

# Norfolk County Indoor Bowling Association

## Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Wymondham Dell IBC on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023



**Present:** William Windsor (President), C Taylor, D Perry, G Roberts, S Pope, R Summers, S Elliott, K Scott-Greenard, M Howard, K Baker, E Alcock, J Mason, A Mobbs, D Bealey, P Chapman, D Eastwell, J East, Jean Webb, M Kett, A Ingram, R Andrews PP, R Greef PP

**Apologies:** J Ottaway (sub J Mason), Ken Ince PP, A Cude PP, A Dunton PP, P Clover, C Boon, B Wymer, R McGee, T Fox, J Austin-Mills, J Catchpole.

The President welcomed all members present and called for a moments silence in memory of members, friends and colleagues passed since the last AGM before the meeting commenced.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at Wymondham Dell IBC (circulated to all clubs) should be signed as a true and accurate record.

**Minutes of the SGM:** It was proposed by Kevin Baker, and seconded by Richard Andrews, and agreed by all members present that the minutes of the Special General Meeting held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2022 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 01/06/2023, which were discussed in detail at the Executive meeting 12/6/2023, and to which no changes or amendments were received by 28/6/2023.

Motions and proposals for changes

#### 1. Rules & Objects

- 1.1. Inclusion in Rules & Objects clarity to cover the scenario of the Association being wound up or dissolved.

Proposed	Executive Council
Seconded	Kevin Baker (Diss & District)

For	17	Against	0	Abstain	0
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1.2. Changes to Rules & Objects 5.d.i in relation to the number of assistants the Liberty Trophy Manager is required to appoint reducing this from 3 to 2 but adding constraints on who may be appointed.

Proposed	Executive Council
Seconded	Peter Chapman (Norfolk BC)

For	17	Against	0	Abstain	0
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**PASSED / FAILED**

1.3. Changes to Rules & Objects 5.e and 9.f in relation to the clarifying the appointment of the Safeguarding Officer.

Proposed	Executive Council
Seconded	Michael Howard (Diss & District)

For	17	Against	0	Abstain	0
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**PASSED / FAILED**

**2. Competition Rules**

2.1.1. Latitude for Hon. Competition Secretary and/or Executive Council to deal with scenarios not covered in the rules.

Proposed	Executive Council
Seconded	Peter Chapman (Norfolk BC)

For	17	Against	0	Abstain	0
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2.1.2. Process to handle a club ceasing its affiliation.

*Concern was raised by Mike Kett (Roundwood) that he felt the proposal to preclude players from the championships in the event the club through which they qualified ceased affiliation, especially through closure was unfair. He asked if this could be amended but under the rules for changes this was not possible and if a change was required it would need a SGM.*

Proposed	Executive Council
Seconded	Ed Alcock (Lowestoft Rail)

For	15	Against	2	Abstain	0
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**PASSED** / ~~FAILED~~

2.1.3. Clarification on the use and number of replacement and substitute players in the first-round fixture for Pairs, Triples and Fours.

*Clarification was sought by John Mason (County Arts) on the meaning of "replacement" and from this he raised a number of issues pertaining to players competing who had not been a club champion in the previous season or had played for another club.*

*Given the strength of the debate and in the absence of the Hon. Competition Secretary it was agreed to withdraw the motion and look to review/update before the season commenced, engaging the clubs for input.*

**WITHDRAWN**



### 3. League Rules

#### 3.1.1. Respotting of jack on killed ends.

*There was some debate in relation to this proposal which arose from comments at the February Executive council meeting. A number of clubs raised concerns given they are 4 rink greens as to constraints on the outer rinks. Further concern was raised as to the purpose of the change to reduce the length of matches where killed ends arose, and if there was a drive to reduce the number of ends simply make games 18 ends in length.*

*A question was raised about amending the rules to 18 ends, but again this would require a SGM and could not be considered at the AGM as due notice had not been given to all clubs.*

Proposed	Executive Council
Seconded	Mike Kett (Roundwood)

For	8	Against	7	Abstain	2
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**PASSED** / ~~FAILED~~

#### 3.1.2. Changes to Eligibility rules on use of **registered** players from higher teams.

*David Perry advised that a number of clubs had raised concerns with him since the Executive meeting 12/6 and potentially if this rule was passed may result in them having to withdraw teams or forfeit games as they would be unable to field teams without the flexibility the current rules provide.*

*Therefore, to protect the league the proposal was withdrawn.*

WITHDRAWN

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3.1.3. Update to reflect rule number where a team is short, based on the Crystal Mark Edition 4 laws now in place.

