

# **DESBOROUGH BOWLING CLUB**

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

**HELD AT DESBOROUGH BOWLING CLUB, 10 GREEN LANE,  
MAIDENHEAD.**

**AT 11.00 AM ON SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> APRIL 2023**

**Attendance:** 43 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 since the last AGM: - Brian Humphries, Paul Stanley, and Linda Davis.

**2.0 Apologies for absence:** Malcolm Woodley, Mark Stanley, Sarah Wooley, Jennie Macleod, Nigel Penn, Roland Dreesden, Mike Newberry Dick Bishop, Nicola Jones, Jan Walker, Robert Green, Howard Pike, Andy Mayne, Jan Mayne, Geoff Lofthouse, Mike Whittingham, Paul Melhuish, Jacinta Monteiro, Pat Arnott, Di Pascoe and Ron James

**3.0 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022 and matters arising:**

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

3.2 The Minutes were approved by Don Isaac and seconded by Phil Smith

**4.0 Chairman's Report**

4.1 The Chairman summarised the events over the last Indoor Season.

- The National Competition teams have all performed well over the season and I would like to thank all those who took part and the national selectors who have organised the teams.
- The Open Day held on the 18<sup>th</sup> of February attracted 78 visitors and 35 attended the subsequent coaching sessions.

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- Indoor roll-ups have proved very popular and additional sessions have been organised on Mondays and Wednesdays to cope with the demand.
- Friday Club Night is also still proving popular with an average of 30/40 members attending each week. An excellent opportunity for new bowlers to play alongside the more experienced members. It has been suggested by members that they would like to see the Indoors Friday Club continue throughout the summer months. A trial period to be introduced.
- Social and commercial activities have been very successful over the last 12 months and thanks were expressed to Brian Harris, Social Chairman and all the other Committee members and volunteers who have helped to make the events so successful.
- Whilst many of our indoor members play for other Outdoor clubs in the Summer, they play indoors for 7 months of the year at Desborough, therefore continued indoor members' involvement in the running of the indoor season is most welcome.
- The President further expressed his thanks to his Deputy President, Michael Whittingham, the Club General Secretary, Roger Wyatt, Mark Peachey, Club Manager and Jasbir Notay, Club Treasurer, Brian Jones, Bar Manager, and Jennie Macleod, Indoor Secretary together with all those members who have assisted over the year with the running of the Club. Their help with bar duties, selection committees, leagues, competitions, and social events is greatly appreciated.
- It was noted that Brian Jones is retiring in April after 25 years' service and a farewell will be after the Finals Presentation night on the 14<sup>th</sup> of April.
- We are certain that the new club facilities provide one of the best and most up to date clubs in the country and the management team look forward to working with members to help ensure the club is well supported and successful going forward.

### 5.0 The Indoor Secretary's report.

The current membership as of 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023 is estimated as: -

Category	No of Members October 2021	No of Members March 2023		Total	Variance (+/-)
		Male	Female		
<b>Total Full Members</b>	109	90	48	<b>138</b>	+29
<b>Total Outdoor Only</b>	14	6	4	<b>10</b>	-4
<b>Total Indoor Only</b>	395	301	106	<b>407</b>	+12
<b>Life</b>	10	7	1	<b>8</b>	-2
<b>Year Round Indoor</b>	-	35	19	<b>54</b>	+54
<b>Social</b>	54	50	70	<b>120</b>	+66
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>582</b>	<b>449</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>737</b>	+155

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The indoor friendly season is nearly over and has generally been well supported.

Unfortunately, some friendly matches and GOL fixtures have been cancelled. The feedback from other clubs and organisations has been their difficulty in getting a full team to travel. This has also been a factor in the away fixture cancelled by Desborough.

It has been decided that, in future, for away matches played at a distance, a coach will be hired. The cost will be met by a contribution from players with the balance being paid by DBC. It is hope that this will mean more members are willing to travel to away matches. For more local matches, members will still be asked to drive themselves and to offer lifts to other members.

The calendar for the 23-24 season is nearing completion with most fixtures held this year being repeated.

The indoor secretary would like to thank the members playing in friendlies, and the caterers for their support and looks forward to continuing in the coming season.

## **6.0 Competition Secretary's Reports**

### **6.1 Indoor Competitions– Mark Peachey**

All competitions are nearing their final stages and Finals week is w/c 10<sup>th</sup> April, culminating in Presentation Night on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April.

