

EREWASH INDOOR BOWLING CENTRE
BOWLING SECTION ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Minutes

Wednesday 31st August 2022

Item	Agenda	Actions
1	<p>Chairman's welcome and Introduction</p> <p>To the members of Erewash Indoor Bowls Centre, Maureen Slack (MS) welcomed those present to this year's AGM of the Erewash Indoor Bowling Centre. I would like to thank all the Committee members, club members who have supported the centre during these unprecedented times. I would also like to give a huge thank you to the management of the club and the staff who have ensured that the centre has been able to remain a going concern under very difficult financial pressures that we are all facing.</p>	
2	<p>Minutes Silence</p> <p>A minute's silence was held to remember members who had passed away during the last 12 months.</p>	
3	<p>Apologies for Absence: G Fisher, D Brown, H Brown, G Sims, M Sims, S Robinson, A Stevenson, C Stevenson, P Travers, R Travers, J Greaves, M Daws, P Clark.</p>	
4	<p>Minutes of AGM 2019</p> <p>Minutes of last year's meeting were agreed and accepted as a true record. Proposed: C McClorry Seconded: M Hawkins</p>	
5	<p>Officers Reports</p> <p>Bowls Committee Chair's Report: Thank you all for attending tonight and AGM 2022 after the last two years I'm sure you will all agree it's nice to be back, so I think we should take a moment to thank John and his staff for all the work they have done and continue to do to make it possible for us all to bowl. Also, while the club was closed John continued to do jobs down here ready for our return. Also, thanks must go to Ray who was also working very hard to get us grants and trying to keep us solvent, but as you are all must know with your own household bills everything is going up if we want our club to survive, we have to help out if we can it could be starting a new team to keep a league going or giving a donation anything would be appreciated. It's been my first year as chairman of the bowls committee and I would like to thank all the committee for their help and support, we are still looking for new committee members if anyone is interested, please speak to me after the meeting, can we all welcome Madeline Hawkins as our new president for the next year and thank Audrey Porter for the last years' service. It also gives me great pleasure to inform you that a Life Membership has been awarded to Ray Cowell by the Bowls Committee for his commitment and service to the club which is and continues to be above and beyond the requirements of his position held within the club. Most of this hard work he does behind the scenes to keep the club fully operational and financially viable through these difficult times that we are all experiencing. Thank you, Maureen Slack.</p> <p>President: Thank you for inviting me to become President for this past year. Despite Covid still rearing its ugly head at times, the year has been starting to move forward towards a more normal way of playing bowls. John managed to arrange a few local friendly weekend matches despite still having a number of people having to cancel at the last minute. The men's team won the Wessex Competition, and we had 2 touring teams from Durham who played a mixed and a Men Only 2-hour game. Hopefully during the next 12 months things should get more back to normal. I have enjoyed my time in office and wish Madeline Hawkins all good wishes for a successful year as the new President. Audrey Porter</p> <p>League Secretary: I would like to thank all the league secretaries for their support and hard work throughout the winter season and hoped this would continue into next</p>	

season. I would also like to thank John Arnett and his staff for the smooth running of the club and helping to keep the leagues running effortlessly. All leagues were completed on time. However, there have been a few minor issues during the season which have been resolved. Therefore, I would remind the league secretaries that they need to be familiar with the rules, check the cards to ensure they are correct and ensure teams are not playing illegal or unregistered players and any outstanding matches are rearranged as soon as possible. **Rachel Dakin**

Junior Section: The junior season started better than expected in September 2021.

After the long layoff due to Covid I was worried about the number of junior players that would return. A Couple of weeks before the start I sent out the information to parents informing them of the date I intended to resume the Saturday mornings.

We started on the 25th September and I was very pleased to see 7 of our original juniors attend. A couple of weeks later we were joined by 2 more and then three weeks before the end of the season 2 others started coming with the full intension of returning in September 2022. So, we finished the season with 11 which is a very promising for outlook the future. Unfortunately, due to Newark juniors folding and South Forest having only 4 or 5 very young junior players the league that we played in for the past few seasons has collapsed which sadly has lost our juniors the experience of playing against other clubs. We managed to play all our internal competitions except the fours and the games turned up some surprising results.