Proposed	Executive Council
Seconded	Peter Chapman (Norfolk BC)

For	17	Against	0	Abstain	0
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**PASSED** / ~~FAILED~~

**4. O60s Double Rink League Rules**

4.1.1. Respotting of jack on killed ends.

*Given that 3.1.1 had been passed for consistency in the league rules it was felt this should proceed with the same caveats outlined in 3.1.1*

*This replaces the existing re-spot to the T rule which applies to the O60s DR league.*

Proposed	Executive Council
Seconded	Mike Kett (Roundwood)

For	9	Against	3	Abstain	5
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**PASSED** / ~~FAILED~~

4.1.2. Notification of results changed to be solely by email.

Proposed	Executive Council
Seconded	Kevin Baker (Diss & District)

For	17	Against	0	Abstain	0
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5. Dress Codes

5.1.1. County League Rules

5.1.2. O60s Double Rink League Rules

5.1.3. Top Ten League Rules

Proposed	Executive Council
Seconded	Kevin Baker (Diss & District)

For	17	Against	0	Abstain	0
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**PASSED** / ~~FAILED~~

5.1.4. County Competition Rules

Proposed	Executive Council
Seconded	Ed Alcock (Lowestoft Rail)

For	17	Against	0	Abstain	0
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### 6. Competition Rules

6.1.1. U25 Open Singles amended to sets based adopting EIBA rules.

*Hon. Secretary outlined discussions which had taken place since the Executive Council meeting 12/6 with the Hon. Competition Secretary and comments on social media following the article by David Corkill.*

*For the benefit of our younger players and to have consistency with the EIBA format used for their singles competitions if was felt we should change the basis of our U25 Open Singles.*

Proposed	Steve Pope (Gallow)
Seconded	John Mason (County Arts)

For	17	Against	0	Abstain	0
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**PASSED** / ~~FAILED~~

### Hon. Secretary's Report: - Chris Taylor

Mr President, fellow colleagues

I firstly once again want to recognise the considerable effort and commitment from all our clubs, you our Executive and delegates, your committees, volunteers and of course members.

The 2022/23 season has been difficult in relation to the wider cost of living impact we are facing and how this has directly impacted bowls. All clubs have had to consider the increased costs they must meet, and I know it has resulted in some very hard decisions.

We have regrettably seen the loss of Pentney IBC and have experienced a significant reduction in the level of support for our County Friendly matches. Indeed overall, compared to the 2021/22 season the total membership across our clubs has fallen by 87 - Pentney's closure being partly the cause of this drop. However, if you compare the total membership for the current year to the total male membership prior to the COVID pandemic, we have seen a reduction of 925 players to the game, and in addition to Pentney the closure of North Walsham, Old Hall, and Woodlands during this period.

On a more positive note, we have completed a full season of league fixtures, and implemented a new structure for our county competitions to alleviate the end of season clashes. The new approach to the competitions seems to have been well

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received and it was pleasing to note the level of support shown on finals day, rounded off by locating the missing trophies.

Our O60s Inter County team were successful in securing the national championship for a third time; however, our other teams did not manage to progress through to the final stages, but in all cases the players are thanked for their support and of course the team managers are to be thanked for their commitment.

I would like to thank all my fellow officers, especially Gordon Roberts and Barney Wymer who took on roles this season doing an excellent job for the members of the association. I must again make special mention of the considerable work David Perry undertakes in his numerous roles and for deputising for me during my absence over the latter part of the season.

I cannot overlook the excellent job that Bill Windsor has done as our President in always making himself available to support teams etc. and I thank him on behalf of the association for all that 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. I would also place on record our thanks to County Arts, Norfolk BC, Gallow and Wymondham Dell for hosting a number of county matches/events.

The nominations for 2023/24 give us, for the first time in a lot of years, a full complement of officers and a full presidential chain over the next three seasons in which I hope financially things will improve for us all and we will see an overall increase in membership at all clubs.

