



Banbury Cross Indoor Bowls Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

held on Tuesday 25th April 2023 at 19.00 at Woodgreen Leisure Centre

Present	Gerald Fountain, Janet Fountain, Margaret Morris, Richard Boscott, Julia Lambert, Andy Winter, Pauline Smith, Tony Smith, David Drinkwater, Harry Barrett, Mo Cox, June Bone, John Bone, Carol Rycraft, Jackie Humphreys, Terry Humphreys, Kay Oliver, Brain Oliver, Linda Coles, Malcolm Leather, Eloise Jones, Adreinne Brown, Pat Ray, Brian Ray and Trevor Brown.
Apologies	Apologies were recorded from Sue Thrush, Michael Morris and Ian Jackman
Minute of Silence	All attendees stood for a moments silence to commemorate the bowlers we lost over the last year.
Chairman's Welcome	The Club President, Gerald Fountain, welcomed everyone to the meeting and in his welcome he made special mention and thanked Sue Thrush for her work through the year as Secretary, to Tom McKenna for his work on the Diamond League and now Andy Winter as he picked up when Tom had to stop as he began his treatment. He thanked Trevor Brown and Andy Winter for their work on the open days, and Keith & Bev McNeil for their organisation of the Edd Frost Gala. Gerald also reminded members that new organisers for next year were needed and that all members should share the responsibility of encouraging new members to join and to take part in the leagues, friendlies and competitions. Gerald finally thanked the committee for their dedicated work over the last year and encouraged members to consider what they could offer to ensure the continuity of the club into the years ahead.
Minutes	The minutes of last year's meeting were presented for approval by the meeting Andy Winter raised an error in the minutes of last year. In the revised constitution item 10. Finance, had both the old and the replacement paragraph recorded. It was agreed that the first paragraph should be removed and after this amendment John Bone proposed, Andy Winter seconded, and the meeting unanimously approved the minutes of the last meeting. There were no matters arising
Club Secretary Report	<p>Sadly, Sue Thrush was unable to attend the meeting as she was not well. Julia Lambert read a report that had been prepared by Sue in which Sue highlighted the need for the club to increase its membership as it now stood at 160 which was an improvement on the previous year but not at the 200+ level that existed before Covid.</p> <p>Sue outlined her role throughout the year, thanked the committee for their support and said that as her family commitments were increasing, after 5 years in the role, she would not be standing for election for any future terms of office.</p>
Treasurer's Report	<p>Our records show a membership of 160 which equates to £3,237.07 being the agreed 33% of Reimbursement fees from Legacy along with the reimbursement of the EIBA annual fees.</p> <p>We had forty-six league entries across the board for this season increasing our income slightly by £16.00.</p> <p>Sadly, we saw a decrease in entry numbers this year with a total of only 30 entries resulting in a deficient of £20- Julia also thanked Bev and Keith McNeil for their support..</p> <p>There were 12 club home matches with an income of £2,110.50 for Rink fees and raffle money. After rink fees and expenses we have an income of £442.80</p>

6 club away matches were played. This entailed a cost of £286 for travel expenses.

Therefore, we have a gain of £21.80 for all matches played.

This season we are pleased to advise that the club raised: -

- a) £81.00 in Rink Fees from the first charity match.
- b) £170.00 in Rink Fees from the Christmas charity match.
- c) £144.00 Rink Fees from the second charity match
- d) £504.00 in raffle prize money

This gives us a grand total of £899.00 which with your approval we'd like to increase to £1,000 which we will be donating solely to Katherine House this year.

The Committee would like to thank you all for your continued support.

The second and final payment for the Bowler system was paid in August of 2022 along with the annual maintenance being £1800 and £1200 respectively.

A new Water Boiler was purchased. This has a monthly service charge of £17 and installation cost of £210 and a purchase price of £695.

Miscellaneous expenses was £905.

The insurance premium and charges to Oxfordshire Bowls increased marginally.

The cost of updating the Boards and Engraving the cups and trophies have also increased marginally.

The club has not incurred any costs for Auditors as the accounts will be audited by a club ex-treasurer as per the practice adopted over the past few years.

I can therefore advise that the club would have made a loss of £704.36

The Clubs investment Bond with Hampshire Trust will be expiring in July 2024 after its two-year tenure and the following review will be taken before renewal.:

- 1. Sound reputation and safety of the said institution.
- 2. Review of their annual reports.
- 3. Best rates over given period
- 4. Two-year tenure

Question Raised and Confirmations given.

- 1. Trevor Brown asked a question about the purchase of the Clubs wheelchair in relation to VAT asking whether we paid VAT or not. Margaret Morris advised that as a Sports Club we should not have. Julia Lambert noted that she would check this with the previous treasurer as it was before her tenure.
- 2. The attendees were unanimous in agreeing to donate £1,000 to Katherine House.
- 3. The attendees were in agreement to the criteria set out for the Investment renewal.

Men's Captain Report

Gerald presented the Men's Captain Report as the retiring Men's Captain. There had been 14 matches, 8 won and 6 lost (1147 points for – 1082 points against) plus the Edd Frost Gala. Gerald thanked the retiring Match Fixture Secretary, Margaret Morris, noting that she had already arranged next season's matches before retiring. He also thanked those who had played and provided the teas, those who had assisted in the raffles, and those who had helped clear away after matches.