Due to the size of some of our younger players I decided just before Christmas to purchase three new sets of Taylor Ace junior woods which 3 of our players started using in the New Year and their game has improved tremendously. To this end I am planning on buying two more sets ready for the start of the 2022/23 season. So, all in all it has been a good year for Erewash IBC junior section.

Also, as a footnote I would like to congratulate Alan Hudson and Alan Matthews on qualifying as Level 1 Bowls England Coaches in April 2022. Well done to you both.

Peter Clark

Competition Secretary: I would like to thank all those who entered the various competitions in the 2021/22 season and congratulations to all winners and runners up. I would like to thank Judy & Paul Fowler for helping out during finals week and in particular thanks go to John Arnett and his staff for their help during the season. Unfortunately, due to the effects of covid, competition dates had to be adjusted due to isolations etc, but we're all completed for finals week. The 2022/23 season I hope will run more smoothly and without delays thank you.

Michael Beighton.

Chairman Board of Trustees Report – Year End May 2022: The Early part of the year saw us still suffering from the effects of Covid and without a full summer schedule, although some bowling did take place intermittently. We were fortunate enough to have received a few government grants including making use of the Furlough scheme. This you will see reflected in the accounts along with our claim for Gift Aid.

The winter league was started later than usual as it took time to find out how many members intended to return to bowls and subsequently how many leagues, we would be able to run. A discount of ten pounds was offered to all members who had continued to support the Centre by donating their subscriptions. This you will see reflected in the reduction to subscriptions when compared to 2020 our last year of trading before Covid struck. Although we lost a number of teams, we were able to run the majority of leagues, although at reduced numbers. The year has operated without any further interruptions, but our weekend match program has been greatly reduced as clubs no longer wish to play as many weekend friendly games and this has reduced our income. Although you will see from this year accounts, we have still managed to make a small surplus.

The challenge now will be to negotiate the coming year with all the potential tribulations it will bring, these include higher Utility Bills with the Gas bill from October increasing to £24,000 annually and the Electricity for review in March 2023. We have seen an increase in Bank Charges and Business Rates, along with all the minutia that seems to be

	increasing in price every day. As ever we are planning ahead and will have made a small increase to both subscriptions and rink fees for the coming season, but as ever will keep all informed. Ray Cowell																																																													
6	Notice of Motions Received: Competition Secretary has asked for the following to be added to the Competition Rules: Player of the Year Award - Players who are in contention for the player of the year award must have had the opportunity to enter the same amount of competitions to qualify. Approved by members present																																																													
7	Dress Code: MS informed members present of the revised dress code and that this will be amended in the club rules. There are some small handouts available in the main entrance table and some yellow sheets on the notice boards for members to view and familiarise yourselves with.																																																													
8	Ladies Section: Elaine Haddon-Holmes informed members present that over the last few years the number of Ladies League teams had shown a significant decline and that we had lost one league completely. It is also notable that the number of Club Competition entries has also declined. We have in the past been successful in National Competitions and I cannot see this happening again if we cannot get the ladies to play in more competitive games. Nottinghamshire County organises a league for ladies called the Coppock in which the club plays other clubs. This is designed to encourage less experienced players to play with more experienced players. Representing the club and playing ladies they would not usually play against. This can improve your game. I often hear the phrase “but I am not good enough” when asked if they would be interested in representing the club. How does anyone know if they are not good enough unless they have a go. I ask ladies please be proactive and get involved, let’s try to form more ladies’ teams for the leagues, I realise that it is too late for this winter season, but you have until next spring to get together and have a go at forming new teams. Also, ladies let’s see an increase in the entries to the competitions give them a go, you might quite enjoy the experience.																																																													
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