Chris Taylor  
Hon. Secretary

### **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 2023.

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 the aftereffects of COVID and the "cost of living" crisis has seen the County go through another difficult season with membership numbers falling and the closure of another Club, Pentney IBC.

Income for the year was done compared to the previous year by £1006 due mainly to the drop in the number of County Friendly and Presidents Invitation games played caused by a significant fall in the number of bowlers wanting to play in these.



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Expenditure also fell compared to the previous year mainly due to the County not requiring to purchase any stock for the season.

We do continue to make a loss on participating in the National Team competitions as we continue to provide travel assistance and for away games payment of the players rink fees. Fortunately, last season's success in the Over 60 Inter-County Knock Out Competition meant that the prize money received partly offset the losses made.

If we are to continue participating in these competitions and providing the above mentioned assistance the County may well need a contribution from the Clubs to help cover these costs.

For the coming season I am proposing the following changes to the annual fees and levies.

An increase of £0.25 to the membership levy and an increase of £0.50 per player for entry into the County Competitions. With the reduction in the number of Clubs taking part in the County Competitions and subsequent drop in fees collected it may well be that the prize money presented to the winners and runners up may well have to be reduced.

I am also proposing an increase of £1.00 in the County Friendly match fee in order to cover expected increases in Club rink fees and catering costs.

However, as the Clubs had agreed to discontinue with the presentation of County League divisional badges when the current stock runs out, I am proposing a decrease in the County League entry fee of £2.00 per team and a decrease of £1.00 in the Over 60 Inter-Club Double Rink Competition entry fee.

I therefore present the Accounts and recommendations for your acceptance.

D. Perry  
Hon. Treasurer

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### Norfolk CIBA – Fees & Levies for Season 2023/2024

Annual Subscription	£12.50 (unchanged)
Membership Levy	£1.50 (Increase of £0.25)
County League Entry Fee	£18.00 (Decrease of £2.00)
Over-60 Inter Club Double Rink Competition	£14.00 (Decrease of £1.00)
County Competition Entry Fee	Singles / Pairs / Triples / Fours - £4.00 per player (Increase of £0.50) Under 25 Singles - £2.50 per player (Increase of £0.50)
Inter County Friendlies Match Fees (Home & Away)	£16.00 (Increase of £1.00)
Presidents Invitation Matches	Cost + £1.00 (unchanged)
Liberty Trophy Match Fee	Assessed game by game (unchanged)
Over 60 Inter-County Knock-Out Match Fee	Assessed game by game (unchanged)
Under 25 Double Rink Match Fee	Assessed game by game (unchanged)
Under 18 Double Triples Rink Fee	Assessed game by game (unchanged)
Juniors Under 16 (@ 01/10/2022)	Assessed game by game (unchanged)
Stock	
County Shirt	As priced
County Over Jacket	As priced
Hire of County Shirt	£3.00 (unchanged)
County Tie	£5.50 (unchanged)
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)
Officers Honorariums	
Secretary	£150.00 (unchanged)
Ass. Secretary	£125.00 (unchanged)
Treasurer	£100.00 (unchanged)
Match Secretary (ICF's)	£100.00 (unchanged)
Match Secretary (PI)	£100.00 (unchanged)
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 League Manager	No Charge (unchanged)

The accounts were put to the AGM, proposed by John Mason (County Arts), and seconded by Peter Chapman (Norfolk BC) and the members present voted unanimously to accept.

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### Presentation of League & Championship trophies

William Windsor (President) presented the following trophies, bannerettes and badges to the club delegates attending the meeting.

Division 1	Norfolk BC 'A'
Division 2	Roundwood 'A'
Division 3	Shotford 'A'
Division 4	Gallow 'C'
U25 Singles	Dean Rudling (Gallow)
U25 Singles Runner Up	Miss Martia Linford (Acle)
Singles	Dan Seabourne (Acle)
Pairs	Wayne Willgress (Sub) & Aaron Johnson (Norfolk BC)
Triples	Jack Larter, Clive Derry & Mark Turner (County Arts)
Fours	Phil Long, John Colcombe (Sub), Aaron Johnson & Wayne Willgress (Norfolk BC)

### Address by outgoing President

Bill firstly thanked all the member clubs of the Association for their support throughout the past season and for making his year in office very enjoyable. He again thanked his club for their support and also thanked all the other clubs who had either hosted games or provided the association with facilities for events and matches.

