

EREWASH INDOOR BOWLS CENTRE
BOWLING SECTION
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



WEDNESDAY 28th AUGUST 2024 7.30 PM
IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF ALL MEMBERS TO ATTEND
NOTICE OF MOTIONS SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARY
AT THE CLUB BY 3rd AUGUST 2024

I would like to welcome all of you to this year's AGM of the Erewash Indoor Bowling Centre.

AGENDA

- 1. CHAIRMANS WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**
- 2. MINUTES SILENCE**
- 3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 4. MINUTES OF AGM 2022**
- 5. OFFICERS REPORTS**
 - CHAIRMAN**
 - PRESIDENT**
 - LEAGUE SECRETARY**
 - JUNIOR SECTION**
 - COMPETITION SECRETARY**
 - CLUB CHAIRMAN**
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4. Minutes of the Annual General meeting Erewash Indoor Bowling Centre held on club premises on Wednesday 30th August 2023.

To the members of Erewash Indoor Bowls Centre, Simon Robinson, welcomed those present to this year's AGM of the Erewash Indoor Bowling Centre. Thanking 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.

A minute's silence was held to remember members who had passed away during the last 12 months.

Apologies for Absence: Cecelia Chisholm, Maureen Slack, M & M Beighton, Christine Ward, Kevin May, Ann Stichmore, Alex Stevenson, Barry Monk

Minutes of AGM 2022: the minutes were accepted as a true record **Proposed:** Phillip Staton
Seconded: C McClorry

5. OFFICERS REPORTS

BOWLS COMMITTEE CHAIRS REPORT: Simon Robinson read Maureen's report: As most of you know I haven't been around much this year due to both Patrick and I having health problems, but thanks must go to Simon who came to the rescue and took over he has been a god send. Simon started a monthly Friday night after game social back in October. These have grown in popularity with a major end of season event which was a huge success thanks to the support of the member, friends, family and the local community. A full schedule is currently being planned for the 2023/24 season which will be going to be packed with more of a range of events. Keep your eyes peeled for the publication of the events. In December we held our usual Christmas Fayre. This was well supported and well attended one of the best in years. Planning has already started for this year's fayre. Our club needs all the support we can give over the last year Ray has worked really hard to keep us financially viable but any help you can give be it supporting Simon's events or donations would be gratefully appreciated. I'm sure you would all like to thank Madeline for her year as President and welcome Simon as your new president this year I'm sure he will do a fantastic job. The bowls committee does a fantastic job behind the scenes of the club and we're still looking for new members to join us if anyone is interested. Thank you all for coming tonight and good luck with your bowling for the coming season. **Maureen Slack**

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Evening everyone. The winter 22/23 season came and was soon over. We played quite a few games and they were all very well attended. We started the season with the Lewis Haywood trophy then the Baden Birkin. We had a ladies afternoon playing for the Evelyn Gascoigne trophy. The Durham tourist visited again and played 8 rinks, also Surrey came and again that went well. I felt pleased that the game against the Kent ladies was really well supported, as we played 8 rinks of ladies and it was a really good afternoon. We also played 2 matches against Nottingham and as usual it was enjoyed by all. Last but not least the junior senior day, playing a new format of Australian pairs which, I thought went well. I would like to say a big thank you to everyone who helped me during my year as President and that they and myself will give Simon Robinson the same support during the coming year. **Madeline Hawkins**

LEAGUE SECRETARY REPORT: 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 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. We have vacancies for the following League Secretary: Monday afternoon, Tuesday morning and Thursday morning, so if any of the members who play in those sessions would like to take on this role than please contact Rachel for further information. **Rachel Dakin**

JUNIOR SECTION REPORT: We opened the season with 10 juniors returning in September and as the season progressed 5 more came along to bring the numbers up to 15. Unfortunately, due to upcoming exams and such 2 have left since Christmas. Due to other clubs closing and or losing their junior section the league we were in is now not running. However, we have managed to complete our own competitions and I must say there was some outstanding play by the teams and individuals. The highlight of the season was the junior/senior day and I would like to thank those members of the club that participated. All the juniors enjoyed the day and learned from their adult partners. We also raised £362 on the raffle which will go towards the junior's competition trophies and funds. Also, one of our senior juniors, James is now playing in an adult league team. Well done, James. There is a lot of potential for the future in our junior section so let's give them our full support. We also have had 4 more club members qualify as coaches this season, again well done. Let's see what next season brings. Peter informed members that this would be the last season he would be running the Juniors as he is now a National Umpire and Marker and is more involved in the running of this with the EBA.

