



**Present:** David Perry (President), John Mason (Senior Vice-President), Gordon Roberts (Match Secretary), Simon Elliott, Arthur Mobbs, Michael Howard, Danny Cawthorne, Ed Alcock, David Bailey, Peter Chapman, Mike Kett, David Eastwell & Tony Dunton,

**Apologies:** Chris Taylor

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The President welcomed all members present, and then requested a minute silence in memory of members, friends and colleagues passed since the last meeting, and in particular Ken Ince Past President and Secretary of the Association.

**Minutes of the last Executive meeting:** It was proposed by Arthur Mobbs, and seconded by Peter Chapman, and agreed by all members present that the minutes of the Executive Meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 at Wymondham Dell IBC (circulated to all clubs) should be signed as a true and accurate record.

### **Matters arising:**

The President gave the meeting an update on the County Secretary who has decided to continue in his current roles for a further 2 seasons in line with the County Assistant Secretary/Treasurer/League Secretary and County Match Secretary who would all be standing down at the Association's AGM in July 2027.

No other matters arising.

### **Correspondence:**

#### **EIBA Correspondence**

1. Various administrative e-mails and exchanges between the County and EIBA to support the running of the Association.
2. Final papers from EIBA Ltd relating to the Annual General Meeting to be held at Melton Mowbray Baptist Church on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025.

#### **County Correspondence**

1. Various administrative e-mails and exchanges with clubs on the clarification of rules, general questions and changes to club contacts.
2. Various administrative e-mails and exchanges between the county officers to support the running of the Association.

### **Treasurers Report:**

Accounts for the Financial Year ending 30<sup>th</sup> April 2025 have been audited and copies of these will be sent to the Clubs following the meeting.

David Perry

Treasurer



## **League Secretaries Report:**

### County League Season 2024/2025

Division 1 Champions: Norfolk BC 'A' / Relegated to Division 2: Norfolk BC 'B'

Division 2 Champions (and promoted to Division 1): Lynnsport 'A' / Relegated to

Division 3: Dereham 'A'

Division 3 Champions (and promoted to Division 2): Wymondham 'B' / Relegated to Division 4: Gallow 'C'

Division 4 Champions (and promoted to Division 3): Diss 'B'

### Over 60's Inter Club Double Rink Competition Season 2024/2025

Following the completion of the group games Acle 'A' beat County Arts and Wymondham 'A' beat Lynnsport 'A' in the Semi-Finals.

In the Final Wymondham 'A' beat Acle 'A' 43-31 to win the Taylor / Trossell Trophy for the first time.

### County League Season 2025/2026

Unfortunately Shotford decided not to enter a 'B' team next season, however Lowestoft Rail have entered a second team. The number of teams therefore in the League remains at 29 and the composition of the League remains the same with four divisions – Divisions 1,2 & 3 having 7 teams in each and Division 4 having 8.

The 2025/2026 Season starts on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October and the fixtures for the forthcoming season have been sent out to the Clubs with any changes to the fixtures to be sent to the League Secretary by 1<sup>st</sup> October.

### Over 60's Inter Club Double Rink Competition Season 2025/2026

18 Teams have been entered for the 2025/2026 Over 60's Double Rink Competition. Once again the teams have been split into 3 groups with the winners of each group and the best group runner-up qualifying for the Semi-Finals.

The Semi-Finals will be played on a "home" and "away" basis and will be played during the week commencing Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026, with the winners playing each other in the Final at Dereham IBC on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 starting at 10.30am.

The fixture schedule has been sent to to the Clubs in order for them to arrange the dates / times of the games and these are again to be sent to the League Secretary by 1<sup>st</sup> October.

David Perry  
League Secretary



**Competition Secretaries Report (presented by Hon. Assistant Secretary):**

Everything went quite smoothly and the finals have been completed.

Whereas we had a good crowd on the Sunday mainly due to a County Arts player playing in the Under 25 Final all other games the number of spectators was a bit disappointing.

I personally don't think the current format is quite right but don't know the answer to this, with the EIBA introducing more and more competitions with most of March and April being taken up with their Finals.

Also we have lost so many Clubs that used to host these games it would be difficult to host neutral games.

The number of entries in the new Matchplay Singles was also a bit disappointing.

Perhaps the way forward is to run the County Competitions in the same way as the National Competitions.

Barney Wymer

Competition Secretary

**Match Secretaries Report:**

In the current season we had planned to play 16 fixtures of which 8 were Inter-County Friendlies and 8 were President's Invitation matches.