He thanked all the Executive Officers for their hard work and dedication and especially Gordon Roberts and Barney Wymer for the work they had done in their first year in office.

He thanked the players and supporters of the Inter County Friendlies and PI games, and also our competitive teams.

He acknowledged the decline in Inter County Friendly games and felt that more focus could in the future be given to PI games to engage more with clubs in the Association.

He concluded by once again thanking all concerned for the support he had been given and wished David Perry a successful year as President in anticipation of his imminent election.

On conclusion of the President's address Chris Taylor (Hon. Secretary) presented Bill with his certificate of Life Membership and thanked him for the work and commitment he had given to the Association.



**Appointment of Officers**

The following nominations were received by the 1<sup>st</sup> June in accordance with Rule 9 (f) to serve for the 2023/24 season. Also, recommendation from the Executive Council 12/6 under rule 9 (h)

Role	Nominee(s)	Proposer
President	David Perry	County Arts
Senior Vice President	William Windsor	County Arts
Junior Vice President	John Mason	County Arts
Hon. Secretary	Chris Taylor	Norfolk BC
Hon. Treasurer	David Perry	County Arts
Hon. Asst Secretary	David Perry	County Arts
Hon. Match Secretary	Gordon Roberts	Wymondham Dell
Hon. Competition Secretary	Barney Wymer	Executive Council 12/6
Hon. League Secretary	David Perry	County Arts
Webmaster	Chris Taylor	Norfolk BC
Safeguarding Officer	Steve Pope	Gallow

Selection Committee (5 members of fully affiliated clubs, not more than one from any one club)

Nominee(s)	Proposer
Tony Dunton	Wymondham Dell

Proposed	As above
Seconded (en mass)	Michael Howard (Diss & District)

For	17	Against	0	Abstain	0
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**PASSED / FAILED**



## **Clarification of all roles for 2023/24**

Before confirming the appointments and the Executive Council members for 2023/24 Chris Taylor shared with the AGM an update in relation to Charlie Boon (O60s Inter County Manager).

*In the past few months Charlie has been very poorly and regrettably following a series of tests the prognosis given is not good. I have therefore been advised that Charlie will be unable to fulfil the role of O60s Manager for the 2023/24 season.*

*I feel sure that we are all very saddened to hear this news given Charlie's lengthy and influential involvement with bowls in Norfolk over many years.*

*Earlier in the year at the time nominations were being sought Charlie asked Ian Wones if he would assist him and, if necessary, step up as Manager if Charlie was unable to continue.*

*Indeed, Ian did himself submit a nomination for the O60s Manager role on the proviso it would only proceed if Charlie withdrew his nomination which was not the case.*

*Having been advised Charlie is unable to continue as our O60s Manager I have spoken with Ian Wones and I can confirm he is prepared to take on the role for the 2023/24 season.*

*Therefore, in accordance with our Rules & Objects I recommend to the AGM that we co-opt Ian Wones into the role of O60s Manager in line with Charlie's wishes.*

Those members present at the AGM supported this recommendation and expressed their sadness on the news of Charlie's health. Bill Windsor (SVP) asked the Hon. Secretary to write to Charlie on behalf of the Association to express our feelings and thanks for his service to the Association and bowls in Norfolk.

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2023/24 – Officers and Executive Council

President	David Perry	County Arts
Senior Vice President	William Windsor	County Arts
Junior Vice President	John Mason	County Arts
Immediate Past President	William Windsor	County Arts
Hon. Secretary	Chris Taylor	Norfolk BC
Hon. Treasurer	David Perry	County Arts
Hon. Asst Secretary	David Perry	County Arts
Hon. Match Secretary	Gordon Roberts	Wymondham Dell
Hon. Competition Secretary	Barney Wymer	Acle
Hon. League Secretary	David Perry	County Arts

Executive Council in addition to the officers above.

