



# NEWSLETTER

## Annual General Meeting

### The Meeting's Purpose

This is the opportunity for members to find out about the Clubs:

- successes
- on-going improvements, and
- any potential risks

And to present the certificates and trophies for the in-house league and competition winners.

### How do we find the information?

The committee analyses the results from a number of sources including:

- **feedback** from last year's A.G.M.
- The current **Bowls Development Plan-B.D.P.**
- **Annual Survey** of members
- the annual **Health Checker** - a questionnaire provided by the English Indoor Bowls Association (E.I.B.A.) that after completion produces a report comparing our outcomes with those of other similar Clubs.
- Other tick-list surveys, particularly for **Safeguarding**
- Successes, concerns and suggestions raised during the year

### What do we do with all this information?

We formulate the new **B.D.P.**



Mixed League, Division Two winners: JANNERS

## Congratulations

We would like to welcome the following members who were voted on to our Committee during the meeting.

Bill Grantham.....Chairperson

John Kelly.....Safeguarding Officer

Karen Pope.....Assistant Safeguarding Officer

Lissa Grindrod.....Ladies Assistant Secretary

### Last year's Minutes

Both the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 19.04.2023 and the Special General Meeting of 26.07.2023 were approved. There were no matters to be transacted as all actions had been completed.

It was reported that the Committee did carry out the review for the Evening League and the vast majority of respondents wanted the 18 end game to remain.

### Why is it important?

It is absolutely essential that the Committee are fully aware of any potential risks to the club's viability. We must ensure that we are financially viable, meet the laws related to running sporting Clubs, and do this in a structured and transparent way so that you, the members, feel informed and valued, and can enjoy your day to day bowling

### How are we reporting this back to you?

This year we have reported the messages using the following format:

**GREEN** = good and great successes

**AMBER** = on-going improvements that need a little more work

**RED** = the risks

### Finally

It was lovely to see so many people receiving their certificates and trophies. Photos will be made available - details to follow.

### Website

Please type into your search engine Plymouth Life Centre Indoor Bowls Club. It will take you to the website and it will state Hugofox after this title.

### Thank you

To everyone who turned up to the meeting. As a Committee we greatly appreciated your time and are very pleased that we were quorate.

#### GREEN

The Club continues to run it's leagues and competitions well and the volunteer Officers work hard to ensure we improve further. This year we can celebrate having information and support procedures in place for new members and new officers. We have also been successful in improving Communication with our members, developing a clear Service Level Agreement with Plymouth Active Leisure and ensuring we meet the requirements for running a sports Club effectively.

#### AMBER

Some aspects of Governance need to be embedded further including Safeguarding procedures and ensuring members know about the Bowls Development Plan. We would like to improve communication further by reaching out a wider audience; beyond our own members. We will run all five "special bowling days" this year - dates to be announced soon.

#### RED

1. The Club is at risk financially due to falling numbers (around 35 since this time last year) and having a lower than would be expected reserve fund.
2. The Club must be legally complaint and needs to act immediately to meet the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and for Safeguarding.
3. There are a few policies that need to be implemented.



### PRESENTATIONS

Well done to all those members who received certificates as runners up and winners in.....

- In-house Leagues
- In-house competitions
- County Leagues
- County Matches
- National Matches