

Norfolk County Indoor Bowling Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Wymondham Dell IBC on Sunday 6th July 2025



Present: David Perry (President), John Mason (Senior Vice-President), Gordon Roberts (Match Secretary), Simon Elliott, Ken Scott-Greenard, Roger Harrison, Arthur Mobbs, Barry Stiles, Michael Howard, Mark Whatling, Mark Stratton, Ed Alcock, Derek Crisp, David Bailey, Peter Chapman, Arnie Ingram, Russell Addison, David Eastwell, Jean Webb, Ric Summers & Tim Stone.

Apologies: Chris Taylor, Ian Groves (sub. Roger Harrison), Kevin Baker (sub. Mark Whatling), Danny Cawthorne, John Webber, John East (sub. Russell Addison), John Ottaway (represented by John Mason), Aaron Linford & Steve Pope.

The President welcomed all members present and called for a moments silence in memory of members, friends and colleagues passed since the last AGM before the meeting commenced, notably Life Member Ken Ince.

Minutes of the last AGM: It was proposed by Peter Chapman (Norfolk BC), and seconded by Arthur Mobbs (Dereham IBC), and agreed by all members present that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 7th July 2024 at Wymondham Dell IBC (circulated to all clubs) should be signed as a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising: There were no matters arising.

Motions:

Proposals from County Executive:

1) County League

Rule 4b) League Playing Conditions – Player Eligibility Rules

Proposal from the Executive to either 1) Keep the Eligibility Rules, 2) Amend the Eligibility Rules or 3) Remove the Eligibility Rules entirely.

County Rationale – to allow Clubs more flexibility in fielding teams for their County League fixtures.

If the Clubs decide to amend the rules then these would be as follows:

1) Clubs with more than one team in the Norfolk CIBA County League **must register** a minimum of 16 players for their 'A' team, regardless of which Division they are in, with the Hon. League Secretary by **1st October** in the year the season starts. Any Club who only has one team in the County League do not need to register their players.

2) Once registered those players **can only play** for the 'A' team that they are registered for. They cannot play for any other team that the Club may have in the remaining divisions of the County League.

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3) Any players not being one of the players registered can play for any team that the Club may have in the County League without any restriction on the number of games they can play.

Motions (cont.):

Proposals from County Executive (cont.):

4) Any team found to have broken the above rules shall have 7 points deducted for each occasion they have defaulted. In addition for each game in which this rule has been broken the offending team will lose any points won in that game and all points for that game will be awarded to the opposing team.

1) County League (cont.)

5) In exceptional circumstances a member of the originally registered 16 players may be de-registered from that team in order that he may play for a lower team. An approach must be made to the Hon. League Secretary in writing or by e-mail giving the reason for the request to have that player de-registered.

6) Clubs with more than one team in the league shall designate their strongest side their 'A' team, their second strongest side their 'B' team and their third strongest their 'C' team.

7) No player can play for more than one club in the Men's County League's.

Roundwood IBC requested an amendment to the proposal as follows:

2) Once registered those 16 players can play for the Club's 'B' team if required. However only 2 of those registered as 'A' team players can be used in any one 'B' team game and for a maximum of 2 games. If a Club has a 'C' team then none of the 16 players registered for the 'A' team is allowed to be used in a 'C' team game.

Amendment Proposed	Roundwood IBC
Amendment Seconded	Michael Howard (Diss & District IBC)

For	18	Against	0	Abstain	0
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PASSED / ~~FAILED~~

Proposed	Executive Council
Seconded	Jean Webb (Wymondham Dell IBC)

For	18	Against	0	Abstain	0
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PASSED / ~~FAILED~~



Motions (cont.):

Proposals from County Executive (cont.):

2) County League

Addition to Rule 4e) League Playing Conditions – Scheduling of Fixtures

"If during the season dates which were originally set aside for the playing of Liberty Trophy, Under 25 Inter-County Double Rink, Denny Cup and / or Denny Plate games become available, Clubs with the agreement of their opponents may bring forward any games due to be played later in the season.

No games may be put back however. Any such changes must be advised to the Hon. League Secretary as soon as they have been agreed.

County Rationale – to allow Clubs more flexibility in filling any gaps in the County League fixture schedule..

Proposed	Executive Council
Seconded	Peter Chapman (Norfolk BC)

For	18	Against	0	Abstain	0
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PASSED / ~~FAILED~~

Proposals from Acle IBC:

1) County League

Alteration to Rule 4a) (ii) League Playing Conditions as follows:

All County League games will be 18 ends or a maximum of 4 hours; whichever is the shorter. An end where the jack has been cast before the 4 hours must be played to a finish – should the cast not be "legal" then the opposition shall place the jack.