2 ICF's were cancelled, 1 by us as we were unable to field a team to travel to Northamptonshire in Mid-January and 1 by Cambridgeshire as they could not provide a team to travel to Norfolk BC last December.

Of the 6 matches played we won 3 and lost 3.

It continues to be a problem getting enough players for away fixtures, this means we sometimes have to revert to 5 rinks or triples to enable the fixture to keep going. For the cancelled away at Northamptonshire I only had 14 people interested in going. This is the second time we have cancelled the fixture after they have visited Norfolk and I think we are in danger of losing the fixture if it happens again.

Because the PI games are all played in Norfolk and we are joined by the NCWIBA these are much better supported and we managed to fulfil all of our fixtures.

Of the 8 matches completed, mostly against club teams we have won 2 and lost 6.

I would at this point like to thank Irene Lambert the NCWIBA President for her help in selecting teams for these fixtures.

We will probably have to look for more of these fixtures against Norfolk clubs in the future as it looks as if the ICF fixtures are becoming more and more difficult to fulfil.



### **Match Secretaries Report (cont.):**

I am in the process of putting the 2025/26 fixtures together.

Currently we have 7 Inter-County Friendlies and 6 President's Invitation matches arranged.

All the matches are now being played in the new County shirts with black trousers / shorts.

In closing I would like to say that although this does not apply to everybody, there are a significant number of players who only put their names down for home fixtures.

I would ask you please to convey to your Club members that if they want ICF games to continue they need to be prepared to travel to away fixtures, as well as play at home.

Gordon Roberts  
Match Secretary

### **Appointment of Team Managers for 2025/26**

In accordance with Rules 5 (d) i – iii the following nominations were received for the Team Manager roles in respect of the 2025/26 season.

<b>Role</b>	<b>Nominee(s)</b>	<b>Proposed By</b>	<b>Seconded By</b>
Liberty Trophy	1) Ric Summers 2) Richard Haydon	Norfolk BC Wymondham Dell IBC	Lynnsport IBC Diss & District IBC
O60 Inter County U25	Ian Wones Steve Pope	Norfolk BC Gallow IBC	Acle IBC Diss & District IBC

These nominations were put to the Executive Council for consideration, the results of which were.

1. Liberty Trophy Manager – Nominee 1: Ric Summers - Voting: For 6, Nominee 2: Richard Haydon - Voting: For 5, Abstain 0– Ric Summers was duly elected as Liberty Trophy Manager for 2025/26
2. O60 Inter County Manager – Nominee: Ian Wones. Voting: For 11, Against 0, Abstain 0 – Ian Wones was duly elected as O60 Inter County Manager for 2025/26
3. U25 Manager – Nominee: Steve Pope. Voting: For 11 Against 0, Abstain 0 – Steve Pope was duly elected as U25 Manager for 2025/26



### **Update on officer nominations for 2025/26**

The following nominations were received by the 1<sup>st</sup> June in accordance with Rule 9 (f) to serve for the 2025/26 season.

Role	Nominee(s)	Proposer
President	John Mason	By succession
Senior Vice-President	David Perry	By succession
Junior Vice-President	Position Vacant	
Hon. Secretary	Chris Taylor	Norfolk BC
Hon. Treasurer	David Perry	County Arts IBC
Hon. Asst Secretary	David Perry	County Arts IBC
Hon. Match Secretary	Gordon Roberts	Wymondham Dell IBC
Hon. Competition Secretary	Tim Stone	Acle IBC
Hon. League Secretary	David Perry	County Arts IBC
Webmaster	Chris Taylor	Norfolk BC
Safeguarding Officer	Steve Pope	Gallow IBC

*Rule 9 (h) If more than one nomination is received for any of the aforementioned offices a ballot shall be held at the Annual General Meeting. If no nominations are received for an office, then recommendations to fill the post will be submitted by the Executive to the Annual General Meeting.*

### **AGM Proposals**

See attached schedule of the proposals to be presented to the Clubs at the AGM on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

### **Any other business / Open forum**

1) The President informed the meeting that Season 2028/2029 would be the Association's 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This would be 2 seasons after the current County Officers stand down but if the County wanted a fixture against the EIBA then arrangements need to put in place now.

2) The President also mentioned the statement sent out by the EIBA concerning the project they and Bowls England were embarking on to potentially amalgamate as one organisation - how would this effect both County Associations and Clubs for both indoor and outdoor bowls?

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.13pm.

### **Next meeting**

- Annual General Meeting: Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025, Wymondham Dell IBC starting 10:00am