



Tamworth & District Indoor Bowls Club Ltd

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A Community Amateur Sports Club



Annual General Meeting Thursday 30 March 2017

1. **Welcome:**

The Chairman welcomed the Board of Directors and all Club members to the 2017 AGM. The Chairman apologised for not sending everyone an AGM booklet this year and promised to send copies out for all future AGM's.

He also welcomed the Outdoor group as this AGM covers all of TIBC activities.

2. **Apologies:** Neil Southall, Barbara Baker, Marion Cox, Keith Gorman, Adrian McDonald,

3. **Absent Friends:** A roll call of those members that have Passed away this year was read out by Eileen Wallbank followed by a minute's silence in respect to absent friends:

Barry Allibone
Merris Bailey
Gerald Dixon
Tony Ellis
Jonathan Nicholas
Marlene Stretton
Gordon Slater
Henry Smith
Rita Smith
Brian Turner

4. **Approval of the Minutes of the 2016 AGM:** Proposed by Ken Richmond and seconded by Andy Bailey. Motion carried by a show of hands.

5. **Matters Arising:** None

6. **Presentation and Approval of the Accounts:** Faith Bates of Philip Barnes & Co read out the summary of the accounts and asked for any questions from the members. Questions:

- Bob Lay: Are we getting the best interest with NatWest? Addressed by the Chairman: Interest rates are pretty standard across all bank. But we will look into it in the next 2 - 3 months.
- John Rogers: What was the total Project cost for the heating?:
- Addressed by Chairman: Total cost was around £70,000 & confirmed by Faith Bates

7. **Chairman of Directors Report:** The Chairman thanked all the bowlers and social members for supporting the Club, especially the "little guys" who come simply to have an enjoyable game of bowls a good atmosphere, where winning is simply a bonus. We do this for fun and recreation and if winning is more important than playing, think again (or turn professional). He remarked that one quarter had rebuked him for not talking about the achievements of the Club in his booklet address, but this was deliberate. This should be done by the Club Captains and the Management Committee representatives. They pick the teams and they should get the plaudits and they all agreed with him prior to the meeting that this was a better way. He moved on to say that as this was likely to be a lengthy meeting he would move quickly onto the next item on the agenda.



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- **Proposal:** By John Rogers and Seconded by Joe Morris: That all voting should be by secret ballot whether it is a single or multiple officer nomination or other proposal including unopposed positions. This was accepted by the Chairman and a show of hands indicated that this proposal, in line with our Articles of Association was carried, as only two members are required to initiate this and from this point forward, all voting was by secret ballot.

8. Amendments to Articles of Association & Memorandum

The Board have issued a number of Amendments to the Articles of Association

Proposed additional Amendment: By Alan Blake:

“That the Board insert a statement that it has the authority to apply for a bank loan when required”

- Roy Griffiths replied that if a bank loan was required, the Board felt that the membership should be involved in such a major decision via either an AGM or EGM and not just made by the Board without such consultation.
- Additionally, we see no reason to apply for a loan as the accounts are predicting a healthy end of year position.
- The Chairman explained that broadly, the Boards proposed changes to the Articles were primarily to bring it up to date, delete the requirement for new members details to be posted as this is contrary to the CASC regulations & probably contrary to data protection requirements, & confirm that copies of Minutes could be stored electronically. In view of the balloting decision & to save time, the additional amendment and the original proposal were dealt with on the same ballot.

The additional Amendment was defeated & original Proposal approved

Voting: 67 For 9 Against 3 Abstain

9. Club Constitution:

The Club have introduced a Constitution, which we currently do not have, as a precursor to our Clubmark Accreditation & will be added to our Memorandum of Association

We have two proposed Amendments from John Rogers & Alan Blake which are identical & we will treat as a single item.

