

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 7.00 PM ON FRIDAY 11th OCTOBER 2024

Attendance: 32 members attended.

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

2.0 Apologies for absence: Debbie Barklamb, Chris Bowler, Kel Crump, Yvonne Hurley, Nigel Penn, Dan Isaac, Peter Braddock, Sally Lane, Roger Wyatt, Val Wyatt and Gill O'Neill.

3.0 Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 2nd April 2023 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 Approval of the Minutes was proposed by David Cormican and seconded by Angela Isaac. The minutes were duly signed by the President.

4.0 Chairman's Report

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

- The club has enjoyed a successful season in terms of increasing membership. The recent Open day resulted in 40 new members – 27 playing and 13 social. A great result. In total the club has acquired 50 new members during September.
- In competitions, the club did not progress far in any of the national club competitions and will be looking to do considerably better this season in the key competitions, namely Denny Cup (men) and Yetton Trophy (ladies), Top Club and Egham Trophy (mixed). However individually there were 4 notable successes:

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- 1) Julie Skelly qualified for the national finals at Nottingham in the lady's singles losing out to Lucy Smith at the quarter final stage.
 - 2) John McGuinness qualified for the national finals in the Champion of Champions held at Dolphin IBC, losing out in the semi-final to the eventual winner Dominic McVittie by the narrowest of margins 21-20.
 - 3) Stephen McAlister qualified for the national finals held at Nottingham IBC in the over 60 singles and lost out at the semi-final stage to the eventual winner.
 - 4) Teresa Slark, Jacinta Monterio, and Nicola Jones qualified for the national finals in the ladies over 50 Triples which was a great achievement.
- There were also several near misses in the Area Finals of the Men's 60+ pairs and Men's Singles and also in the area semi-finals of the Men's Pairs, Triples and Fours.
 - In the London & Southern Counties competitions Desborough reached the semi-final of the Shield which features 2 home and 2 away men's rinks. The mixed fours team were runners up and teams made the semi-finals of the mixed pairs, and Men's fours.
 - For the upcoming season, DESBOROUGH has been selected to host the 24-25 London & Southern Counties finals on March 15th, 2025.
 - DESBOROUGH successfully hosted an Open Singles Circuit event, for the 3rd time, at the end of January 2024, and will do so again in January 2025. The President thanked Brian Jones for his generosity in sponsoring the event for the past 2 years.
 - The social events have been well supported and provided a further source of income for the club – well done to Brain Harris and his team.
 - The President expressed his thanks to all members who have served on the Indoor Committee over the year and those who have assisted with the running of the Club by helping with bar duties, selection committees, leagues, competitions, social events and maintenance of the club.
 - The President also expressed a special note of thanks for their many years of service to Roger Wyatt who retired last month and Mark Peachey who is planning to leave at the end of the year. We wish them both well in their retirement and future endeavours. He also extended a warm welcome the new General Secretary, Stephen McAlister.
 - Following the success of recent Family Open Day, further days will be arranged for later in the season. The first of these is the Christmas Fair and Family Fun Day on Sunday 24th November.

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- A gala day is in planning for later in the season in memory of Mary Price who we lost in 2023.

5.0 The Indoor Secretary's report.

The current membership as of 10th October 2024 compared with August 2023: -

Category	No of Members August 2023	No of Members October 2024	Variance (+/-)
Full Members	131	113	-18
Outdoor Only	7	12	+5
Indoor Only	269	311	+42
Life Members	8	8	0
Year Round Indoor	95	115	+20
Social	136	141	+5
Grand Total	646	700	+5

In recent months, the most significant growth has been in 12 Months Indoor and Social membership. This is in line with experience from the recent Open Day.

The upcoming indoor friendly season is well planned, thanks to lots of work by Steve Isaac. It was requested that members make themselves available for these matches to ensure full teams.

6.0 Competition Secretary's Reports

6.1 Indoor Competitions – Mark Peachey

The leagues are going well with similar numbers to previous seasons and an increase in Evening Division 2 from 8 to 10 teams. The Evening League has become an Open League this season (previously a men's league). A 3rd division may be added to this league in the future.

The intention is to repeat leagues and competitions that have worked well in the past and add some new ideas.

A new Aussie Pairs competition has been introduced to offer something different for members. If successful, this will be repeated in the second half of the season.

Club Competitions will run as usual with entries forms available in November and the first rounds starting in late December. Finals week will be 7th – 11th April 25.

6.2 National Competitions – Mark Peachey

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No games have taken place to date most competitions commencing in late October or November. First matches for the Club teams will be:

- Denny Cup: Saturday 2nd November
- Yetton: Saturday 2nd November
- Egham: Sunday 3rd November
- Top Club: Sunday 27th Oct

7.0 Election of Officers

7.1 John Davis was re-elected as Chair unopposed.

7.2 On a unanimous vote the following members were elected to serve on the Indoor Committee for 2024/25.

CHAIR	Name	Membership
+++++	JOHN DAVIS	FULL
INDOOR SECRETARY		
+++++	STEVE ISAAC	FULL
COMMITTEE MEMBERS	Name	Membership
+++++	JENNY BOSLEY	INDOOR
+++++	CAROL BARTLETT	INDOOR
+++++	NICOLA JONES	FULL
+++++	TONY BUCKLEY	FULL

8.0 AOB

There were no points for AOB tabled in advance of the meeting. Some queries/comments were raised during the meeting.

9.1 Should Division 2 teams receive a prize for winning their league? Currently prizes are only awarded to Division 1 winners. Raised by Michael Hobson. Action: Gen Secretary to bring before next Indoor Committee meeting for discussion.

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9.2 David Cormican welcomed Stephen McAlister to his new role as General Secretary.

9.3 David Cormican commented that better use of the indoor Club should be made during the summer months. Action: Gen Secretary to come up with a plan for summer 2025.

9.0 Meeting Close

The meeting closed at 7:21pm

Signed as a true record..... Date..... 2025.