

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 MONDAY 9TH APRIL 2018

Attendance: 46 members attended.

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

1.1 A minute silence was observed in respect of those present and past members who sadly passed away over the last 12 months, namely:-Percy Chambers, Frank Buntin, Derek Smith, Daphne Foster, Teg Hughes, Alan Jordan, Bill Newnham, Harry Barker, Peter Sheldrick and Bert Bellworthy.

2.0 Apologies for absence: Kim Eales, Eileen Devonald-Batt, Tony Devonald-Batt, Terry Davies, Nora Wood, Mary Price, Lorraine Woodley, Malcolm Woodley, Gordon Knapper, Brett Long, Yvonne Hurley, Kelvin Crump, Iain Burns, Liz Burns, Mick Cooper, Mary Martin, Doreen Lovering, Peter Braddock, Peter Brampton, Howard Pike, Rhona Pike, Tony Buckley, Mike Caufield and Jean Lyons-Hill.

3.0 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 13th April 2017 and matters arising: the minutes, circulated previously, to committee members had not been circulated to all members prior to this meeting. The General Secretary apologised for the omission and agreed to forward a copy of the 2017 Indoor AGM Minutes to all members with e-mail addresses on the 10th April and also to post the minutes on DBC's website for all to read.

The general Secretary also confirmed that all matters arising from the last AGM had been either actioned or were included on this current meetings' agenda.

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. Whilst it was a good turnout for the meeting, we would welcome more support from the Indoor membership to help with the running of the club.
- The move to the Green Lane site is well under way after a protracted planning application process taking over 3 years to gain the necessary approvals. In fact the

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plans to move have been discussed for the last 11 years when the original deal with Tesco was being considered.

- We are certain that the completed club facilities will provide one of the most up to date and progressive clubs in the country. It will then be up to our membership to help ensure the club is well supported going forward.
- We, along with most sports clubs, whether bowls or otherwise, all need more new members and we will be actively looking at ways we can promote our new facilities.
- Unfortunately, in both the Ladies and Gents national competitions we did not progress as well as we would have wished however I would like to thank all those who took part and the national selectors.
- 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.
- Also, may I thank our selectors, Val White and Maurice Rhymer, for their continued hard work in selecting teams for the friendly matches. Both are retiring after 6 years of sterling work and we are now looking for members to volunteer to carry out this role – one lady and one gent OR a “team” of selectors who can share the workload would be great. (Best wishes to Maurice Rhymer who is currently recuperating after a knee replacement operation)
- 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.
- On a more critical note I do not think it right that members of the Management Team should have to run the indoor games and league, it should be indoor members. Whilst it is acknowledged that many indoor members play for other Outdoor clubs in the Summer, you are playing indoors for 7 months of the year and your involvement in the running of the indoor season would be welcomed and much appreciated.
- Please remember Finals Night is on Friday 27th April and we hope to see you there.
- Finally, the President expressed his thanks to his Deputy President, Gill O’Neill and all those other 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.

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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.

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.

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

c) We did schedule two matches (H&A) against Handy Cross however whilst we travelled to the away fixture Handy Cross did not send a team for our home fixture. It was considered unlikely that we would continue with this fixture.

7.0 Competitions Secretary's Report – John Young

- First of all, I would like to say a big thank you to all the members who entered the competitions this year.
- 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.
- I hope that next year we will have even more entries to allow all the competitions to take place. In particular the Novice Singles suffered badly due to a lack of eligible members.

8.0 BCIBA and BCWIBA Reports

8.1 A mixed season for results with the Ladies being knocked out of the Vivienne, Yetton and Mason competitions at relatively early stages. There was some success with the Ladies National Fours where our team had reached the Finals at Melton Mowbray and also in the over 60's triples at Nottingham.

8.2 There was no report from BCIBA.

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9.0 Schools bowling Academy

A report, submitted by Iain Burns, was read to the meeting:-

“The first thing to say is that the Academy would not work without the dedicated support of our helpers, David, George, Geoff, Gina, Tony, Peter and Dominic Smith from Windsor Boys and others. Thank you for turning up on a regular basis and coping with the differing needs and abilities of the students.

We have a regular attendance on Fridays at 4pm of 8 Girls from Newlands and 8 Boys from Windsor. They vary in skills level with 4 girls and 6 boys showing great promise and interest to improve.

Our focus this winter has been to get some players into adult friendly matches and competition so they experience proper games and grow as bowlers. 2 girls and 6 boys have had great success playing for the Met Police who have been very impressed by the standard and maturity of our students and invited them back. Next winter we need to get our best students into friendly teams for Desborough.

We are just completing a very competitive mini pairs' league which is being led by a Girls team feared even by our best boys. In the next few weeks, the County Men's and Ladies Juniors Managers are coming to view our talent since we have the largest group in the County.

Our long term aims are to get the parents and guardians of the students to become bowlers as well. Three of the adults joined outdoor clubs in the last year and we are targeting more. Before the end of July we will hold a half day junior pairs

Tournament and invite family and friends to watch and get them interested to come and try.

