

Norfolk County Indoor Bowling Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Wymondham Dell IBC on Sunday 10th July 2022



Present: Richard Andrews (President), C Taylor, D Perry, D Goodley, J Mason, W Windsor, A Mobbs, D Bealey, S Pope, P Chapman, M Hodges, D Eastwell, J East, Jean Webb, J Hipperson, A Ingram, A Cude PP, Brian Pratt PP, G Roberts

Apologies: D Boswell, D Cawthorne, J Ottaway (sub J Mason), Ken Ince PP, C Bowles, P Clover, C Boon, M Howard

The meeting was preceded by a minute silence in memory of members, friends and colleagues passed since the last AGM. The President then welcomed all members present.

Chris Taylor then provided some guidance to the AGM, the supporting papers for which had been shared with clubs 16th June 2022, in relation to the proceedings and voting process. He also clarified that whilst he and David Perry held no official position, given their resignations, for continuity and reporting purposes, they would undertake at the AGM the roles they held before stepping down.

Minutes of the last AGM: It was proposed by Peter Chapman, and seconded by Arthur Mobbs, and agreed by all members present that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 15th August 2021 at Wymondham Dell IBC (circulated to all clubs) should be signed as a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

Motions:

The following proposals were received from clubs by 1st June 2022, and a further proposal from Acle which was agreed after the Executive meeting 13/6/2022

Proposal		Proposing club
6.a.1	<i>Club and County Finals (competition proper play off stage) to more regional in the early rounds to minimise the travelling.</i>	Pentney
6.a.2	<i>Club & County competitions entries are reverted to pre-COVID status and County Competition Rule no 7. should read "All qualifying Clubs will be allocated 2 entries in each of the disciplines and the entrants to the County Playoffs must be that Club's respective competition finalists"</i>	County Arts
6.a.3	<i>Separation of the Club and County Competitions. Entry would be along the same lines as the Nationals, and then a regionalised (where practical) draw with the normal play by dates and challenger to offer dates etc. with agreement to be reached on when/if neutral greens are adopted before the final.</i>	Acle

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	<p><i>This would ease the workload of the County and demands on clubs to free up rink space which has often not been used.</i></p> <p><i>It would also help the Club Competition Secretaries as their play-by dates would not be dictated to by having to completed in line with the County timetable (currently end of February)</i></p>	
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All the clubs who had submitted motions were given the opportunity to address the AGM to provide further information and to answer questions. This prompted some detailed discussions and debate from those attending.

In addition, David Perry, in the absence of a Competition Secretary, summarised to the AGM for 6.a.1 and 6.a.2 advantages and disadvantages for each of the motions presented. This included which clubs would need to be placed into which areas for a regionalised structure and in allowing 2 teams to progress the need for clubs to free up 104 rinks. There remained the issues of trying to slot in games whilst avoiding an increasingly hectic EIBA championship schedule and allowances for the Federation finals which will take place in April 2023 but no days have been published, regardless that we have no Competition Secretary.

Given that motion 6.a.3 would have made 6.a.1 and 6.a.2 redundant it was considered and put to the meeting first.

6.a.3	<i>Separation of the Club and County Competitions.</i>	Acle
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This motion was not seconded and did not progress to a vote.

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This motion was seconded by Dereham IBC

Voting: FOR 8
 AGAINST 5

The motion was PASSED

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The following are proposed by the Executive as part of the annual review of the association and were received by 1st June 2022