Club Rationale – Clubs and Counties set the pace, EIBA follows so disagree with argument about needing 21 ends because of Liberty, etc. Norfolk has always been at the fore in changes in the past such as dropping trial ends, etc. and the main reason for this proposal was that players wanted less time away from home and a quicker game of bowls.

Acle IBC requested an amendment to their proposal as follows:

All County League games will be 18 ends or a maximum of ~~4 hours~~ **3 hours 30 minutes**; whichever is the shorter. An end where the jack has been cast before the ~~4 hours~~ **3 hours 30 minutes** must be played to a finish – should the cast not be "legal" then the opposition shall place the jack.



Motions (cont.):

Proposals from Acle IBC (cont.):

1) County League (cont.)

Amendment Proposed	Acle IBC
Amendment Seconded	Mark Whatling (Diss & District IBC)

For	16	Against	1	Abstain	1
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PASSED / ~~FAILED~~

Proposed	Acle IBC
Seconded	Mark Whatling (Diss & District IBC)

For	15	Against	3	Abstain	0
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PASSED / ~~FAILED~~

1) County Competitions

Propose that the County Competitions go back to the old system whereby clubs have 2 entries, progressing to County Play-Offs which will be played at the end of the current season (Feb. to April) and aim to play the County Finals the week or weekend before National Finals start.

Club Rationale – 1) Clubs do not have to rush their finals night by end of January, 2) County Comp. Officer will find neutral greens where required or book rinks of final stages well in advance, 3) With fewer clubs life is much easier than the old days, 4) By leaving it a year to finalise an event teams often change composition due to players leaving the area or illness, 5) Players who have had a strong season want to continue their form that year and not play in a year's time, 6) Two entries gives more opportunities to players not having to be strongest, year after year in Club. Should hopefully encourage more entries, 7) Propose the County Play-offs winners from Clubs in 2024/25 Season, play County Play-offs between 1st October and first week in December 2025, then next season will be the transition year.

Proposed	Acle IBC
Seconded	Mark Stratton (Gallow IBC)

For	13	Against	3	Abstain	2
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PASSED / ~~FAILED~~



Motions (cont.):

Proposals from Acle IBC (cont.):

2) County Competitions

Players can only enter County Competitions from the Club they play for in the County League.

Club Rationale – Tighten up loop hole in the existing rules.

Proposed	Acle IBC				
Seconded	Mark Stratton (Gallow IBC)				

For	18	Against	0	Abstain	0
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~~PASSED~~ / ~~FAILED~~

Proposals from County Arts IBC:

1) County League

Addition to Rule 4e) League Playing Conditions – Scheduling of Fixtures

All County League Premier games to be played on a Friday evening starting at 6.45pm.

Club Rationale – to avoid clashes with National competitions.

Proposed	County Arts IBC				
Seconded	Mark Stratton (Gallow IBC)				

For	3	Against	15	Abstain	0
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~~PASSED~~ / ~~FAILED~~

Proposals from County Arts IBC (cont.):

2) County League

Addition to Rule 4e) League Playing Conditions – Scheduling of Fixtures

That games be played in 2 blocks of 7 consecutive weeks with the first block taking place in October/November and the second block in February/March.

Club Rationale – To provide a greater consistency of games rather than having a somewhat fractured fixtures timetable.

The President explained that this motion was going to be difficult to undertake even if the previous motion to play all Division 1 County

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League games on a Friday evening was passed. With that motion failing this motion then became impossible to facilitate and he informed the meeting that he was therefore not going to allow the motion to go forward. John Mason (County Arts delegate) agreed with this as did all of the other delegates.

Proposed	County Arts IBC
Seconded	N/A

For		Against	-	Abstain	-
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PASSED / FAILED

Hon. Secretary's Report – Chris Taylor:

Mr President, fellow colleagues

The continued success of our clubs and the association is due solely to the considerable effort and commitment, you our Executive and delegates, your committees, volunteers and of course members give to our sport.

Firstly I must make reference to David Perry, on whom I have relied very heavily for support. He has once again proved his unending commitment to the association in tackling a multitude of jobs, both during my planned and unplanned absence. I thank him personally and on behalf of the association and all clubs for the work he has done.

Once again we have had difficulty in fielding teams for the inter county friendly games, specifically those played away, but the President's Invitation games remain well supported.

I am concerned that if this trend continues before long it will be the case that inter county friendlies will cease and we will rely on just the internal invitation games.

Our Liberty team did not repeat the run from last season, but the competition is not easy and we have a very strong area to win through each season. Our O60s team had a good run before defeat in the quarter final but regrettably our U25 team fell at the first hurdle. In all cases the players are thanked for their support and of course the team managers are to be thanked for their commitment.

Let us hope that with luck and a kind draw all our teams can advance to the latter stages of all competitions.