“Section 10 of the proposed Constitution should be replaced with the standard EIBA Discipline & Appeals Procedure”

The Chairman asked the members to consider the following point before voting:

- The EIBA Discipline & Appeals Policy element of the EIBA Constitution is only a template, one of a handful of helpful templates & specifically advises you to look at other Constitutions before finalising your own. It is not a finalised document & therefore cannot be voted on.
- The EIBA document does not cover the Outdoor element of the Club
- This template makes it quite clear that, the decision of the Club is final, & there is no right of appeal to the EIBA but there is a right of appeal to B.E. for Outdoor members as TIBC is also affiliated to BE and this is a mandatory condition of affiliation



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- Our version was based on the Clubmark template, which is the Bowls Development Association & Sport England recommended, plus extensive reviews of other bowls clubs Constitutions & then “tweaked” to suit Tamworth.
- We have added a Mediation clause, as of the three “Spats” we have had in the last two years, two were resolved by mediation and the third very nearly, so it was felt that we did not want to take every complaint via a Disciplinary Panel with all the work & ill feeling that such a method we have found, generates.
- The proposed Constitution, including the D & P proposals has been approved following consultation, by the Board, the Indoor Management Committee & the Outdoor Management Committee

The Chairman advised that the only way of introducing a D & A Procedure based on the EIBA template would be to vote against the current Constitution proposal and introduce a new Constitution either at an EGM or the next AGM.

The results on a vote for the Club Constitution be accepted as read:

74 For 5 Against 4 Abstain.

10. Appointment of Accountants:

Philip Barnes & Co Limited were unanimously re-appointed as Company Auditors. Proposed by Jean Webb Seconded by S. Bostock

11. Appointment of Directors Retiring by Rotation:

The following Directors having retired by rotation were re-elected.

- **Mr M. W. Yates:** 67 For 7 against 4 Abstain
- **Mr B. P. Burton:** 46 For 28 Against 7 Abstain

12. Appointment of New Directors:

- **Mr R Griffiths:** 45 For 27 Against 8 Abstain
- **Mr M Passmore:** 70 For 6 Against 4 Abstain

13. Chairman of Outdoor Management Committee Report:

Terry Harris, the Outdoor President addressed the members with a few things about the outdoor section:

We are now affiliated to the BBA, Warwickshire and Bowls England and our main aim this season is to increase our membership. We are looking at different ways of doing this and to start with, we invite all the members of the Indoor section to come along to our opening day on Saturday 15 April at 14:00 hours and on any Wednesday at 14:00 hours when we have our club afternoons. We are not trying to take bowlers away from the Indoor section, so if you are not bowling indoors this summer come along and give the outdoors a try. You can still do your Indoor & Crown Green bowling & come and join us as our fixtures do not clash with the Indoor schedule.



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We have a full fixture list for the coming season, including two touring sides, a County game and two BBA Representative games. Additionally, there is also the BBA League.

Please note that new members from the Indoor section do get a 25% discount on their subscriptions for the first year, which is £40.

If you would like any information, please see Bob Allcock, Alan Install or myself.

Hope to see you on the green.

14. Chairman of the Indoor Management Committee Report: Sid Bostock was asked to say a few words having resigned from the post in November 2016. He began by thanking the committee members: Avis - Fixture Sec. Terry - Competition Sec. Andy - League Sec. John Boulstridge - Captain. Ted - Club Manager and Jackie Smith - Ladies President and Marion Cox - Membership Secretary.

Andy for domestic reasons had to miss many sessions and he really was missed.

A main achievement was to get the defibrillator. Thank goodness we have not had to use it yet. I did not share the view of others concerning the time spent on changing the Constitution, Articles of Association etc, etc, nor compulsory coaching, though I do appreciate this being available.

My main concern is, was and always will be in the members, 90% who value the casually competitive and socially satisfying bowling and the other 10% are our stars and the cream always comes to the top.

I did ask with some success that any disagreements be settled on the rink in a sporting manner.

As to the Constitution my main concern was that the members retain the right to call an EGM as we must never forget this is your club and we all have the same rights which include being able to express our feelings to reasonable people without being slapped down.