Proposal	
6.b.1	<i>Removal of Hon. Match Secretary (Nationals) position and absorb responsibilities into Hon. Sec / Hon. Asst Sec and/or Team Managers. With the demise of the ECL there is no longer a need for this role.</i>
6.b.2	<i>U25 / U18 Manager merged, with effectively the removal of the U18 manager and responsibilities for the U18 team(s) passed to U25 Manager This simplifies the manager structure and with EIBA changes it makes more sense to have a single manager for our younger players</i>
6.b.3	<i>PI games to be mixed if requested by club/association as the ability for clubs/associations to field male teams for PI games is becoming more difficult. To enable these games to continue and at the request of the club/association, and with the support of NCWIBA.</i>
6.b.4	<i>The modern game with an increase in coloured kits has brought about the demise of the blazer/tie, and other than the county friendly team is no longer required or expected. To give the county team some identity when travelling it is proposed to adopt county jackets, like those introduced for the U25 team and being used outdoors.</i>
6.b.5	<i>Removal of awards – linked to the previous item with the demise of blazers the continued awarding of badges/ashes/ties should be questioned. In the last 5 years the number of awards which have been declined is very high as the recipients rightly say they have nothing to put them on as they don't wear blazers. The proposal is to abolish these awards, not for them remain and be attached to a county jacket, and if it was felt appropriate to recognise an achievement such as representing Norfolk in 100 games that a certificate would be produced. The Inter County Friendly badge would still be awarded for the completion of five inter-county games.</i>
6.b.6	<i>League Rules (Player Eligibility) - Clubs with more than one team in the same division will not be allowed to move players between those teams.</i>
6.b.7	<i>County Match Rules (Auker Trophy) – Removal of reference to this competition specifically as a result of ECL demise.</i>
6.b.8	<i>County Competition Rules (match dates) – Should a clash occur due to another National event of any recognised governing body in the rounds up to the Finals, and providing both parties agree and providing the game is played before the date of the next round then the players / teams concerned can arrange between themselves for the game to be played at a suitable venue</i>

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The individual motions were outlined by Chris Taylor and the opportunity to raise questions and challenges was provided.

As these motions were proposed by the Executive the AGM were then asked if they wished to second/vote on each item individually. It was proposed by John Mason to take all the items together and he seconded all the motions, which were then and agreed in bulk by all members present.

Hon. Secretaries Report: - Chris Taylor

Mr President, fellow colleagues

I firstly want to recognise the considerable effort and commitment from all our clubs, you, your committees, volunteers and of course members to bring us back to some normality after the difficulties of the past two years.

I want to thank you, our Executive, and clubs for your support in the running of the Association, the leagues, competitions and matches which were held during the 2021/22 season.

I would like to thank all my fellow officers, Derek Boswell, Tony Dunton and David Perry for their support during the past two years. I must again make special mention of the considerable work David undertakes in his numerous roles and also to Derek Boswell for his many years of dedication to the association in numerous and varied roles.

I would like to thank our team managers, Charlie Boon, and Mo Moseley for their work in fielding competitive teams. Congratulations to Steve Pope, who in his first season as our U25 Manager, was successful in leading the team to the National title and becoming for a short time a local TV and press celebrity.

I cannot overlook the excellent job that Richard Andrews did as our President and in stepping down this season I thank him on behalf of the association for all his support and dedication.

I wish to place on record the thanks of the association to Wymondham Dell and County Arts for the use of their facilities for various meetings.

Whilst there are a lot of positives for the 2021/22 season, not least that actual return to bowls post COVID, it would also be true to say that recent events have caused several of your officers, including myself, to become demoralised and disillusioned.

I do not wish to dwell on the matter as enough has already been said and posted on social media by many people, and the opportunity for a significant change in leadership at the level some wanted has apparently not been taken up.

However, I do think that lessons have been learned by all parties and the best outcome now is for the Association to move forward collectively.

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Treasurers Report and Accounts: - David Perry

Mr President, Officers, and Club delegates, I present the Audited Accounts for the Association for the Year ending 30th April 2022.

As usual I have aligned the income and expenditure for the last 12 months according to whichever aspect of the Association's activity it relates to. However, as the County like everyone else in the Country is recovering from the effects of the COVID Pandemic it is difficult to compare this year's income and expenditure to the previous two years.

Regrettably, three of the County's clubs, North Walsham, Old Hall and Woodlands have closed in that period and membership numbers in the remaining Clubs have dropped by an overall figure of 838.

Fees for the Association's activities have remained constant for several years now, however I am recommending some increases in fees in order that the County can cover its expenditure in the coming season. I have therefore attached a schedule of proposed fees for 2022/2023 with the recommended increases highlighted.

I therefore present the Accounts and recommendations for your acceptance.

Note: Accounts were issued with the AGM papers 16/06/2022 and a copy will be retained with the official minutes.

