



ESMBA 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Solihull Indoor Bowls Club
Saturday 6th July 2019

President	George Clarke
Chairman	Barry Hedges
General Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Simon Willies
Membership Secretary	Roger Green
Competition Organiser	Brandon Whittaker
ICC Secretary	James Scoins
Coaching Director	Brian Baker
Umpires Director	Joseph Newsome
Development Officer	Vacant
Committee Member	Nicky Tresadern
Committee Member	Steve Bailey
Total Votes	10
Delegates from Counties	
	31
Grand total of votes	41

1-Welcome by Chairman

The Chairman opened the AGM by welcoming everyone to Solihull Indoor Bowls Club and hoped they all had a safe journey. The Chairman then asked if anyone would be willing to take the minutes for the meeting as there was no General Secretary. Nicky Tresadern volunteered, the Chairman thanked him.

2-Apologies for absence

Apologies from East Sussex, Warwickshire and David Millington Jones

3-Minutes of 2018 AGM

Roger Green pointed out in Section 4 it reads –

`Roger Green said I do not like, and I do not know how to use the drop box`

Roger said I do know how to use the drop box I just don't like it

Proposed – Barrie Chadwick

Seconded – Keith Hawkins

For – 40 Against – 0 Abstentions – 1

Minutes Passed

4-Minutes of September EGM

Peter Winter of West Sussex pointed out on page 1, paragraph 3 the word vain has been spelt vein instead of vain.

Proposed – David Bubb
Seconded – Christopher Willies

For – 34 Against – 0 Abstentions – 7
Minutes Passed

Matters arising

Barrie Chadwick from Greater Manchester pointed out that his name had been missed of the attendance record for last year.

6-Adoption of reports

A-Chairman's report

The Chairman asked the members if they have seen his report and asked if there were any questions, they would like to ask him. From his report the Chairman hopes members can see his thoughts and feelings of where our sport is at this present time with the problem of declining membership not just being felt at ESMBA level but at county and club level too.

Proposed – Keith Hawkins
Seconded – Peter Winter

For – 41 Against – 0 Abstentions – 0
Passed unanimously

B-Treasurers report and approval of 2018/19 accounts

Simon Willies asked if everyone had received copies for the accounts. Simon hoped the new style of report makes it easier for people to understand and read.

Peter Winter of West Sussex stated that like last year we have the accounts but not the management accounts for the association. The Chairman presented Peter with a copy of the management account and apologised for missing these of the original AGM pack but stated they were sent out 3 days after by email.

The Chairman proposed to take the management, auditors and general accounts on block.

Proposed – Lynn Dean
Seconded – Brian Latham

For – 41 Against – 0 Abstentions – 0
Passed unanimously

C-Competitions organisers report

Brandon Whittaker greeted all the delegates and asked if everyone had seen his report and asked if there were any questions on it. There were no questions.

Proposed – Linda Willingham

Seconded – Derek Adams

For – 41 Against – 0 Abstentions – 0

Passed unanimously

D-ICC Secretary report

James Scoins welcomes the delegates from across the country and hoped everyone had a chance to read through his report. James also took this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the committee for all the help and support they had given him throughout the season

Christopher Willies asked towards the end of your report you said you have sent thanks the County captains and manager, but I have not received anything back in my county. Christopher said that he also feels that James had not been very present in his role of ICC Secretary, this ranges from simple tasks like answering emails to your actual presence at competitions such as ICC knockouts and finals to the rink's competitions. Christopher said that he felt James' thanks was false.

The Chairman asked if counties are having problems getting replies from the ICC Secretary to CC him into the emails so he can make sure the correct information is getting back to its members. Barry went on to say if counties do not make him aware of these problems, he cannot do anything about them so please feel free to contact him whenever you need help.

Keith Hawkins felt the rearrangement of the ICC rinks competition was very short sighted and asked if new venues had been looked into or even moving the event to the start of next season.

Barry Hedges stated that at the time of the problem he emailed out a list of revised dates for the rinks final and the committee took a vote on what they thought would be the best date so if this was wrong, he said he will take it on the chin. The idea of pushing the rinks final back to the beginning of the new season never occurred to him and this where the committee could benefit from having an old head like Keith on it.

A discussion then took place over why Cheshire SMBA and North Yorkshire SMBA have been moved from the premier division to the A division. Brandon Whittaker from Cheshire said his team have been going out to play other counties with 3 or 4 experience players and the remaining team being made up of new bowlers. Going down to the A division and actually competing and gaining experience for these new bowlers is everything and may encourage them to carry on bowling at county level but if they stay in the premier division and keep going out and getting beaten there is a good chance Cheshire will fold. The committee had been made aware that North Yorkshire were going to ask to be dropped to the A division by Joseph and when they looked at the geographical situation it made sense to make this move.

Proposed – Simone Willies

Seconded – Lynn Dean

For – 15 Against – 9 Abstentions – 17

Passed

E-Umpires Directors report

Joseph asked if everyone had seen his report and asked if anyone had any questions they would like to ask, no questions were asked.