We do however need to remember that our Directors and Management Committee all carry out their tasks without remuneration and this also includes the coaches.

I must congratulate Gill Ardin, Ladies Captain and also Jackie Smith President, who have carried out their duties brilliantly and brought joy to many - a very good team for which we thank them

The social atmosphere is derided by a few but coveted by most. That's the most valuable asset we have.

And finally your new Chairman Andy Bailey a hard working and competent man and very much appreciated. Good luck Andy you can do it.

Andy Bailey: At this point Andy thanked Sid for his role as Chairman and for his commitment to the club over the years and presented him with a gift of appreciation from the club. He also thanked Don Potts for his loyal service to the club, opening and closing the club over many years. Andy presented Don with a gift of appreciation from the club.

15. Lady Captain's Report:

Gill Ardin thanked all the Ladies for their support during the season 2016 - 2017



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The Ladies have done as well as expected with a minimum lose of shots. Over 8 weeks the WOW Competition had 25 members in attendance every week, thank you.

In the Ladies Nationals Triples Area Finals: Gill Ardin, Marion Cox and Chloe Kitchen lost by just 4 shots.

Gill thanked all Ladies and Gentlemen who played for her and thanked Jackie Perry whose team in the Warwickshire Top 6, came second.

16. Club Captain's Report:

John Boulstridge resigned as Club Captain with approximately 4 games still to play, the helm has been steadied, thanks to Malcolm Machin and fixtures completed with just 1 home game on the 8 April to play. Results to date: won 23, lost 5 and 5 games cancelled and Unbeaten at home thus-far this season.

My thanks to every member that has taken part in these weekend matches, your enthusiasm and dedicated team spirit has helped put Tamworth Bowls Club on the map. These matches are a fantastic opportunity for new bowlers to integrate themselves into the club and improve their game against other club members. We as a club look forward to next seasons fixtures, so keep your eyes on the Club Notice Board for the team sheets, put you name down and let's play bowls the Tamworth way.

17. Indoor Subscriptions for Season 2017 - 2018:

The Chairman informed the members that there would be no increase in the subs this year. John Pratty raised concerns about the cost to the Club by not raising the subs and the increasing cost of inflation. Proposed by John Pratty and Seconded by John Boulstridge **That Club subs be increased by £5.00.** Rejected on a show of hands

At this point, to expedite matters, voting forms were issued for all remaining posts – results item 20

18. Election of Vice President:

The Chairman welcomed the new Club President Mr Ken Richmond to introduce the new Vice-President Mr Brian Seaton.

Ken thanked the Chairman and all members for their warm welcome and extended an open invitation to all, for the indoor finals weekend 1-2 April 2017.

19. Election of the Lady Vice-President:

Eileen Wallbank introduced Jackie Smith as the Ladies President Elect.

20. Election of Club Officers:

- Club Vice-President: Brian Seaton: 47 For 16 Against
- Ladies Vice-President: Jackie Perry: 71 For 0 Against
- League Secretary: Andy Bailey: 72 For 0 Against
- Competition Secretary: Terry Harris: 70 for 0 Against



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- Fixture Secretary: Avis Edginton: 67 For 3 Against
- Coaching Rep: Alan Tarpey: 59 For 12 Against
- Juniors Rep: Ken Richmond: 57 For 12 Against
- Club Captain: No Nominated person
- Club Vice-Captain: No Nominated person
- Ladies Captain: Gill Ardin 72 For 0 Against
- Ladies Vice Captain: Jackie Smith: 71 For 0 Against
- Rules / Liaison Rep: Alan Weston: 50 For 10 Against
- Warwickshire County Representatives: John Sawle 63 For 9 Against: Alan Install and Brian Seaton withdrew their names from the nominations list

21. Date of Next Meeting: Thursday 22 March 2018

22. Meeting Closed: 21:45 Hrs