Peter Clark

COMPETITION SECRETARYS REPORT: I would like to thank all those who entered the competitions and congratulate all the winners and runners up. My thanks go to the people who helped out during finals week and on presentation night. Particular thanks go to John Arnett and his staff for their help during the season. I would like to take this opportunity to urge more ladies to take part in our competitions. Just to make ladies aware besides the usual ladies' competitions they can also enter the Open Singles, Novice Singles and Over Sixties Singles. My help is needed to encourage more people to enter the Fours competitions as they only just took place this last season. Thank you. **Michael Beighton**

CHAIRMAN BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT: This year has been our first complete year of trading since the Covid outbreak where we have not given any discounts on subscriptions, so the centre has benefited from the full fifty-pound subscription paid by members and a further £3729.25 in gift Aid as a result of those members who completed gift Aid forms.

A decision was taken to replace the rink lighting with more efficient LED lighting at a cost of 15,000, but we received grants & donations towards this work totalling £5,300. The work was completed in Aug and as a result we can report a saving of more than 10% on electricity used during the winter season.

We are experiencing problems with water leaking in through the roof at the interface between the bowls arena and the bar. The application of lots of sealant has so far proved ineffectual, so a more detailed investigation is required. Unfortunately, this could involve a sizable sum of money.

We experienced a small reduction in some of our league teams for the 2022/23 season, but we were able to run a full league program, and this is reflected in our income stream. Once again through good housekeeping and the support of our members generous donations, we have managed to keep our heads above water and the small loss shown in the accounts is much smaller than anticipated at the beginning of the year.

The outlook for the new season is somewhat overshadowed by the unpredicted increase in our Utility Bills. For most of this financial year we benefited from being tied into a long term (low price) contract on electricity. Unfortunately, when this contract expired, we had to take out a new one at a rate 3.5 times higher than we were paying. Likewise with gas, we took out a new gas contract at the start of the winter, which again was approx. 3.5 times higher than we were paying. However, thanks to the Governments Support Scheme, we did receive a 50% discount on our gas bills. Unfortunately, Government support has now been withdrawn and we are having to pay full price on both gas & electricity, which will mean an increase of 120% on the coming winters fuel bills.

At the time of writing, we expect to run a full league programme for the 2023/24 season, and we will continue to reduce our utility usage as much as possible. However, we do expect to make a sizable loss in the coming year, but in the short term we can cover this from our reserves.

No report would be complete without thanking John his team and all the volunteers for their dedication and hard work in making the Centre one to be proud of.

Ray Cowell Chairman Board of Trustees.

6. NOTICE OF MOTIONS RECEIVED: we have received the following for consideration:

Email 01.08.23 Russell Robinson

I wish to propose that players be allowed to wear 'any bowls manufactured shirt' no matter what colour, in league games, competitions and roll ups at any time of day.

If this can be put forward at the AGM that would be appreciated.

If you need any other information from me, please get in touch.

Email on 30th July 2023 Colin and Alex Stevenson

Please pass to the Bowls Committee / Secretary, the following two Notice of Motions referring to proposed amendments to the EIBC Club Rules September 2022

Motion 1:

Amend the section of the Dress Code From

1. 31.5.2 Tops

- All tops must have a collar. T-shirts and other collar-less tops are not allowed.
- All tops must be predominately or completely white. This also applies to all outer garments worn on the rinks such as cardigans, jumpers and fleeces, etc.
- Please refer to any specific competition regulations for clarity on the appropriate Dress Code requirements.
- Club shirt: this would be the original design for weekend fixtures or the new design for Nationals.

