

DESBOROUGH BOWLING CLUB

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS HOLDING INDOOR PLAYING MEMBERSHIP

**HELD AT DESBOROUGH BOWLING CLUB, YORK ROAD, MAIDENHEAD.
AT 7.00 PM ON THURSDAY 13TH APRIL 2017**

Attendance: 27 members attended.

1.0 Opening of meeting: The President, John Bucknell, welcomed everyone to the Indoor Annual General Meeting

2.0 Apologies for absence: Kim Eales, Eileen Devonald-Batt, Tony Devonald-Batt, Terry Davies, Jenny Bosley, Michael White, Nora Wood, Kath Spracklen, Richard Earl, Tony Buckley and Jean Lyons-Hill.

3.0 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11th April 2016 and matters arising: the minutes, which had been circulated previously, were adopted, on the proposal of George Coussins and seconded by John Stenson. There was only one matter arising which was the inaccurate recording of Peter and Sylvia Laban as being absent when in fact they were in attendance.

4.0 Chairman's Report

4.1 The Chairman gave his report and comments as to events over the last Indoor Season, namely:-

- The Chairman welcomed all present and again thanked everyone for their continued support. It was wished however, that more of the Indoor members would support the club and offer to serve on the Committees rather than constantly criticise the efforts of those willing to serve.
- The move to the Green Lane site is well under way and after seeing the provisional interior design proposals he was convinced that we will end up with one of the finest bowls clubs in the country. It was however down to the members to ensure it is run correctly and achieves the level of excellence required.
- Whilst we are certain the completed club facilities will never please 100% of members but we will certainly try!
- Attracting new members, particularly in the 20-35 age group, is proving difficult due to several factors, one of the main ones being the price of property in the area being a negative factor stopping new residents moving to the area.
- On the bowling scene I hope you all enjoyed the indoor season, now coming to the end, a particularly memorable one being our 50th anniversary and look forward to a good outdoor season – with warm weather!

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- I would like to thank Colin Brown, Match Secretary, Michael Hobson, Treasurer, Peter Laban and Brian Jones for all the work they do for the club.
- Thank you to our selectors, Val White and Maurice Rhymer, for their continued hard work in selecting teams for the friendly matches – a very challenging task.
- Thank you to Iain Burns for all his efforts in promoting the Schools Bowls Academy.
- I would like to thank Roger for all the work he has put in with the planning and preparations for the new Club facilities.
- Finally, the President expressed his thanks to his Deputy President, Gill O'Neill and all those members who have assisted over the year with the running of the Club, helping with bar duties, selection committees, leagues and competitions and social events.

5.0 The General Secretary gave his report (attached) and answered questions raised by the membership.

5.1. An update as to the status of the proposed relocation of the Club Premises was presented to the meeting. (A summary of the current position is outlined in the General Secretary's Report referred to in 5.0 above)

6.0 The Match Secretary's Report was given by Michael Hobson who confirmed:-

a) That all the indoor fixtures had now been completed and of the 51 games played DBC won 27 and lost 18.

b) It was noted that DBC had several friendly matches cancelled over the season however only one of these was due to DBC not being able to fulfil the fixture due to lack of playing members.

c) It was noted that the mid-week fixtures (Wednesdays) were not as popular with members and several had been cancelled.

d) It was agreed that we should renew our interest in playing some "local" clubs who despite their geographical proximity do not appear on our fixture list e.g. Rivermead and Handy Cross?

d) The Match Secretary requested details of the Indoor Season schedules i.e. season start and finish date for next two years.

[Indoor Secretary/general Secretary to advise Match Secretary]

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e) The conflict between social events and friendly matches was again discussed and it was agreed that there should be dates agreed in the diary when social events could be held without compromising the selection of teams for any friendly match on the same day.

[Match Secretary (MH) to discuss with Social Chairman – Jim Roll as to suitable dates – one per month?]

7.0 Competitions Secretary's Report - EDB

- First of all I would like to say a big thank you to all the members who entered the competitions this year, also to Bruce Adams and Michael Hobson who helped me get the competitions underway.
- By and large the games have been completed on time with very few extensions. These were mainly due to changes in the club's programmes.
- Three competitions had to be played as round robins due to lack of entries. I would like to ask all league teams to put an entry into some of the competitions next year. I know a lot of people think "what's the point we will only get knocked out by the top players".
- All these "top players" started at the bottom and worked their way up, it is a wonderful way to improve your game and meet people who would not usually come under your radar, so please give it some thought.
- Once again thank you all for making my job easy, have a wonderful outdoor season and come back refreshed and ready to do battle indoors.

8.0 BCIBA and BCWIBA Reports – None

9.0 Schools bowling Academy

Iain Burns thanked all the Club "helpers" for assisting in the programmes and then updated the meeting as to progress to date, namely:-

- i) The objective of the Academy is to get secondary school pupils playing bowls followed by their Parents.
- ii) In May 2016 we introduced 171 year 9 students in 8 sessions
- iii) In September 2016 there was a 5 week 6th form course.

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iv) From September 2016 to the present time, we hold an After-School Club 4-5PM Fridays for pupils aged 15-18

v) We now have new 2 year programme to expand availability to a further school(s) and to hold open days for both pupils and parents.

