



# *Devon County Indoor Bowls Association*

## **MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR THE 2022/2023 SEASON HELD AT MID-DEVON I.B.C. ON MONDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2023**

PRESIDENT IAN TURNER OPENED THE MEETING AT 6-30PM

- 1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE RECEIVED FROM LEIGHTON BURSTON, GARY STITCHINGS, KEN WHEELER, KEVAN DAVEY AND MIKE SAMPSON.
- 2) OBITUARY FOR KEITH WEEKS WAS HEARD AND KEN SAID THAT HE WAS SADLY MISSED AND THE HURT REMAINS.
- 3) THE MINUTES OF THE 21-22 AGM HAVING BEEN CIRCULATED WERE AGREED AND SIGNED OFF.
- 4) THE TREASURER PRESENTED THE REPORT AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS. HE PRESENTED THE INCOME AND EXPENDITURE IN DETAIL POINTING OUT THE NEED TO HOLD A SUBSTANTIAL RESERVE TO ALLOW FOR THE POTENTIAL SUCCESS OF OUR INTER COUNTY TEAMS PLAYING IN NATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND PROGRESSING TO THE FINALS.

AFTER THE SMALL INCREASE IN MEMBERS FOR 2022-2023, COUNTY SECRETARY EXPRESSED HOPE AND ANTICIPATION THAT A FURTHER INCREASE WILL HAPPEN FOR 2023-2024.

WITH DAVID BUTTERWORTH STEPPING DOWN AS TREASURER AT THIS MEETING, HIS SUCCESSOR BILL McKIMM THANKED DAVID. THAT WAS FOLLOWED BY A ROUND OF SINCERE AND WELL DESERVED APPLAUSE, REINFORCED BY THE WORDS OF OUTGOING PRESIDENT IAN TURNER.

- 5) MEMBERSHIP LEVELS: KEN ASKED THE FLOOR IF THEY COULD POSSIBLY INDICATE ON A SHOW OF HANDS ANY INDICATIONS THAT THEIR MEMBERSHIP WILL INCREASE OR DECREASE FOR NEXT SEASON. THE RESULTS SHOWED THAT 67% ANTICIPATED HIGHER LEVELS AND 33% LOWER LEVELS. THIS WAS SEEN AS ENCOURAGING
- 6) KEN REPORTED THAT AS DECIDED AT THE MARCH EXECUTIVE MEETING THE VICE PRESIDENTS ASSOCIATION SADLY WOULD NOT CONTINUE. HE DID SAY THAT IF AN INCREASED OF MORE COMMITTED PLAYERS WANTED TO RECOMMENCE THEN THE BASIC STRUCTURE EXISTS TO ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN.
- 7) THE COUNTY SECRETARY THEN PRESENTED A REPORT ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE COUNTY DURING THE 2022/2023 SEASON. HE READ THROUGH THE REPORT. A FULL COPY IS POSTED ON THE WEBSITE.
- 8) GRANTS, FEES AND ALLOWANCES FOR 2023/2024 WERE AS RECORDED AT THE MARCH EXECUTIVE MEETING AND APPROVED. MOST HAD STAYED THE SAME, BUT CAPITATION FEES AND THE MILEAGE ALLOWANCE HAVE INCREASED. THE WHOLE LIST WAS PROPOSED EN-BLOC FOR RATIFICATION BY KEITH YOUNG AND SECONDED BY MOUSA AL KORDI. THE VOTE WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND RATIFIED.
- 9) PRESIDENT AND OFFICERS FOR 2023/2024 WERE READ OUT BY GEORGE COXWELL (FULL LIST IS POSTED ON THE WEBSITE). THE APPOINTMENTS WERE PROPOSED EN-BLOC BY MOUSA AL KORDI AND SECONDED BY KEITH YOUNG. THE VOTE WAS CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY AND RATIFIED. THERE THEN FOLLOWED THE HANDOVER OF THE OFFICIAL CHAIN OF OFFICE BY IAN TURNER TO

CHRIS FENNER. IAN THANKED ALL THE CLUBS AND PLAYERS AND THE COUNTY OFFICERS FOR THEIR HELP AND SUPPORT DURING A HAPPY AND SUCCESSFUL YEAR OF OFFICE.

- 10) A PROPOSAL TO REVISE THE COMPETITION RULES TO ALLOW THE NEW PAIRS COMPETITION TO PROCEED WAS PUT TO THE MEETING. THE PROPOSAL HAD BEEN AVAILABLE TO VIEW ON THE WEBSITE AND WAS PROPOSED BY GEORGE COXWELL AND SECONDED BY KEN BRENCHLEY. THE VOTE THAT FOLLOWED ON THE PROPOSAL WAS UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOUR AND WAS RATIFIED.
- 11) A PROPOSAL TO REVERT TO THE PREVIOUS RULES OF THE CHARLES PARROTT SHIELD AND WHICH HAD BEEN POSTED ON THE WEBSITE AND PROPOSED BY GEORGE COXWELL AND SECONDED BY KEN BRENCHLEY WAS PUT TO THE MEETING. GARY OSBORNE ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION OF THE ORIGINAL RULES AND GEORGE COXWELL EXPLAINED TO THE MEETING THOSE RULES AND HOW THE CHANGES MADE HAD JEOPARDISED THE CONTINUANCE OF THAT COMPETITION DUE TO INTERPRETATION OF THOSE RULES. THE VOTE IN FAVOUR OF THE PROPOSAL WAS UNANIMOUS.
- 12) CHRIS FENNER THEN OFFERED A VOTE OF THANKS TO IAN TURNER AND THE ASSOCIATION'S OFFICERS WHICH WAS GRACIOUSLY ACCEPTED.

AS ALL OFFICIAL BUSINESS HAD BEEN COMPLETED THE MEETING WAS CLOSED BY OUTGOING PRESIDENT IAN TURNER.

#### **OPEN FORUM**

HEIDI AND ADAM FIELDER REISSUED AND REITERATED THEIR IMPASSIONED PLEA FOR SUPPORT FROM THE CLUBS WHICH SO FAR HAS NOT BEEN SUPPORTED BY ***ALL*** CLUBS. IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO OVERSTATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE COLTS TO THE COUNTY, AS DEMONSTRATED DURING THE 22-23 SEASON, WITH THE COLTS PROVIDING SUPPORT TO SENIOR COUNTY COMPETITIONS.

NEW LEAGUE SECRETARY TONY DAVIES REMINDED CLUBS OF THE LEAGUE RULES THAT ANY CLUB WITH MORE THAN ONE TEAM ENTERED IN A PARTICULAR LEAGUE MUST REGISTER SIXTEEN PLAYERS FOR EACH TEAM.

TORBAY POINTED OUT THAT ANY REQUEST MUST BE MADE TO THEIR CLUB SECRETARY TO AVOID ANY ERRORS. OTHERS STATED THAT THEY HAD NOT YET MADE THEIR SELECTIONS. TONY EMPHASISED THAT THE RULES STATE THAT THE LATEST DATE FOR REGISTRATION OF PLAYERS IS 30TH SEPTEMBER AND ***MUST*** BE ADHERED TO AS PER THE RULES.

THE MEETING EXPRESSED APPRECIATION TO IAN TURNER AND MID-DEVON IBC FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY.

THERE WERE NO FURTHER ITEMS PUT FORWARD