To;

1. 31.5.2 Tops

- All tops must have a collar. T-shirts and other collar-less tops are not allowed.
- Tops must be either
 - a) predominately or completely white
 - or
 - b) may be of any colour or design from a bowls clothing supplier.Both options also apply to all outer garments worn on the rinks such as cardigans, jumpers and fleeces, etc.
- Please refer to any specific competition regulations for clarity on the appropriate Dress Code requirements.
- Club shirt: this would be the original design for weekend fixtures or the new design for Nationals.
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For clarity the amendment is only related to the 2nd bullet point regarding colour of tops.

Motion 2:

DELETE the following section of the Dress Code 31.5.5 relating to Headwear:

31.5.5 Headwear

- Except for religious purposes, headwear must not be worn by players. White visors or white peaked caps may be worn only on medical grounds with prior approval of the Committee.

These proposed motions were both supported, the 2nd bullet point regarding the colour of tops: those in favour 42 votes, against 9 votes.

Headwear unanimous vote for the deletion of this section of the Dress Code.

A question was raised with regards the wearing of the original club's bowls shirt, it was confirmed that the original club's bowls shirt could be worn in the week for league matches as well as the weekend friendlies, the new bowls shirt is to be worn only for the national Competitions.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

Position	Nominee	Proposer	Second
Chairman	Maureen Slack	3 rd Year of 3 Year Appointment	
Secretary	Lynne Fryatt	C McClorry	J Henderson
President	Simon Robinson	APPOINTMENT FROM COMMITTEE	
Senior V President	Kathryn Robinson	M Hawkins	M Robinson
Junior V President	Alan Matthews	J Henderson	J Fowler
Fixtures Secretary	John Arnett	AUTOMATIC APPOINTMENT	
League Secretary	Rachel Dakin	M Wright	M Leivers
Competition Secretary	Mick Beighton	C Stevenson	S Poole
Junior Rep	Peter Clark	M Leivers	J Henderson
Committee	Alan Hudson	2 nd Year of 2 Year Appointment	
Committee	Madeline Hawkins	J Henderson	S Austin
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Everyone above elected.

SR asked for anyone interested in the remaining vacancies to please contact any of the Committee members as these positions needed to be filled.

Members were informed that the club would be closed from the 4th September for the whole week and would reopen on the 11th September and winter opening hours start on the 18th September.

The meeting closed at 20.07

5. Officers Reports.

BOWLS COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND PRESIDENTS REPORT: Dearest Members, I am thrilled to share with you all the exciting updates and achievements of our club as we look towards a bright and promising future. Despite some challenges, our club continues to thrive and grow, thanks to the dedication and enthusiasm of our wonderful members.

While our membership numbers have seen a slight decline in recent years, we are pleased to report that our recent Open Day was a resounding success, attracting a wave of new and interested bowlers to join our ranks. Let's give a warm welcome to our new members and make sure they feel right at home in our bowling family!

Our monthly Friday social events have been a hit, drawing a regular crowd of cheerful bowlers eager to have a good time. To make these gatherings even more enjoyable, we are seeking additional support this year. Let's come together to make our social events even more memorable and fun-filled for everyone involved! Mark your calendars, folks, because our club's schedule is jam-packed with exciting events and activities that you won't want to miss. Be sure to save the dates and join us for a fantastic lineup of bowling fun and camaraderie throughout the year.

The Baden Birkin was finally won by Roger Shipstone after many years of trying and the Durham Tourists attended their long-standing fixture. A reunion of our friends from up north and an excellent, competitive game.

A round of applause is in order for our club's outstanding achievement of reaching the final of the Wessex league! This remarkable feat is a testament to the talent and dedication of our members, showcasing the true spirit of sportsmanship and teamwork that defines our club.

While our league teams have faced some challenges with declining numbers, rest assured that we are actively exploring new formats and ideas to keep our competitive spirit alive and kicking. The Bowls Committee is open to any suggestions and feedback from any member, so feel free to share your thoughts and help shape the future of our leagues.

As we continue to roll forward with optimism and enthusiasm, let's remember that the heart of our club lies in the passion and camaraderie we share for the sport of bowling. Together, we can overcome any obstacles and create a vibrant and thriving community that embodies the true joy of bowling. Here's to a bright future ahead for our Indoor Bowling Club!