10.0 Election of Officers

The following members were elected “en bloc” to serve on the Indoor Committee, by a unanimous vote, proposed by Val White and seconded by Kathy Wells:-

CHAIR	Name	Membership
+++++	JOHN BUCKNELL	FULL
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Name	Membership
+++++	DOREEN LOVERING	FULL
+++++	JAN MAYNE	INDOOR
+++++	GILL O'NEILL	FULL
+++++	KIM EALES	INDOOR
+++++	LEN ESSEX	INDOOR
+++++	JOHN YOUNG	FULL
+++++	JIM ROLL	FULL (Social Chairman)
+++++	TERRY DAVIES	FULL
+++++	MICHAEL WHITE	FULL
+++++	BRUCE ADAMS	FULL
+++++	IAIN BURNS	FULL
+++++	ROGER WYATT	FULL (General Secretary and Indoor Secretary)

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11.0 Propositions

The following propositions were discussed and the outcomes highlighted in red below.

- i) It is proposed that the start time for the Men's 12's and 14's Afternoon leagues, be changed from 2:00pm to 1:30pm to assist with easing the traffic congestion when the Ladies League follows at 4:30pm.

It was agreed that there would no change for next year on the assumption that the Club would be relocating at the end of next year's indoor season.

- ii) Due to the disparity in playing ability between many of the teams, in the Friday Lunchtime League, consideration to be given for the teams to be handicapped?

Not agreed

- iii) The current penalty for "killing" an end- i.e. jack off rink sideways- in league matches, is one shot to the opponents.
It is proposed that:-

Either:-

Retain the current 1 shot penalty.

Agreed – 13 for

OR

The shot penalty is increased to say 2 shots.

Not Agreed – 10 for

OR

The jack should be replaced on the spots provided - marked to the sides of the "T"

Not Agreed – 1 against

- iv) From the questionnaires returned, it is apparent there is a demand to form a new Triples Mixed League. It is therefore proposed that a new league is formed to commence in September 2017 with matches to be played from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm on Tuesday mornings. (Any overspill to be on Thursday mornings).

Agreed - Unanimous

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12.0 AOB

12.1 With the increased age profile of members there is an increasing number who cannot meet the physical demands of playing on the outdoor greens. It is therefore proposed that the indoor rinks will be open for roll-ups and spoon-drives on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10:30am to 12:30pm, throughout the summer months.

12.2 Maurice Rhymer thanked DBC for the support given to the County during his term of office.

12.3 It was also noted that Terry Davies was President-elect for the County next year.

12.4 More formal notification as to dates for competition rounds was considered necessary to ensure teams were fully aware as to their playing commitments in the competition.

13.0 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 8:15 pm

Date of next Meeting: TBA

Signed as a true record.....

Date.....2018.

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INDOOR SECTION, ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - 13th APRIL 2017

MANAGER / GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

1.0 This report is presented on behalf of the Club's Indoor and Management Committees,

Reports as to bowling achievements and successes gained by the Club and our members over the year, I am sure, will be highlighted by others.

2.0 My activities to date have concentrated on reviewing the following:-

2.1 Relocation Proposals – Green Lane Site

We are pleased to report that a full detailed planning approval was received from RBWM on the 23rd September 2016 following a protracted 2 year planning approval process.

This is excellent news for the Club as we are now fully involved in finalising the designs of the new Club and looking forward to moving to new modern Indoor and Outdoor bowling facilities with much improved Car parking!

A proposed development programme has been agreed (start in May 2016 and complete in April 2018) however the start date is dependent of the finalising of the highways requirements in relation to the upgrading of the Green Lane access road.

We have commissioned an interior design scheme for the new Club premises and once this is completed it will be presented to all members.

2.0As at today's date we have a total of **474** members classified as follows:

Type	No of Members April 2017	No of Members April 2016	variance
Full (Female)	31	33	-2
Full (Female) Captain	7	7	0
Full (Junior)	1	2	-1
Full (Male)	65	65	0
Full (Male) Captain	17	19	-2
Outdoor Only (Female)	5	5	0
Outdoor Only (Male)	8	4	+4
Total Outdoor	134	135	-1
Indoor (Female)	62	67	-5
Indoor (Female) Captain	13	14	-1
Indoor (Junior)	2	4	-1
Indoor (Male)	167	189	-22
Indoor (Male) Captain	35	35	0
Total Indoor Only	279	309	-29
Life	10	10	0
Social	51	48	+3
Total	61	58	-3
Grand Total	474	502	-28

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3.1 The numbers of Indoor members has decreased over the last 12 months and attracting and recruiting new members will remain a priority for the coming year

4.0 Finances

4.1 The Finance Committee and Management Committees are currently reviewing the forecasts for next year's income and expenditure and any recommendations, as to any changes that may, or may not, be required to the current membership and green fees, will be made to the June Management Committee, for adoption and notification to all members in my August letter.

5.0 Members' Questionnaire

5.1 The Questionnaire was returned by 166 members. From the analysis of the results it was shown that there was a demand for a new triples mixed league (Tuesday Mornings with overspill on Thursday morning if required). 109 votes with 61 male and 48 female.

5.2 The proposed change of start time for Men's Afternoon leagues from 2:00 pm to 1:30 pm was supported by 69 for and 37 against. In view of the large percentage of indoor male members saying no, then the risk factor is considered to be too great to support any change.

6.0 Indoor Usage in Summer Months

Due to the increase in existing members having difficulty in coping with the more physical nature of outdoor bowls it is proposed that the indoor rinks are made available on a minimum of 3 mornings per week (Mon/Tues/Wed) throughout the Summer months to allow members to play in either a spoon drive or a roll-up.

Roger Wyatt

Club Manager/Secretary

Date: 13th April 2017