S. Elliott (Acle IBC)	J. Mason (County Arts IBC)
A. Mobbs (Dereham IBC)	M. Howard (Diss & District IBC)
R. Andrews (Gallow IBC)	F. Clement (Hunstanton IBC)
E. Alcock (Lowestoft Railway IBC)	D. Bailey (Lynnsport IBC)
P. Chapman (Norfolk BC)	M. Kett (Roundwood IBC)
D. Eastwell (Shotford IBC)	T. Fox (The Brecks IBC)
A. Dunton (Wymondham Dell IBC)	M. Todd (Beccles IBC)
J Ottaway (Norfolk Bowls Association)	

**Non-Executive Officers**

Webmaster	Chris Taylor	Norfolk BC
Safeguarding Officer	Steve Pope	Gallow
Liberty Trophy Manager	Richard Summers	Norfolk BC
O60s Manager	Ian Wones	Norfolk BC
U25 Manager	Steve Pope	Gallow

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### **Selection Committee for Inter County Friendlies**

The President, Senior Vice-President, Junior Vice-President, Hon Secretary, Hon Match Secretary, and Tony Dunton (Wymondham Dell) with the option to co-opt a further 4 members from the Association.

### **Address by Incoming President**

It is with great pride that I take on the role of County President for the 2023/2024 Season and I would like to thank County Arts IBC for supporting my nomination.

It is pleasing to see that we have got in place for the next few seasons a Presidential chain, and I would like to wish both Bill Windsor and John Mason good luck in their roles over the coming couple of years and for their support in 2023/2024.

To my fellow Officers I would like to thank them in advance for their support during my Presidential season.

I would also like to wish the managers and players of the Liberty Trophy team, the Over 60's team and the Under 25 teams every success in their respective National Team Competitions next season.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our Clubs, their Administrators, and bowlers every success in their endeavours during this coming year.

Happy Bowling.

David Perry  
President 2023/2024

### **Address by Incoming Senior Vice President**

Bill thanked County Arts for his nomination and having the support of the AGM to step up into what would have been a vacant role. It is important to have a Presidential chain and Bill encouraged clubs and members to put themselves forward for what is indeed a very enjoyable experience and a great honour.

### **Appointment of Auditor**

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

**There being no other business the President closed the meeting at 11:07 am**

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The Executive meetings for the coming season are:

Mon 05/02/2024	Executive Committee	Wymondham Dell	7:00pm
Mon 10/06/2024	Executive Committee	Wymondham Dell	7:00pm
Sun 07/07/2024	Annual General Meeting of Council	Wymondham Dell	10:00am

### Open forum

i. Ken Ince

John Mason shared an update on the health of Ken Ince (Past President & County Secretary). His health has not improved since the Executive Council meeting update John gave and he has now been moved to Dereham hospital.

ii. Men's County League rule on movement of registered players

Ken Scott-Greenard asked for clarity on the movement of registered players between teams in the Men's County League so as to ensure he had fully understood the voting which had taken place.

David Perry (Hon. League Secretary) confirmed that the existing rules remained in place and therefore.

a) Clubs with 2 teams:

Players registered in a Club's 'A' team can play for that Club's 'B' team in a maximum of 2 games. Only two 'A' team players can be used in any one 'B' team game.

Players registered in a Club's 'B' team can play for that Club's 'A' team with no limitation on the number of games they are allowed to play. There is no limitation on the number of 'B' teams players that can be used in any one 'A' team game.

b) Clubs with 3 teams:

Applies unless a club has more than one team in the same division in which case rule viii will apply.

Players registered in a Club's 'A' team can play for that Club's 'B' team in a maximum of 2 games. Only two 'A' team players can be used in any one 'B' team game. However no 'A' team player can play for that Club's 'C' team.

Players registered in a Club's 'B' team can play for that Club's 'A' team with no limitation on the number of games they are allowed to play. There





is no limitation on the number of 'B' teams players that can be used in any one 'A' team game.

Players registered in a Club's 'B' team can play for that Club's 'C' team in a maximum of 2 games. Only two 'B' team players can be used in any one 'C' team game.

Players registered in a Club's 'C' team can play for that Club's 'A' or 'B' team with no limitation on the number of games they are allowed to play. There is no limitation on the number of 'C' teams players that can be used in any one 'A' or 'B' team game.

iii. Mid-week County League proposal

David Perry raised the topic of the email he circulated on a Mid-Week sets based league which has been proposed by one club. The feedback he had received so far indicated there was support for the format but fitting this into already congested internal leagues seemed unfeasible.

David suggested this the format may be something we considered as an additional league and perhaps if clubs implemented this internally in their own leagues as a playing basis much like Australian Pairs had been trialled and now readily adopted it may have more support.