**Ladies
Captain
Report**

Janet Fountain reported that there had been 4 Ladies matches during the season and that all four had been won with 244 shots for and 158 shots against. She thanked all those who had played and assisted at matches and looked forward to the next season.

**Fixture
Secretary
Report**

Margaret Morris gave her retiring report. She reported that overall there had been 12 home games and 6 away games and that all fixtures were in place for next season. She noted that although Edd Frost had kindly and generously agreed to sponsor the one day tournament again next year, and that as Keith & Bev McNeil were standing down, others were sought to take this on.

**League
Secretary
Report**

Richard Boscott presented the following statistics from the League season before going on to present the League prizes for the year.

Monday morning 22 games played per team possible 3 games cancelled -9 teams entered.

Monday evening 20 games played per team possible 1 game cancelled – 7 teams entered.

Tuesday evening 27 games played per team possible 15 games cancelled due to 1 team not being able to play – 8 teams entered.

Wednesday morning 24 games played per team possible 4 games cancelled-9 teams entered.

Thursday evening 22 games played per team possible 13 games cancelled due to 1 team not able to get a full team. – 7 teams entered.

Friday morning 22 games played per team possible 1 game cancelled – 7 teams entered.

Richard went on to ask all members to recruit new teams from their outdoor clubs during the summer months – entries would be closed on 25th August so that arrangements could be made for the leagues to commence on 2nd October. He also said that Memberships at Woodgreen would open on 18th September.

Richard congratulated all players and handed out the prize monies to the following team winners

Monday morning Triples: - 1st Tom McKenna, 2nd Keith McNeil, 3rd Brian Ray

Monday evening Australian Pairs: - 1st Margaret Morris, 2nd Keith McNeil, 3rd Pam Shepherd.

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Wednesday morning Triples: - 1st Keith McNeil, 2nd Gerald Fountain, 3rd Tom McKenna

Thursday evening Triples: - 1st Andy Wilkin, 2nd Nick Spencer, 3rd Dave Varney

Friday morning Triples: - 1st Keith McNeil, 2nd Gerald Fountain 3rd Brian Ray.

Andy Winter had submitted 4 proposals for consideration by the meeting. He spoke briefly to the 4 and he answered several questions from members. In particular a question was raised about the proposed trial change of format of the pairs competition and whether this would affect the standing of the club as it was not the same format as the standard national pairs competition. In response Andy indicated that this was a trial which would be reviewed upon completion next year and was intended to encourage more new members to participate as well as to raise interest.

The proposals were :

1. For the 23/24 season the rinks be marked with re-spots.
2. Request the committee and the league secretary and competition secretary to amend the rules of our leagues and competitions rules to remove any requirement for 'dead ends' and add the requirement for re-spotting, the specific wording to be approved by the committee.
3. As a trial for the 23/24 season we amend our competition rules for the Pairs competitions to provide for playing two sets of 7 ends and best of 3 ends (if needed to decide) and two sets of 9 ends and best of 3 ends (if needed to decide for the final)

This proposal is made with the intention that each player will play 4 bowls each.

4. We mark the rinds with spots from the minimum length of 23m to the T to aid assessing length without resorting to a measure.

(The first dot would be on the 23m mark with one meter marks from the T back towards the 23m mark so that there is one mark that is less than a metre between the 23m mark and the next spot.

The proposals were all seconded by Julia Lambert and each was carried with a unanimous vote.

Julia Lambert had submitted a further two proposals which were :

1. Give-a-ways for visiting Captains and highest winning rink to be changed from Pens to either a small bottle of wine, chocolates or biscuits.
2. Bowls Pushers be purchased for the club.

The first proposal was discussed and votes taken although it was noted that there was a sense that it was really a matter for the committee. It was defeated with the preferred option of pens being maintained.

The second proposal was discussed fully and matters of health & safety were considered in both supporting and in opposing the proposal, which it was noted had already been rejected by the committee. The proposal was carried with 16 voting in favour, 6 against and 3 abstentions.

The following were put forward and unanimously agreed by all attendees.

Proposals to the meeting

Election of Officers

Role	Nominee	Proposer	Secunder
President	Gerald Fountain	Janet Fountain	Richard Boscott
Chairman	Andy Winter	Ian Jackman	D Crouse

	Secretary	Julia Lambert	Janet Fountain	Gerald Fountain
	Treasurer	Terry Humphreys	Janet Fountain	Trevor Brown
	Fixture Secretary	Vacancy		
	Development and Marketing	Trevor Brown	Julia Lambert	Ian Jackman
	Ladies Captain	Janet Fountain	Gerald Fountain	Richard Boscott
	Mens Captain	Tony Smith	G Tilbury	Dave Drinkwater
	Ladies Vice Captain	Vacancy		
	Mens Vice Captain	Vacancy		
	League Secretary	Richard Boscott	Janet Fountain	Gerald Fountain
	General Member	Carol Rycraft	Dorothy McEvoy	Chris Purnell
Vote of thanks	<p>Julia Lambert asked all attendees to be upstanding and give a round of applause for the wonderful jobs done by Sue Thrush as our Secretary and Tom McKenna as the Diamond League Secretary over the past years. We will miss them in their roles but definitely look forward to seeing them on the Green Carpet bowling next season.</p> <p>The meeting concluded at 8:15pm</p>			