION

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Minutes of the NSMBA Committee Meeting held at Bridgman Bowls Club on Tuesday 11th February 2025

Attendees: Brian Nelson (BN) – Chair and Acting Membership Secretary,
Brenda Hart (BH) – Treasurer.
Robin Patching (RP) – Secretary,
Chris Weston (CW) – Committee; Club Manager (County and Nationals)
Dave Ekins (DE) – Committee; Team Captain (Competitions and League)
Apologies: Adam Hawkings (AH) – Committee; (Over 60s/Match Organiser
and 5-A Side League Organiser)

BN welcomed and thanked everyone for attending.

1. Minutes of Meeting 19th November 2024

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

2. Matters arising:

One action point had been addressed.

3. Chairman's Report:

Finalisation of Bank Account - see Item 6b and
update on the Shed – see items 12a and 12b.

4. Acting membership Secretary's Report:

We have some new members, total of 300 registered with the NSMBA,
Some Clubs have changed their Secretaries/contacts. Secretary to update the list of
Club contacts and distribute to officers of committee.

5. Secretary's Report:

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

Nominations to be sent to Secretary by end of February.

There are four positions for executive officers: two positions, namely Chair and Secretary
to serve two year term and one year term alternately.

Likewise the remaining two positions, namely vice-chair and treasurer would serve one year
term and two year term alternately.

This is to ensure that there is continuity during elections at the AGM.

6. Treasurer's Report:

6a. As at 8th February 2025 the finances are in reasonably good health.

6b. The Lloyd's Bank account is now closed and our finances have been transferred
to the new Metro Bank account,

6c. Stock Valuation Report should show: Purchase Price, Insurance Value,
Replacement Value, and Expected Saleable Value.

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

7a. Apart from the Norfolk away game all other games were completed and NSMBA finished
third in Group. NSMBA are entered into the ICC Qtr Final V Surrey on Sat 15th Feb at Solihull.

7b. League fixtures are now under way and results are being posted on the Website.
Just a few games to be completed.

7c. Two Five-a-Side Leagues resulted in two winning teams and two runners-up.

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- Two winning teams of the 8-a-Side Day league to have play-off to establish overall winners,
Neutral venue to be sourced
Two teams interested in playing in the Evening Challenge 8-a-Side are Pytchley and Harpole.
Trophy to be sourced
- 7d. 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.
- 8. County Manager's Report:**
Timetable now available for the County 2025/26 season, and the championship games
dates also listed. Dates to be booked with Bridgman BC **Action: BH**
Once dates confirmed timetable to be published to Clubs and on Website.
- 9. Over 60s.**
AH willing to continue arranging matches for 2025/26 season.
- 10. Trophy Presentation .**
Include in a Sunday competition at Bridgman BC, June, July, or August.
Date to be arranged with Bridgman BC. **Action: BH**
- 11. Annual General Meeting 13th May 2025**
Certain documents, as specified in the Constitution, to be distributed to all Clubs before
end of April.
When Clubs change their nominated contact it is their responsibility to inform the NSMBA.
Several proposed changes have been made to the Constitution and a list of these changes
will be drawn up by the Secretary and sent to the Committee. **Action: RP**
- 12. A O B:**
- 12a. **Shed:** emptied leaving one scoreboard, small wooden trolley, Wooden Bowls delivery
frame which are to be disposed of.
- 12b. **The old Mat:** has been donated to Hartwell Indoor Bowls Club
Four Fenders, two Scoreboards, two Blocks and Four Jacks have been donated to
Bletchley Indoor Bowls Club. Derek Storey, Secretary of BIBC, keen to get Short Mat
Bowls included in their Club at Bletchley IBC, Bletchley Leisure Centre..
- 12c. **Dress Code:** 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.
To comply with ESMBA regulations, all players in one team must wear uniform attire,
ie: white or Club shirts and grey or black trousers.
The existing Match Play rules are open to mis-interpretation.
- 12d. **County Shirts:** Colour-run on some of the County shirts discussed, an affected shirt
to be recovered and/or photo of same and subsequently discussed with supplier.
Consolation Games (Plate): request for trophy for winners. Suggest Certificate.
- 13. Date of next meeting:**
Tuesday 15th April 2025 at Bridgman Bowls Club commencing at 10.30am
Meeting closed at 12.25pm

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