Now to finish, I would like to thank everyone who has helped me throughout this presidency this season. I am not going to mention names, but you know who you are so thank you so much. Now, it's time to hand over the chain to my wife who I will give the same support as what she has given me this year. **Simon Robertson**

LEAGUE SECRETARY REPORT: Thank you to all the league secretaries for their support and hard work throughout the winter season and I hope this will continue into next season. I would like to thank the management and staff for the smooth running of the club and helping to keep the leagues running effortlessly. All leagues were completed on time. As usual, 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 REPORT: The season started with 13 returning juniors from the summer where several played outdoor and during the winter 2 more juniors joined so we ended the season with 15. We also ended the season with 5 qualified coaches and 1 assistant. Thank you to them for their help during this time.

We managed to play most of the competitions and congratulations to all of the winners.

Also, congratulations to James and Mckenzie who have started to play in adult games.

Mckenzie in the singles competition and James in a league team plus winning the Novice Pairs club competition. Very well done to you both.

Well done to all of the juniors during the 2023/24 season and keep up your enthusiasm for the game.

Peter Clark

COMPETITION SECRETARYS REPORT: I would like to thank all those who entered the various competitions during the 2023/24 season and would like to congratulate all the winners and runners up. I would like to show my appreciation for all those who helped during finals week with the marking and those who helped set up for presentation night. Of course, my thanks go to John, Allison and the staff for their help during the season. Hopefully in season 2024/25 we might have a better response by the ladies in entering various competitions. In the coming season I would to thank Kevin fletcher for offering to shadow me as competition secretary. **Micheal Beighton**

CHAIRMAN BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT: As for all of you Our year has been very challenging. We were aware at the beginning of this financial year that finances would be tight, and we would expect to make a loss. The question was how big that loss would be. Although we had an increase in rink fees, we saw a slight decline in footfall this included both league and casual sessions. Our utility bills quadrupled in price and wages and other costs all increased. The Board of Directors had taken the decision early on not to increase subscriptions in an effort to retain our membership and footfall, this seems to have been relatively successful. In February we ran an open day and recruited some sixty-six members on the day. This has led to a slight increase in the footfall of casual sessions. You will see

when looking at the accounts there was a small increase in wage costs in Part due to extra cover having to be provided during our managers illness. The loss we are seeing, after depreciation is taken out is not as large as we first anticipated this in the main is due to good housekeeping and low maintenance costs (although we did have to purchase a new coffee machine just before the end of the financial year). It is hoped that next year with our planned increase in Subs and one-off Utility charge we will be able to break even and return to profit the year after. My report would not be complete without passing on my personal thanks to Louise, John and the management team for their help and dedication throughout the year. **Ray Cowell** Chairman Board of Trustees.

6. NOTICE OF MOTIONS RECEIVED:

Motions received from Malcolm Potter:

Proposal 1 – I would propose a change in the league rules for the start of the 2024/25 season. At present any player who has played for a team before the 14th October cannot transfer to another team. This seems rather harsh if a player has a falling out with the team which may or may not be their fault. The player is then penalised after this date by not being able to play in that league for the remainder of the season.

My proposal is to have an open window say on the last week in December and the first week in January when a player can be allowed to join another team after their resignation to the original team has been cancelled. The player would then be able to join a new team in that league after a new registration fee has been paid.

Proposal 2 – to make the game more interesting and to speed the game up. I propose that we utilise the re-spot position in the leagues (and comps) to prevent dead ends.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

POSITION	NOMINEE	PROPOSER	SECONDER
Chairman	Simon Robinson	1 st Year of 3 Year Appointment	
Secretary	Lynne Fryatt		
President	Katheryn Robinson	APPOINTMENT FROM COMMITTEE	
Senior V President	Alan Mathews		
Junior V President			
Fixtures Secretary		AUTOMATIC APPOINTMENT	
League Secretary	Rachel Dakin		
Competition Secretary	Michael Beighton		
Junior Representative			
Committee	Alan Hudson		
Committee	Madeline Hawkins		
Committee			
Committee			
Committee			

