



**NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
SHORT MAT BOWLS ASSOCIATION**

Minutes of NSMBA Committee Meeting

5th August 2025

Attendees:

Sue Gunter

John Fox

Janice Fox

Dave Ekins

Chris Weston

Mike Edwards

Paul D`Inverno

Wendy Kean

Apologies: Adam Hawkings

Welcome by SG.

ACCOUNTS: SG Brenda Hart has resigned as treasurer. General discussion during which SG stated she has spoken with Brenda who is happy to have a handover but reiterated she is standing down. SG to compose email to all clubs asking for a volunteer to be treasurer. ME stated it would be good to have someone from a different club as most of the committee is made up of members from just Harpole and Pytchley. All agreed. Following on PD has been having conversations with Brenda regarding running the NSMBA website. He will continue to have these conversations until he fully takes over responsibility for the running of the website. PD we need to build resilience into the committee going forward.

OFFICE 365: JF we now have 365 licence for 6 members of the committee. A general discussion as to which 6 members require it took place with all in agreement.

RANDOMS: DE 38 have registered for the upcoming day on 17th August. General discussion re contacting those clubs that have not registered with a view to encouraging those to take part. SG has organised the raffle. SG suggested that a local family with a child Margot, who suffers from Dystonia benefit. They are

fundraising for equipment to make her life better and safer. All agreed this is a worthy cause for money raised at this event to go to. DE can be the recipient and family be invited to the event. SG will contact them and give the invitation.

OVER 60`S COMPETITION: DE the flyer does not have a submission date and only space for one team which means that a club with more than one team will need to complete a form for each individual team. DE to contact AH to discuss.

REGISTRATIONS: JF approx. 20 clubs have completed the application form to date ME and SG have arranged a meeting after the 15th August to progress the applications.

ESMBA AGM: SG, CW, ME, WK attended, some useful information which focussed heavily on safeguarding. ME had discussion for coaching level 2 courses and will progress. ME Lynn from ESMBA assisted with DBS application.

LEAGUES: DE all clubs taking part are as last year with the addition of Hartwell, Bletchley, Cranfield. Discussion on splitting teams/ clubs into 2 groups, which DE will make available. League will commence from 22nd September 2025. DE in addition to the league games there is always the option for clubs to arrange friendlies.

NORTHAMPTON SQUAD: CW we now have 20 players for the first game against Norfolk. The home game on 7th December 2025 against Norfolk needs to change to a direction from ESMBA that Norfolk is required to play in a national competition. All other dates are confirmed. There is a squad of 26 with additional reserves. SG there has been discussion regarding the charge Norfolk are levying us for cancelling the match last year. It was agreed that this be paid.

Matchplay rules June 2025 + Dress Code – Ratification

SG clarification that banning cargo shorts / trousers had been questioned by a club member. CW this aligns with ESMBA rules. Committee agreed with the rule of no cargo shorts/ trousers can be worn other than in random friendly games. Committee agreed that DE will send an email to all league clubs setting out the requirement prior to commencement of the league season.

CONSTITUTION: DE, we need to work on the constitution as there is a fair amount which is out of date and wrong. This needs completing prior to the next AGM. All agreed to set a specific meeting to work through this. Date to be agreed.

COMPETITIONS: CW supplement to £7.00 so that everyone who enters will automatically be entered for nationals. This will help with the number of allocations agreed by the ESMBA.

AOB: SG the BDA have made approach to help with NSMBA to develop. CW ask them to attend AGM to talk about safeguarding and benefits of joining ESMBA. All agreed SG to speak with BDA.

DE, AH enters the 5 a side results onto the website, would he be willing to enter all results. DE will approach AH.

Next Meeting: 7pm Tuesday 16th September 2025, at Harpole.

Meeting to discuss constitution 2pm Wednesday 22nd October 2025. Venue tbc.