



## **L.I.B.A.**

Minutes of the London Irish BA AGM held on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 10.40am at Putney Town Bowls Club, Comondale, Putney SW15 1HP

The meeting was opened by President Frank Oliver at 10.45am by welcoming all attenders and thanking them for coming.

The following members were present: Jim Collins, Frank Oliver, Andy Docker, Mike Power, Ken Richardson, Sean Fallon, Fergal Keane, Wayne Kavanagh, Nigel Penn, Dave Polly, and Bruce MacBride,

### **1. Apologies for Absence**

Piers Ashbourne, Barrie Malone, Mike Allen, Bill Baxter, Eilish McLoughlin, Jim Hassard, Eric Parsons, Dick Cummins Marion Keane, Chris Docker, Mary Oliver, Les Everest, John Lyttle, Jason Lyttle, and Kath Lyttle.

### **2. Obituaries**

The meeting stood in memory of members who had passed away since the last AGM Tony McGeever, Pat Cunnane, Adrian Mellett, George Noon, James (Jim) Barr, and Elizabeth Barr.

### **3. New Members Attending Their First AGM**

None.

### **4. Minutes of the 2023 AGM**

These were signed correct by Frank Oliver.

These were proposed by Andy Docker and seconded by Mike Power.

### **5. Matters Arising**

None

### **6. Correspondence**

None

### **7. Members Applications**

None

## 8. Reports

### Captains Report.

Sean reported that we had lost more than we had won, but we did win both the outdoor and indoor minis. We are getting sides out. We now have a game against Croydon Indoors on 18<sup>th</sup> February.

Report proposed by Mike Power and seconded by Frank Oliver.

Frank thanked Sean for his hard work, this was echoed by all present.

### B Treasurers Report

**LONDON IRISH BOWLING ASSOCIATION**  
**Statement of Accounts for the period 1 October 2022 – 30 September 2023**

2022	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	2023
197	Web site fees	157.68
	Engraving of trophies	162.00
	Meals provided at King George Field	64.00
4569	Bank account & Cash in hand	4525.94
		<b><u>4909.62</u></b>
2022	<u>INCOME</u>	2023
4412	Balance brought forward	4568.62
400	Life membership	200.00
201	Sweepstakes	66.00
244	LIBA shirts	75.00
		<b><u>4909.62</u></b>

We have examined the receipts and payments and certify that they are in accordance with the books presented to us.

N PENN.....Auditor

A DOCKER.....Auditor

## **Treasurer's Report AGM 2024**

Ken said there really isn't much for me to say. The statement of accounts for the period October 2022 to September 2023 show that it's been a very quiet year. Our main income has again been from membership fees as we continue to somehow attract new members. The days of raising income from our sweepstake/fiddle are long gone but we remain in a healthy financial position.

We have adequate stock of ties, blazer badges, and wall shields(plaques). We have a number of lapel badges commemorating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary and a few 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Edward Guinness trophy tie clips. I've recently ordered some scorecards and we'll properly need some more stickers. There's unlikely to be significant expenditure other than the usual fees we pay for having our website so if we continue to attract new members and we have had 4 already in the current financial year we will end up breaking even.

This is my final report after 20 years as your Treasurer and I am pleased that Fergal has agreed to take over. I've thoroughly enjoyed my time as part of the committee and I'd like to thank all my colleagues for their support and friendship over that time. Earlier I said that we can attract new members. That's all well and good but we desperately need members who are willing to step up and run the Association. New blood is vital. When it comes to election of officers please if you want the London Irish Bowling Association to continue to exist, put your hand up and offer your services.

Proposed by Mike Power and seconded by Bruce MacBride.

Vote of thanks by Frank Oliver.

### **C. Competition Secretary**

No report

### **D. Secretary**

Before his report Jim once again said he would like to put on record his thanks to Sim Adamson for all his great work and help with the website. Any request was carried out asap.

The only problem was that members were not informing him changes of email, or phone numbers.

Jim informed the meeting that he had been in touch with Jim Barr's family to send the Association's condolences.

He also stated that he hoped whoever took over from him would get the support that had been shown to him. He said that he was stepping down before he started to hate the job, but felt it was time for a change.

Frank thanked Jim for all his hard work.

Report proposed by Ken Richardson seconded by Mike Power

## **E Fixture Secretary**

### **Outdoor Season2024:**

Bruce stated that to date he had received 8 invitations for club fixtures and these had all been agreed & confirmed, viz (in chronological order):- Desborough, Mid Surrey, Ladygate, Wokingham, Cove, Sunningdale, Egham and Tilehurst, followed by Captain's day & the minis.

Clubs who we normally play, but have yet to invite us, include Putney Town, Southey, & West Ealing, also in this category is London Scottish BA, who I have tried to contact, but as of yet in vain,- they have a new fixture secretary since Bob Alexander retired at the end of last season. If a date for LIBA v LSBA is resolved, I understand that Mid Surrey would be happy to act as host, subject to green availability.

Captain's day, etc will be properly held at Putney Town and the minis held at Sutton, as usual, but these venues and dates (provisionally 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept) have yet to be confirmed.

### **Indoor season 2024/5**

Only our confirmed fixtures are with Desborough (2<sup>nd</sup> February), Harpenden (13<sup>th</sup> October) and Whiteknights (23<sup>rd</sup> February)

Report proposed Andy Docker and seconded by Frank Oliver

Frank thanked Bruce for all his hard work

## **9. Election of Officers**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Proposer</b>	<b>Secunder</b>
Patron	Vacant		
President	N.Penn	K. Richardson	D. Polly
Vice Presidents			
	B Baxter } On Block	M. Power	Andy Docker
	J.Collins }		
	D Cummins }		
	F. Oliver }		
Secretary	No Applicant		
Fixture Secretary	W. Kavanagh	M.Power	F. Keane
Captain	Sean Fallon	J.Collins	W.Kavanagh
Vice-Captain	W. Kavanagh	F. Oliver	F. Keane
Treasurer	F Keane	W. Kavanagh	N. Penn
Competition Sec	M.Allen	J.Collins	S Fallon
Committee			
	S Adamson }	On Block	
	A Docker }		
	E Parsons }		
	B. MacBride }		
Auditors	A Docker and	N.Penn	K. Richardson

**10. Proposals**

The proposal was that applicants can apply if their great grandparents were from Ireland. After discussion this was passed.

Another proposal was to allow spouses or partners who did not meet application criteria to join the Association. Andy Docker felt that this would be a major change to the constitution, and that it should be a separate item on the agenda for next years AGM - this was agreed.

**11. Any Other Business**

Ken Richardson said that he would contact the bank about the change of signatories. Ken had also given a list of contacts to Fergal.

Wayne Kavanagh asked if could hold a stock of shirts. Fergal Keane was to order a selection of sizes. He would also look into what games were not supported, as to taking them out of the fixture list.

Frank Oliver on closing the meeting, said he wished all committee members well in their posts

He thanked Sue Collins for providing the refreshments. He also thanked all the officers, especially Jim Collins for all their hard work.

The meeting closed at 11.45am with a vote of thanks from Andy Docker.

Signed..... Date.....