



# *Devon County Indoor Bowls Association*

PRESIDENT MOUSA-AL-KORDI

## **MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT MID-DEVON IBC ON MONDAY 24TH JANUARY AT 6-30 PM**

### **PRESIDENT MOUSA-AL-KORDI OPENED THE MEETING AT 6-40 PM**

- 1) Apologies for absence were received from Chris Maynard, Mike Sampson, Brian Creber, Chris Fenner and Adam and Heidi Fielder.**
- 2) The minutes of the previous meeting which was the AGM held in September 2021 were agreed by all and signed off.**
- 3) There were no matters arising.**
- 4) The Treasurer submitted his report and a copy of his report is attached to these minutes on the website. A major item of his report showed a decrease in our membership of 32%. A matter of concern for all of us.**
- 5) The Match Secretary submitted his report to the Meeting and a copy of that report is on the website. Keith asked for clubs to notify him of their match rink fees and food arrangements and charges to be notified to him prior to next season and certainly by July 2022. Keith stated his intention to step down from his position of Match Secretary at the end of the 2023 season.**
- 6) The Fixtures Secretary submitted a verbal report to the meeting. He is beginning to formulate the fixtures for the 2022/2023 season, but cannot finalise anything until EIBA notify us of their competitions fixtures which will take priority.**
- 7) The Competitions Secretary submitted his report to the meeting and a copy of that report is available on the website. Competitions were proceeding satisfactorily with minimal withdrawals or concessions. He asked for all clubs and individual members who won trophies at the most recent competitions (2019) to return the trophies to him**

**urgently so as to be available for presentation to the Winners this year.**

- 8) The League Secretary presented his report to the meeting. David told the meeting that all was running to plan and, in the case of the O60s, they were approaching the quarter finals. A suggestion regarding the adoption of a fixed standard starting time for all Over-60s league games across all venues had come forward. It was generally agreed that it would prove unworkable but the matter could be brought back to the executive if a formal proposal is received from clubs. That would be the case also with another suggestion that substitutions to A teams from B teams could be revised. There was a general feeling that would be unacceptable. Ken Wheeler from Sidmouth IBC then presented his discussion document (circulated to interested parties on 13/12/2021) regarding changes in the makeup of the club teams in the two Over 60s divisions. As some clubs felt they needed further time to more fully discuss the issues raised, it was agreed that delegates would ensure that this would now occur in a timely manner, following which informed discussion could be held at the March Executive meeting. A vote and decision would of course require a formal proposal to have been tabled by Sidmouth, and seconded by one other club.**
- 9) The Liberty Team manager reported to the meeting that having beaten Cornwall and Somerset we now have to face Wiltshire in the next round at ISCA on 19TH February. This continuing run of success follows on from the Devon victory in the delayed 2020 final . The meeting congratulated all concerned.**
- 10) The Safeguarding Officer reported that he had not had to deal with any pressing items this season. George couldn't praise enough the new management team responsible for the running of the Devon Colts and Under 18s Adam and Heidi Fielder have adopted a management structure that is fairly and safely representing our County. They are to be applauded.**
- 11) The Under 25s Manager's report is already on the website. John informed the meeting that he is stepping down as Manager of the Under 25s and in conjunction with the secretary to make representations in the hopes that the age bracket for this group is extended by EIBA to Under 30s as they have done for other competitions. He is happy to announce that Adam Fielder has agreed**

**to assume the responsibility of becoming the new Manager and is sure that he will make a good job of it.**

- 12) John Berry read the Devon Colts report due to Adam and Heidi Fielder having to be absent. John also reinforced the comments of our safeguarding officer and that our Devon Colts are in safe hands and some new faces are emerging from their ranks. A copy of the report is on the website.**
- 13) Kevin Phillips reported on the Over 60s Inter County Competition. A successful run of results has led to Devon reaching the semifinals where we have to face Essex. This match will be played at Banister Park, Eastleigh on 22nd February . The final, will be played at Nottingham with an eleven am start time.**
- 14) Larry Croxford reported on the County Tour led by Mousa to Gloucester. Everyone that is coming on the tour must pay the balance by 1st February, otherwise Larry will be forced in to paying surcharges on agreed lower rates! He is actively trying to arrange the 2023 tour led by Ian Turner.**
- 15) Ken Brenchley reported on behalf of the Vice Presidents. In all honesty the VP's have muddled through this season so far due to withdrawals and cancellations. It is hoped that they will get through to the end of the season culminating with the VPs Cup at ISCA. When the VPs have their normal regular yearly annual meeting in August a decision on its future activities will be made.**
- 16) The secretary emphasised the importance of member clubs holding their own annual general meetings prior to the DCIBA Annual General Meeting in order to bring their opinions to the meeting. Also, he told the meeting that a period of when it has not been practicable to submit Form 1( Club Officers ) or Form B ( Players on County Badge Trail) within the time frame required is now hopefully over and the dates needed for the return of the forms will be rigidly imposed, in order for County to have the necessary information to function.**
- 17) The Website Manager was encouraged by the update of the taking and providing of information on the website. The minutes of this meeting will be on the website together with the relevant officer's reports.**
- 18) There was a discussion on the obtaining of the county badge and the applicants entitlements. Our constitution is quite adequate to allow for all circumstances as detailed in section 8 and will continue to be so.**

- 19) The secretary wished to provide nominations for the creation of four new Life Members. Four very different gentlemen linked by their commitment to the DCIBA. They are Chris Beer for his successful year as President and his continuing work as County Competitions Officer. George Taylor for his outstanding tenure as our Safeguarding Officer. The very nature of his position entails confidentiality and diplomacy, and we are fortunate to have his services. Kevin Phillips for his inspiring leadership of the Liberty Trophy Trophy team and the management of it that has provided DCIBA with many successful days. In addition his own magnificent personal achievement of playing in over 100 Liberty Trophy matches will be hard to match. Mike Sampson for his unstinting work in support of DCIBA over many years linked with his work with Plymouth Life Centre BC not least in the turmoil of helping to ensure that the club did not sink in the Mire of Covid and the reconstruction of the Life Centre. These nominations were unanimously approved by the executive committee and will be presented at the Annual General Meeting in May, with the exception of Mike whose award will be presented prior to the meeting.**
- 20) ANY OTHER BUSINESS Ian Turner asked and had confirmed by the meeting that defeat in a competition match is exactly that and will not be changed. The secretary and treasurer received permission to go to the EIBA Annual General Meeting to address some issues that need resolving in the interests of our members. The secretary announced that he would be stepping down from that post on 29th January 2024, the specific date being non negotiable but will allow for a successor to wok alongside him for a decent period before taking over. George Taylor also stated his intention to step down from the post of Safeguarding Officer and agreed also to stay in post until 29th January 2024.**
- 21) The President set the date for the next Executive Meeting for Monday 28th March at 6-30 pm.**
- 22) The President closed the meeting at 8-45 pm.**