



# *Devon County Indoor Bowls Association*

## **MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT MID-DEVON INDOOR BOWLING CLUB ON MONDAY 27TH MARCH 2023**

1. The President Ian Turner opened the meeting with a minutes silence in honour and respect of our Match Secretary Keith Weeks BEM who passed away so unexpectedly on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March whilst officiating at a county match with Somerset. He will be greatly missed by his county and those counties around us. Rest in peace Keith. Ian lifted the meeting by telling of Devon's great victory over Cambridgeshire in the Liberty Trophy. Congratulations to all involved.
2. Apologies for absence were received from Graham Heaven, Ken Wheeler, Chris Swan, Mike Sampson.
3. The minutes of the previous meeting having been previously circulated were approved and signed off.
4. There were no matters arising.
5. Website Manager David Butterworth advised that there were no issues, but that activity had been manic over the last few weeks, with leagues and competitions reaching final stages, and of course the excellent news of Devon's Liberty Trophy victory.
6. The Treasurer's Report was presented by David Butterworth who stated that he will be preparing the Statement of Accounts by 30<sup>th</sup> April, once the final transactions for Financial Year 2022-2023 are concluded. The Statement will probably show a modest increase in funds over the financial year. A transition period will then occur, following which David will be available to support the new County Treasurer elect, Bill McKimm.
7. The Match Secretary's report was given by Chris Beer who was working closely with Keith Weeks over the past season. He paid a fulsome and appropriate tribute to Keith for all his work on behalf of the County, stretching back over many years.

Chris reported the loss of the Westsport Trophy and County Shield to Cornwall, albeit temporarily of course. The final President's match of the season was played at Kingsley who were the victors.

Chris also delivered a warm accolade to Kevin Phillips for his magnificent achievements with the Liberty Trophy team over a good few years. The whole meeting supported those sentiments as well deserved.

8. Fixture Secretary Jill Beer reported that she now has the EIBA fixtures list, and this will enable completion of next season's county fixtures to move a little closer.

There is an issue as the County and President's matches due to be held at Isca may be compromised as the Isca Centre will close at 3.30pm on Sundays. Jill is in discussion with Isca, but this is complicated by the fact that Exeter City Council make the final decisions.

Plans for the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary match are well advanced.

9. Competition Secretary George Coxwell reported that all competitions have been decided up to the finals stage, which will take place over the weekend of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> April at Mid Devon.

He advised the meeting of the programme for the two days. He urged all Clubs to obtain a copy of the new World Bowls rules that has been ratified and is due for publication in April this year.

10. League Secretary David Butterworth reported that all league programmes had been completed. Inter-Club Division-1 was won by Plymouth-A and Division-2 by Mid Devon. Over-60s League Group-A was won by Isca-A, and Group-B by Plymouth-A. Following Over-60s League play-offs, the final will be contested between Isca-A and Torbay-A at Mid Devon on 5<sup>th</sup> April.
11. Liberty Team Manager Kevin Phillips was delighted to announce that , after a tight and tough final against Nottingham against Cambridgeshire, Devon won the Liberty Trophy again. He praised all of his squad for their efforts in getting to and winning the final, and the way it was won after, at one stage, being over 20 shots down. The Over-60s exited their competition in the semi-final against Surrey.
12. The Safeguarding Officer George Taylor made a statement that in view of recent sad events, revision of policy regarding the recording of next of kin details would be made in October 2023.
13. The Under-25s report was given by Adam Fielder drawing attention to his comments in his report to the January Executive meeting. These matters have yet to be addressed by the Clubs.
14. The Devon Colts report was again given by Adam Fielder, further appealing to the Clubs and Committee to address the concerns facing the Colts. The Secretary suggested to those present to consider a nil charge for rink fees when the Colts visit their respective clubs.
15. The County Tour report was given by Larry Croxford who said that this year's tour to Hampshire was overall a great success, despite one event that was out of our control. However, that was cancelled out by a victory over Somerset that was much enjoyed, with prosaic words from President Ian Turner. Next year's tour is planned to go to Dorset, with one visit to the Isle of Wight. Larry stated that as bookings are already being taken up, it would be advisable to book as early as members can.
16. The Vice-Presidents Association report was given by Ken Brenchley. He thanked Mousa for his hard and unstinting work during the season to enable the completion

of as many games as were possible. There then followed a vote called for at the previous meeting as to whether or not the VPs should continue. This showed a clear majority in favour of the Association not continuing. Keith Young stated the concerns that, as a result of the vote, there could be adverse effects on the finances of the Devon Colts. Ken vowed to explore and address this along with Mousa, who stated that some monies were available from this season that will be directed to the Colts. Other ways of financing the Colts must be found.