LEAGUE START DATES 2024/25 WINTER SEASON**LEAGUE NOTES**

LEAGUE	START DATE
Mon 10.30	TBC Sept
Mon 14.30	TBC Sept
Mon 18.30	TBC Sept
Tues 10.30	TBC Sept
Tue 14.30	TBC Sept
Tue 18.30	TBC Sept
Wed 10.30	TBC Sept
Wed 18.30	TBC Sept
Thurs 10.30	TBC Sept
Thurs 14.30	TBC Sept
Thurs Eve	TBC Sept
Fri 10.30 Div. 1	TBC Sept
Fri 10.30 Div. 2	TBC Sept
Fri 14.30	TBC Sept
Fri 18.30	TBC Sept

WARNING: Once you have confirmed your entry you are committed for the season. Any team dropping out, except for exceptional circumstances, will be liable for all remaining rink fees.

WARNING: New team members must pay their annual subscription before playing any league games. Existing team members must pay their subs by 30th September.

WARNING: Any outstanding matches at the end of the season must be paid for in full by the defaulting team.

WARNING: League matches should only be postponed under exceptional circumstances; captains should make full use of substitutes to cover illness & holidays. Where a league match has to be postponed it must be done with the approval of the League secretary and your opposition. Don't forget to cancel the rink with the office, failure to do so could result in you still being charged.

LEAGUE RULES: These are just a few examples of some important club rules. Captains are advised to make themselves fully aware of all league rules; copies of which are available from the club office, or they can be viewed on the club web site: www.eibc.co.uk

TEAM SHEETS and fixture lists will be emailed to captains as soon as they are ready. Hard copies can be collected from the office.

PLEASE NOTE: These start dates are only provisional and may be subject to change.

**E.I.B.C SUBSCRIPTIONS 2024/25
RENEWAL FORM**

TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL MEMBERS

THIS FORM CAN BE USED FOR UP TO 3 FAMILY MEMBERS

NAME	MEMB NO	CLASS	LOCKER NO	PAYMENT
E-MAIL:				
E-MAIL:				
Date:		Total: (Cheque or cash)		

NOTES:

1. DATA PROTECTION REGULATIONS. IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY GIVEN YOUR CONSENT FOR US TO SHARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS WITH OTHER MEMBERS, THIS WILL BE SHOWN ON YOUR RENEWAL FORM AND WILL REMAIN IN PLACE UNTIL YOU ADVISE US OTHERWISE. SHOULD YOU WISH TO CHANGE THIS STANDING INSTRUCTION PLEASE AMEND YOUR RENEWAL FORM ACCORDINGLY WHEN YOU COME TO PAY YOUR SUBSCRIPTION FEE.

2. **GIFT AID.** IF YOU ARE A UK TAXPAYER AND HAVEN'T ALREADY FILLED OUT AND RETURNED A GIFT AID FORM, PLEASE CONSIDER DOING SO WHEN YOU PAY YOUR SUBS. FORMS ARE OUT ON THE BAR OR CAN BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE CLUB WEBSITE.

3. IF YOU HAVE AN E-MAIL ADDRESS, BUT ARE **NOT CURRENTLY RECEIVING CLUB EMAILS**, PLEASE ENTER YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS IN THE SPACE ABOVE AND WE WILL ADD YOU TO OUR DISTRIBUTION LIST.

4. IF YOU HAVE A LOCKER PLEASE ENTER YOUR LOCKER NUMBER ABOVE, FAILURE TO DO SO MAY RESULT IN YOUR LOCKER BEING RE-LET. LOCKER FEE OF £5 TO BE PAID WITH YOUR SUBSCRIPTION FEE.

5. **PLEASE COMPLETE AND BRING THIS FORM WITH YOU WHEN YOU COME TO PAY.**

ALL SUBSCRIPTIONS MUST BE PAID BY THE 30TH SEPTEMBER. IF YOU ARE NOT LIKELY TO VISIT THE CLUB BEFORE THIS DATE, PLEASE POST THE RENEWAL FORM BACK TO THE CLUB ALONG WITH YOUR CHEQUE FOR THE DUE AMOUNT.