

## **Norfolk Bowling Club – Wednesday 17th April 2025**

### **Men's Indoor Section Annual General Meeting**

There is no formal documented set of minutes relating this to meeting beyond notes which were used during the meeting.

#### **1. Apologies – Chris Taylor**

The chair welcomed the small number of attendees to the meeting.

#### **2. Minutes of last Meetings**

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024, were proposed and seconded and signed as a true copy.

#### **3. Matters arising**

None.

#### **4. Propositions**

None.

#### **5. President's report**

At the time of the meeting the indoor section had no elected President.

#### **6. Secretary's report**

The past year has, I believe been very successful in many ways, although winning major Club titles has been fewer.

Starting in last September we held our 3rd Open Day, but not quite as successful as in the previous year. A number from this season and of those from earlier years have now started to play in roll ups and a few in leagues, especially from Trevor's Development squad. So a big thank you to Trevor and his helpers in the coaching and follow ups.

The big successes have been with several members, especially Aaron and Ellie Johnson. Aaron has won the British Isle U25 Singles Championship. He was also Team Captain for the England U25 series.

Then he was called in as a replacement for the Men's Championship games. Let's hope future Internationals come his way. Ellie has played in the U21 International team and was awarded Player of the Series.

Also won the BI U25 Singles title. Katherine & Wayne and Bex Willgress have also played in international events for England, with Katherine who has also won the British Isles Ladies Singles title. The National finals had a

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number of members through to these, but we have not had a winner. Congratulations to those who did reach Nottingham.

In the past we have usually played hosts to quite a few teams for friendly matches but there are nowadays few Clubs that do this. We are grateful to David Perry, current County President for bringing a couple of his County games to our Club, many thanks to Phil, our Captain for getting a full set of players for each event. Let's hope we can get a few more game for the coming season.

I will briefly update on the league situation for next Winter - . The ending of the Friday Fours was, I think inevitable with only 6 teams. This event has been held for s many years. We hope the introduction of the new league a 2 Wood Triples event over 2 sets and 8 ends will prove successful. I do hope this will go well.

The Men's A team in the County League have again been successful so thanks to Wayne and his players. The B team who won through to Division 2 last season have found the going tough against some much stronger teams and will be relegated. Special word of thanks to Philip Richards and Martyn Ellis for combining as the B team Captains.

Trevor Goddard has Captained the C team again and has achieved third spot in Division 4, missing out on second place by one point.

Well, done and thanks to all the players in the Club who have offered and played in the matches throughout the season. Would also mention that at a recent County meeting there was a long discussion, with varying views on whether the registration of players for certain Divisions should be changed. A number of the smaller Clubs have had problems getting enough player to play at times. It appears possible that only Division 1 names should be registered, but we will see at the County AGM in the Summer.

Trevor as our Senior Coach has undertaken the training of quite a number of members looking to join and even some current members needing more coaching, so thanks Trevor. He has been helped by Jack Norton.

Also, thanks are necessary to Janet, Helen, Gemma, Jack Trevor and Val Whitehead for their work behind the bar. Helen is also Club Membership Secretary as well as the Club Safeguarding Officer. and with mother Liz is responsible for the sound system we use for our Social events.

A word of thanks to Brian, our Treasurer who manages the Club's finances. I will add that with Brian, I have been investigating the possibility of getting solar panels on our roof to offset our electricity bills over the coming years. Thanks Brian.

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I am aware that a number of you were at Finals night last evening and will have heard of our proposals for next season.

Finally, I would like to thank this Committee, however small. It is of concern to myself and other members of the Management team that volunteers to take on roles within the Club, not just this Committee, are not coming forward.

Thank you, Peter Chapman (Men's Indoor Secretary)

### 7. Captains report

Phil Richards provided a report to the meeting however there is no record of the comments made.

### 8. Competition Secretary report

Phil Richards, in Chris Taylor's absence, provided a report to the meeting however there is no record of the comments made.

### 9. League Secretary report

Peter Chapman provided a report to the meeting however there is no record of the comments made.

### 10. Election of officers

- a. President – no nomination received, subsequently Judith Phillips filled this role.
- b. Vice President – no nomination
- c. Club Captain – Phil Richards
- d. Competition Secretary – Phil Richards (subsequently replaced by Chris Taylor)
- e. League Secretary – Peter Chapman
- f. Team captains
  - a) A Team – Wayne Willgress
  - b) B Team – Phil Richards & Martyn Ellis
  - c) C Team – Trevor Goddard

### 11. Management Update

- a. Two non voting Trustees – Following loss of Brian Howes we only have Brian Holcroft, but Ray Lewis nominated and has joined Management Committee.

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- b. Two members elected to serve on the Management Committee

Chris Taylor was elected on but again not sure of his future. Arthur Whitehead is on his last year and will not stand again. Trevor Goddard has been co-opted on as cover for Chris Taylor and possible election in January 2026.

- 12. To confirm representatives to County IBA Council - Hon Secretary

It was agreed that Peter Chapman would be named as the county representative for Norfolk BC.

- 13. Any other business

- a. Indoor Section Committees – it was discussed and agreed that work should be completed between the ladies and men's committee to consolidate the existing two committees into a single body.

There is no record of any other matters arising.

- 14. Closure and next AGM.

The notes indicate that the next Indoor AGM would be held Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April, however as part of the merging of the two committees mentioned above this was changed to Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March.

There is no record of the time at which the meeting closed.