### **6.2 National Competitions – Selectors**

6.2.1 The selectors for the DBC National Teams are Mark Peachey for the men and Mary Price for the ladies. It was agreed that an additional selector should be recruited to assist Mary Price going forward.

## **7.0 BCIBA and BCWIBA Reports**

### **7.1 Report from Yvonne Hurley: Desborough Delegate BWIBA**

"I am the Desborough delegate for Berkshire Women's Indoor Bowling Association (BWIBA) taking over from Carol Bartlett. It has been a steep learning curve and I am still not there but have tried to ensure Desborough has as high a profile in the Ladies County indoor bowls as possible.

The BWIBA season commenced with a Presidents Day at Rivermead which was very well attended by Desborough ladies and an enjoyable day all round.

BWIBA were unsuccessful in the Atherley Trophy in October losing against Sussex in the first round, despite top level lady bowlers from Desborough taking part.

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However, Berkshire had only 4 Clubs for selection, soon to be 3 with the closure of Rivermead, whereas Sussex had 16!

The County matches against Wiltshire at Westlecot and against Somerset at West Berks had to be cancelled by BWIBA. We have not had much success in other matches, including against Desborough men.

Successful Bannerette matches were held at all four Berkshire clubs with Desborough achieving a resounding victory against the County on Saturday 18th March.

The criteria for achieving County status are to play a minimum of 2 non-county matches and one match against another county to gain a Colts badge. A full County Badge will be awarded when the Colt plays in their second match against another county. I have invited several ladies to put their name forward to play with the County to boost the number of Desborough County players. On a positive note, Sue Ireland has received her full County Badge. Additionally, Jacinta, Tonie and Helen were awarded their Colts badge and will hopefully be awarded a full County badge next year. A few more Desborough ladies should qualify in the next indoor bowling season, and I will obviously continue to encourage our ladies to put their names forward to play in BWIBA matches.

The future? As Rivermead is closing and there is no guarantee that ladies will transfer to alternative indoor clubs, I believe BWIBA will offer triples matches instead of rinks. Importantly, according to the BWIBA constitution, it is the turn of Desborough to nominate a senior vice-president. I am not putting my name forward, but I will continue as Delegate if required, especially as I now know more of what is expected from me. “

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## 8.0 Election of Officers

8.1 John Bucknell was re-elected as Chair unopposed.

8.2 Jennie Macleod was elected as Indoor Secretary unopposed.

8.3 On a unanimous vote the following 9 members were elected to serve on the Indoor Committee for 2023/24

CHAIR	Name	Membership
+++++	JOHN BUCKNELL	FULL
INDOOR SECRETARY		
+++++	JENNIE MACLEOD	INDOOR
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Name	Membership
+++++	JENNY BOSLEY	FULL
+++++	CAROL BARTLETT	FULL
+++++	DAVID CORMICAN	INDOOR
+++++	NICOLA JONES	FULL
+++++	JIM MACPHERSON	FULL
+++++	JOHN PLACE	INDOOR
+++++	DAVID WEBSTER	FULL
+++++	TONY BUCKLEY	INDOOR
+++++	GILL KONRAD	FULL
+++++	<i>ROGER WYATT</i>	<i>GENERAL SECRETARY</i>
+++++	<i>MARK PEACHEY</i>	<i>CLUB MANAGER</i>

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## **9.0 AOB**

9.1 With the increase in the number of ladies wishing for an opportunity to play in the National Competitions can we arrange for more than one team to enter the Masons and the Vivienne?

9.2 All leagues be handicapped to encourage new bowlers to join league teams?

9.3 Ladies Leagues be changed to triples to create more teams?

9.4 Can we provide a rack or box at the end of the rinks to house the jacks when not in use.

9.5 Can the 15min interval be re-introduced between the end of the Ladies League and the start of the Mens League to avoid disruption?

9.6 Friday morning league to be split into 2 leagues.

9.7 It was noted that the same members are always the ones volunteering for coaching, socials etc. More volunteers are required to assist with the Club's activities over the year.

## **10.0 Meeting Close**

The meeting closed at 11;45am.

**Date of next Meeting:** SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2024 – 10:00am

Signed as a true record..... Date..... 2023.