Norfolk CIBA – Fees & Levies for Season 2022/2023

Area	Cost (£)	Comment
Annual Subscription	12.50	Increase of £0.50
Membership Levy	1.25	Increase of £0.15
County League Entry Fee	20.00	Increase of £2.00
Over-60 Inter Club Double Rink Competition	15.00	Increase of £3.00
Top Ten League Entry Fee	12.00	Unchanged
County Competition Entry Fee - Singles / Pairs / Triples / Fours	3.50	Per player (Increase of £0.50)
County Competition Entry Fee – U25 Singles	2.00	Per player (Increase of £0.50)
County Competition Rink Fees	4.00	Per player (Increase of £0.25)
Inter County Friendlies Match Fees (Home & Away)	15.00	Unchanged
Liberty Trophy Match Fee	Rink Fee	Unchanged
Over 60 Inter-County Knock-Out Match Fee	Rink Fee	Unchanged
Under 25 Double Rink Match Fee	Rink Fee	Unchanged
Under 18 Double Triples Rink Fee	Rink Fee	Unchanged

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Juniors Under 16 (@ 01/10/2022)	Rink Fee	Unchanged
Presidents Invitation Matches	Cost + 1.00	Unchanged
Stock		
County Shirt	As priced	
County Over Jacket	As priced	
Hire of County Shirt	3.00	Increase of £0.50
County Tie	5.50	Unchanged
Commemorative Tie	8.00	Discontinued
County Lapel Badge	1.00	Unchanged
Inter-County Friendly Blazer Badge	4.00	Unchanged
Full County Badge (Silk)	5.00	Unchanged
Full County Badge (Wire)	6.00	Unchanged
Liberty Trophy Flash	4.00	Discontinued
Over 60 Inter County Flash	4.00	Discontinued
Under 25 Double Rink Flash	4.00	Discontinued
Officers Honorariums	Amount (£)	Comments
Secretary	150.00	Unchanged
Assistant Secretary	125.00	Unchanged
Treasurer	100.00	Unchanged
Match Secretary (Inter County Friendlies)	100.00	Unchanged
Match Secretary (Presidents Invitation)	100.00	Unchanged
Match Secretary (Nationals)	100.00	Discontinued
Competition Secretary	100.00	Unchanged
League Secretary	100.00	Unchanged
Webmaster	100.00	Unchanged
Officers Match Fees		
President	No charge	Unchanged
Senior Vice-President	50% of match fee	Unchanged
Junior Vice-President	75% of match fee	Unchanged
Liberty Trophy Manager	No charge	Unchanged
Over 60 Inter County Manager	No charge	Unchanged

The accounts were put to the AGM, proposed by Peter Chapman, and seconded by Denis Goodley and the members present voted unanimously to accept.



Address by outgoing President

Six years ago, I was approached to see if I would be Junior Vice President by two friends David Aldous, who would be President and Roger Greef, Senior Vice President, I agreed!

Now six years later this is my last day as President of the Norfolk County Indoor Bowling Association, having been in that office for four years mainly due to the coronavirus.

I want to thank all those who played in the county friendlies and presidents invitation matches during my time as President. Also, those clubs who allowed us to use their bowls greens and facilities for these matches.

I especially wish to thank Chris Taylor, David Perry, Tony Dunton and Derek Boswell who without their work and help my time as President would not have been so enjoyable.

I wish Bill Windsor a successful year as your new President,

Appointment of Officers

President 2022/23

In accordance with the Rule and Objects (9.i) Bill Windsor was appointed President by succession and received his badges of office from Richard Andrews who became the Immediate Past President.

Bill addressed the meeting thanking the Executive and County Arts for supporting his nomination and saying how proud he was to be taking on the Presidency for 2022/23.

He thanked Richard for his extended time in office and committed himself to doing his best to represent the association in the coming season. He also acknowledged the importance of having strong officers to ensure that association operates effectively and hoped that the current vacancies could be filled quickly.

Other officer vacancies

The AGM were advised that the only nomination received was from Gordon Roberts, proposed by Wymondham Dell, for the position of Hon. Match Secretary (Friendlies/PI).

His appointment was seconded by Gallow, and the members present voted unanimously to accept.

Gordon received his full county badge by the President and took his position with the officers.

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The President asked Chris Taylor to address the meeting having received no other nominations.

Chris Taylor reiterated what had been shared at the Executive meeting 13th June that in this situation both he and David Perry would be prepared to be co-opted into their previous roles at the request of the Executive if changes were made to the Rules & Objects related to the use of social, press, radio and TV media.

It was requested that the following is **added** to Rules & Objects Protecting Our Reputation (15), and Denis Goodley was thanked for providing this which is used by Acle and has been discussed with the EIBA.

"If the Executive Committee considers that any party/parties conduct is contrary to the interests of the Association and/or injurious to its reputation, they may suspend such party/parties and the party/parties shall be immediately excluded from participating in any activities of the association and the "Executive Committee in Appeal" procedure invoked.