17. The County Secretary stated that the Constitution and Rules would be updated as soon as possible.

18. The list of nominations for Officers and Committee for 2023-2024 (a copy of which is attached to these minutes) was read out at the meeting, already having been posted on the web-site, and was submitted to this meeting for approval. It was proposed by Keith Young and seconded by Kevan Davey and carried unanimously.

The County Secretary stated that he will continue in the post until the AGM in September, working closely with and assisting George Coxwell during a transition period which will continue until the January executive meeting.

Treasurer David Butterworth will prepare the end of year accounts for financial year 2022-2023, and then step down from that position. Similarly David will step down as League Secretary as soon as Anthony Davies has bedded himself in, which in any event will be before the AGM. David Butterworth will continue on a month by month basis to manage the web-site, but a successor must be found as soon as possible, or by the time of the AGM.

19. The County Secretary presented a list of fees and allowances for 2023-2024 to the meeting for approval. These were proposed en bloc by Mousa Al-Kordi, seconded by Ken Roberts, and carried unanimously.

20. Officer Appointments filled as per item 18.

21. Date of Next Meeting was set for Monday January 24<sup>th</sup> 6.30pm at Mid Devon.

22. Under Any Other Business the County Secretary congratulated Exonia for their achievement of winning the National Top Club final.

23. President Ian Turner closed the meeting at 8.35pm.



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## **Nominations for Executive Officer Positions 2023 / 2024**

<b>President</b>	Chris Fenner
<b>Senior Vice President</b>	Ray Sandercock
<b>Junior Vice President</b>	Leighton Burston
<b>Immediate past President</b>	Ian Turner
<b>County Secretary</b>	George Coxwell
<b>County Treasurer</b>	Bill McKimm
<b>Match Secretary</b>	Chris Beer
<b>Fixture Secretary</b>	Jill Beer
<b>Competition Secretary</b>	George Coxwell
<b>League Secretary</b>	Anthony Davies
<b>Safeguarding Officer</b>	Mousa-Al-Kordi
<b>Website Administrator</b>	David Butterworth (acting)
<b>Liberty Trophy Manager</b>	Kevin Phillips
<b>Over-60s Inter-County</b>	Stuart Evans Glyn Lawrence Kevin Phillips
<b>Devon Colts Managers</b>	Adam & Hiedi Fielder
<b>Under-25s Managers</b>	Adam & Hiedi Fielder
<b>Under-18s Managers</b>	Adam & Hiedi Fielder
<b>County Tour Managers</b>	Chris & Jill Beer
<b>Regional Co-ordinators</b>	Chris Beer +1 vacancy

DEVON COUNTY INDOOR BOWLS  
PRESIDENT MR CHRIS FENNER COUNTY TOUR 2024  
MARCH 8th to 11th 2024.



**HAMPTON BY HILTON HOTEL, BOURNEMOUTH**

Friday 8th March

Depart morning 10am from Exonia Bowls Club, travel to Dorchester IBC for match followed by Buffet Dinner, we then travel on to our hotel for check in and relax.

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Saturday 9th March

After an early breakfast, board coach for travel to Southampton in time to catch ferry to the Isle of Wight for afternoon match with the Isle of Wight IBC, a little bar time recreation and departing to catch ferry and return to Hotel.

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Sunday 10th March

Most of the morning free before boarding our Coach for a short trip to Dolphin IBC for our match. Then we make our way back to Hotel in time to change for dinner in Dining room.

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Monday 11th March

Morning departure from Hotel (time to be advised). Travel to Taunton Deane IBC, refreshments available before match. Dinner will be provided after match, then evening return to Exonia Bowling Club.

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**£300 per person plus £45 supplement for singles**

**Deposit of £50 pp by or before Nov. 20th 2024 and balance by 5th February 2025**

**Cheques made payable to DCIBA, sent to**

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**Price INCLUDES Hotel B&B , dinner at 3 clubs Sunday at Hotel, Rink Fees, Coach Travel**