In summary, we are growing some new young bowlers, many with real talent, and we want to bring more of them and adults into enjoying this great sport.

Thanks to everybody for your support”.

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10.0 Election of Officers

The following members were elected “en bloc” to serve on the Indoor Committee, by a unanimous vote, proposed by Grant Oxtoby and seconded by George Coussins:-

CHAIR	Name	Membership
+++++	JOHN BUCKNELL	FULL
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Name	Membership
+++++	JAN MAYNE	INDOOR
+++++	GILL O'NEILL	FULL
+++++	KIM EALES	INDOOR
+++++	JIM MACPHERSON	FULL
+++++	JOHN YOUNG	FULL
+++++	JIM ROLL	FULL (Social Chairman)
+++++	MICHAEL WHITE	FULL
+++++	BRUCE ADAMS	<i>FULL</i>
+++++	JEFFREY BEAL	INDOOR
+++++	JULIE BEAL	INDOOR
+++++	ROGER WYATT	FULL (General Secretary and Indoor Secretary)

The First meeting of the above Indoor Committee will be held on Thursday 19th April at 10:00 am in the Old Pavillion.

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11.0 Propositions

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

11.1 Despite the fact that, the current Friday Night league was once very popular and competitive, its popularity has declined over the last few years with the number of teams now reduced to seven.

It is therefore proposed that “we develop a new format, to replace the present Friday Night League, as from September 2018, in preparation for our move to the new Club premises in Green lane (due for completion February 2019).”

{The proposal was agreed and will be progressed by the Indoor Secretary, following consultation with other Members}

11.2 We propose that the rule “must play with four players” in the knockout stages of the Mini League and the KO be removed.

Games are being given as teams are unable to field four players, this results in a walk over which is unsatisfactory, and the club loses the green fees which is most important.

Within the Laws of the Game there is a penalty (25% of score) which would be applied, as we do in league games, when there is a player short.

Proposed by Eileen Devonald-Batt

Seconded by Gill Jones

[The proposal was agreed by those members present with only two against.]

12.0 AOB

12.1 As for last year, 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 It was confirmed that the handicap system introduced will continue for next year.

12.3 The Social events calendar has been published and it was stressed that ALL members are welcome to attend.

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 9th APRIL 2018

MANAGER / GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

1.0 This report is presented by me, on behalf of the Club's Management Committee, I have confined the items in this report to those issues currently in hand. 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 Update – After protracted negotiations with the Maidenhead Planning Department, the detailed Planning Application for the construction of a new bowling green, indoor centre and clubhouse, together with associated facilities, was agreed by the RBWM Development Control Panel Meeting on the 16th March 2016.

2.2 The application was then submitted to the Secretary of State (Department for Communities and Local Government), in July 2016, with Government approval forthcoming on the 25th August 2016.

2.3 After completion of all of the above, we received the "FINAL" Full Planning Approval on the 23rd September 2016.

2.4 The contract has been tendered to 6 Design & Build Contractors and the resultant tenders evaluated against the budget.

2.5 The successful tender was from Wren Construction and they have now been appointed to carry out the contract works.

2.6 Initial site clearance/fencing works have been carried out by a groundworks contractor appointed by Sorbon Estates and these works will then be followed by the main contractor (Wren).

2.7 Wren have now issued their proposed programme which indicates a 43 week construction programme with a **start on site of April 1st 2018** and a **Completion date of February 11th 2019.**

2.8 Wren have confirmed the viability of delivering the external bowls green early, so it can be completed for the Autumn seeding season (2018), thus guaranteeing use in April/May 2019.

2.9 The Indoor Season, starting in September 2018 will commence using our existing club premises and will then plan to move ready for indoor bowls in February/March 2019.

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3.0 As at today's date we have a total of **452** members classified as follows:

Type	No of Members April 2018	No of Members April 2017	variance
Full (Female)	25	27	-2
Full (Female) Captain	4	6	-2
Full (Junior)	0	1	-1
Full (Male)	51	52	-1
Full (Male) Captain	19	18	+1
Outdoor Only (Female)	5	4	+1
Outdoor Only (Male)	9	8	+1
Total Outdoor	113	116	-3
Indoor (Female)	72	67	+5
Indoor (Female) Captain	8	9	-1
Indoor (Junior)	1	0	+1
Indoor (Male)	160	168	-8
Indoor (Male) Captain	31	31	0
Total Indoor Only	272	275	-3
Life	9	10	-1
Social	58	54	+4
Total	67	64	+3
Grand Total	452	455	-3

3.1 Whilst the numbers of Indoor members has decreased over the last 12 months there has been a steady increase in new members joining the club – mostly members of other local outdoor clubs wishing to join the Indoor section over the winter.

Attracting and recruiting new members will remain a priority for the coming year.

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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

Roger Wyatt

Club Manager/Secretary

Date: 4th April 2018