Proposed – David Bubb
Seconded – Leslie Ricketts

For – 41 Against – 0 Abstentions – 0
Passed unanimously

F-Coaching Directors report

Brian greeted the delegates and hoped everyone had a copy of his report and has a chance to read it and welcomed questions, no questions were asked.

Proposed – Christopher Willies
Seconded – Barrie Chadwick

For – 41 Against – 0 Abstentions – 0
Passed unanimously

G- Membership Secretary report

Roger stated that the only thing that has changed since his report has gone out to the counties is, he's registered 7 new members with the ESMBA taking the total members to 17,563

Lynn Dean asked if Roger had been successful in getting the counties to supply the ages of their bowlers so we can see the age demographic of its members. Roger was happy to report all bar 8 counties have supplied him with this information.

David Bubb would like to thank Roger Green on behalf of the members for all the hard work a dedication he has put in over the past year, Barry Hedges seconded this motion saying Roger has done a brilliant job over the past year and this is the general consensus of all the counties so a huge thank you.

Proposed – Christopher Willies
Seconded – Nicky Tresadern

For – 41 Against – 0 Abstentions – 0
Passed unanimously

7-Proposals

There are no proposals

8-Management Fees

The management fees were put to the members and found no rejections.

Proposed – David Bubb
Seconder – Brian Latham

For – 31 Against – 0 Abstentions – 10
Passed

The Chairman said as the General Secretary did not for fill a full term, he would pro rata the payment for the work she had done. Keith Hawkins proposed that as the General Secretary has only missed on committee meeting, we pay her the full amount

Proposed – Keith Hawkins
Seconded – Barrie Chadwick

For – 37 Against – 0 Abstentions- 4
Passed

Brandon Whittaker said he would only take the same amount as last year not the full amount offered to him

9-Membership fees

No proposed increase

10-Election of officers to Serve 2019/20

The Chairman proposed to take on block the following-

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Coaching Director	Brian Baker
Umpires Director	Joseph Newsome
Committee Member	Nicky Tresadern

Proposed -Keith Hawkins
Seconded - Leslie Ricketts

For – 41 Against-0 Abstentions-0
Passed unanimously

The Chairman then asked if there was a volunteer to take the position of general Secretary, no one came forward for this position. The chairman then asked if there was a volunteer for the position of Membership Secretary and again no volunteer was found.

The Chairman then suggested the meeting take a 10-minute break so members could think about the positions on offer

After the break James Smith of Dorset volunteered to take on the role of membership Secretary after a brief chat with Roger Green. Roger also volunteered to send out the registration document to the counties to get the ball rolling and to help James out.

Proposed- Caroline Pavey
Seconded -George Clarke

For- 41 Against-0 Abstentions-0

The Chairman then informed the delegates that he has spoken to two individuals and they are prepared to split the role of General Secretary into-

Elaine Willies-to come to meetings and take the minutes

Rachel Hedges-to take control of the administration email and type formal letters for the Chairman to approve

Both Elaine and Rachel would have no voting rights

Peter Winter proposed that the committee co-opt Elaine and Rachel onto the committee at the next committee meeting and leave the position of General Secretary vacant

The Chairman then moved onto the position of Competition organiser, David Bubb stood up and said "I have worked with Brandon for over 20 years and there is no one that can do a better job than him and I propose he stays"

Barry then asked if Brandon would be prepared to stand again and he said yes, he would

Proposed-David Bub

Seconded-Barrie Chadwick

For- 41 Against-0 Abstentions-0
Passed unanimously

Brandon asked if anyone sends him post recorded delivery to please send it to his work address as there is no one at home during the day

Development officer -Keith Hawkins asked we have had this position now for the past few years, but nothing has come from it, is it now time to pay a professional to do this job.

The Chairman said he did hint to this in his report. At the nationals he said that he met with a representative of the British Crown Green Association who is taking on this position 1 day a week and he feels we need to do the same, if not more.

Keith then asked the Treasurer if we have the finances to support such a professional, Simon said yes. Keith then asked the committee to use this money to hire a professional to the position of development officer

The Committee proposed to leave the position of Development Officer vacant and for them to start looking into appointing a professional to drive this area forward with funds being available up to the value of £5000

Proposed-Peter Winter

Seconded-Keith Hawkins

For-41 Against-0 Abstentions-0
Passed Unanimously

The final vacancy to be filled was committee member, but no one was willing to take this job so it was left vacant

The Chairman then offered his thanks to the committee members standing down and to the new members joining the committee

11-Appointment of Auditors

Simon Willies Stated he was very happy with Murry Smith and proposed we use then again next year

Proposed-Simon willies

Secoded- Keith Willingham

For-41 Against-0 Abstentions-0

Passed unanimously

12-Date of 2019 AGM

Provisional date for next year's AGM-18th July 2020

Venue to be confirmed

The chairman then thank all the delegates and the committee for attending the Annual General Meeting and closed the meeting – Time 11:53