The Association expects that any player or official who is invited to take part in any press, radio, social media, or TV interview, before, during or after an event, will report the matter to the County Secretary.

During any such interview, they are expected to conduct themselves befitting someone representing the Association. Critical or derogatory statements about the Association's affairs, venues for events, sponsors, or the like, should be made through the appropriate channels of the Association and not through the press/social media.

The writer of any article is obliged to check with the County Secretary to ensure that information given in the article is true and correct. Anyone making a statement that in the opinion of the Executive Committee constitutes a breach of this requirement may be liable to disciplinary action by the Association."

This was put to the AGM, proposed by John Mason, seconded by David Eastwell and the members present voted unanimously to accept.

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Clarification of all roles for 2022/23

President	William Windsor
Vice President	Vacant
Junior Vice President	Vacant
Hon. Secretary	Chris Taylor (Norfolk BC)
Hon. Asst Secretary	David Perry (County Arts IBC)
Hon. Treasurer	David Perry (County Arts IBC)
Hon. Match Secretary	Gordon Roberts (Wymondham Dell)
Hon. Competition Secretary	Vacant
Hon. League Secretary	David Perry (County Arts IBC)
Hon. Match Secretary (PI)	Gordon Roberts (Wymondham Dell)
Immediate Past President	Richard Andrews (Gallow IBC)
Safeguarding Officer	Steve Pope (Gallow IBC)
Webmaster	Chris Taylor (Norfolk BC)
Liberty Trophy Manager	Charlie Boon (Norfolk BC)
O60 Inter County Manager	Charlie Boon (Norfolk BC)
U25 Manager	Steve Pope (Gallow IBC)

It was highlighted to the AGM that whilst we had now filled the key roles we remained without a Presidential chain and Competition Secretary.

Executive Committee

The President; Senior Vice-President; Junior Vice-President; Immediate Past President; Past President; Hon. Secretary; Hon. Assistant Secretary; Hon. Treasurer; Hon. Match Secretary (County Friendly matches); Hon. Match Secretary (Presidents Invitation matches); Hon. League Secretary; Hon. Competitions Secretary.

L. Barber (Acle IBC)	J. Mason (County Arts IBC)
A. Mobbs (Dereham IBC)	M. Howard (Diss & District IBC)

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D. Cawthorne (Gallow IBC)	F. Clement (Hunstanton IBC)
R. Flatt (Lowestoft Railway IBC)	TBC (Lynnsport IBC)
C. Taylor (Norfolk BC)	M. Hodges (Pentney IBC)
J. Hipperson (Roundwood IBC)	D. Eastwell (Shotford IBC)
Vacant (The Brecks IBC)	C. Bowles (Wymondham Dell IBC)
M. Todd (Beccles IBC)*	J Ottaway (Norfolk Bowls Association)

* County league only

Selection Committee

The President, Senior Vice-President, Junior Vice-President, Hon Secretary, Hon Match Secretary (County Friendly matches) and up to five members of fully affiliated clubs (not more than one from any one club)

Malcolm French	Acle IBC
Tony Dunton	Norfolk BC
David Perry	County Arts

Appointment of Auditor

The Treasurer proposed that our current Auditor, Denise Eves, the daughter of Past President Brian Pratt be re-appointed. This was seconded by Gallow, and the members present voted unanimously to accept.

David notified the meeting that the current cheque signatories were himself, Derek Boswell and Ken Ince. He therefore advised that arrangements would be made to replace Derek and Ken with Chris Taylor and Gordon Roberts.

There being no other business the President closed the meeting at 10:50am

The Executive meetings for the coming season are:

Mon 06/2/2023	Executive Committee	Wymondham IBC	7:00pm
Mon 12/6/2023	Executive Committee	Wymondham IBC	7:00pm
Sun 09/7/2023	Annual General Meeting of Council	Wymondham IBC	10:00am



Open forum

i. County Competitions

Denis Goodley raised the issue of no competition secretary and with the motion passed the demands which this would have on the role if we were to have any competitions this season.

After lengthy discussions where the implications of the motion passed was again reviewed, the attendees requested a review and re-vote on the motions submitted.

Chris Taylor advised that this was not possible under the Rules & Objects, and it was felt that a Special General Meeting should be called at the earliest opportunity to discuss further and agree a way forward now that the implications were clearer.

Note: Following the AGM an SGM was called for Sunday 14th August.