I would like to thank all my fellow officers, specifically John, Gordon and Barney for their support and dedication to the roles they undertake on behalf of the membership to ensure the smooth running of matches, competitions and the general administration of the Association.

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Whilst I have already mentioned David who in amongst his various roles has again this season stood as our President and once again has done a truly excellent job. His commitment to make himself available to support teams etc. has been appreciated by all.

The lack of junior players coming through remains a concern and whilst I acknowledge the effort of clubs, especially Acl, to engage with the younger players I do hope that the possible EIBA and Bowls England merger will help in this space with a more co-ordinated scheme.

I wish to place on record the thanks of the association to Wymondham Dell for the use of their facilities for various meetings. I would also place on record our thanks to all clubs who hosted county matches/events, and also to those clubs who hosted President's Invitation games.

I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without mentioning the passing of Ken Ince. Ken to many of us was simply Norfolk Indoor Bowls, with his attention to detail, impeccable handling of meetings and county administration together with his very, whilst at times difficult to read, small and neat handwriting. His guidance, and wise words have benefitted any number of players and officials and the desire to see Norfolk as a strong, fair and respected county in the indoor bowls community was perhaps his greatest legacy.

In conclusion I wish all our representative county teams the best of luck next season. Equally I wish all of our club teams and members success in the national and county competitions.

Chris Taylor
Hon. Secretary



Treasurer's Report & Accounts – David Perry:

Officers and Club delegates, I present the Audited Accounts for the Association for the Year ending 30th April 2025.

As usual I have aligned the income and expenditure for the last 12 months where possible according to whichever aspect of the Association's activity it relates to.

Income for the year increased by £4944 due mainly to the influx of sponsorship monies from Norfolk Bathrooms & Kitchens and Finance Shop and additionally from the sale of the new County shirts and jackets.

Expenditure for the year increased by £3079 primarily due to the purchase of the new County shirts and jackets.

Once again we made a loss on the matches played by the County due entirely to the expense paid out to those selected for the Liberty Trophy, Over 60 Inter-County and Under 25 Double Rink competitions.

Overall we made a revenue profit of £1439 and an increase in the value of our stock of £634.

As we no longer need to purchase the metal winners badges for the County League and County Over 60 Double Rink competition I am proposing that the entrance fees to the Clubs for these are reduced for next season.

I am however proposing a small increase in the County Competition fees in order to keep the prize money at a reasonable level.

The only other increase I am proposing is in the shirt hire fee in a bid to persuade more bowlers to purchase a new County shirt rather than hiring.

Other than these I am not proposing any other changes in the annual fees and levies.

I therefore present the Accounts and recommendations for your acceptance and approval.

David Perry

Hon. Treasurer

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Norfolk CIBA – Fees & Levies for Season 2025/2026

Annual Subscription	£13.00 (Unchanged)
Membership Levy	£1.75 (Unchanged)
County League Entry Fee	£16.00 (Decrease of £2.00)
Over-60 Inter Club Double Rink Competition	£14.00 (Decrease of £2.00)
County Competition Entry Fee	Singles / Pairs / Triples / Fours - £5.00 per player (Increase of £0.50)
	Under 25 Singles - £3.00 per player (Unchanged)
Inter County Friendlies Match Fees (Home & Away)	Cost + £1.00 (Unchanged)
Presidents Invitation Matches	Cost + £1.00 (Unchanged)
Liberty Trophy Match Fee	Assessed game by game (Unchanged)
Over 60 Inter-County Knock-Out Match Fee	Assessed game by game (Unchanged)
Under 25 Double Rink Match Fee	Assessed game by game (Unchanged)
Under 18 Double Triples Rink Fee	Assessed game by game (Unchanged)
Juniors Under 16 (@ 01/10/2023)	Assessed game by game

Stock

County Shirt	As priced
County Over Jacket	As priced
Hire of County Shirt	£5.00 (Increase of £2.00)
County Tie	£5.50 (Unchanged)
County Lapel Badge	£1.00 (Unchanged)
Inter-County Friendly Blazer Badge	£4.00 (Unchanged)
Full County Badge (Silk)	£5.00 (Unchanged)
Full County Badge (Wire)	£6.00 (Unchanged)

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Officers Honorariums

Secretary	£150.00 (Unchanged)
Ass. Secretary	£125.00 (Unchanged)
Treasurer	£100.00 (Unchanged)
Match Secretary (ICF's)	£100.00 (Unchanged)
Match Secretary (PI)	£100.00 (Unchanged)
Competition Secretary	£100.00 (Unchanged)
League Secretary	£100.00 (Unchanged)
Webmaster	£100.00 (Unchanged)

Officers Match Fees

President	No Charge (Unchanged)
Senior Vice-President	50% of Match Fee (Unchanged)
Junior Vice-President	75% of Match Fee (Unchanged)
Liberty Trophy Manager	No Charge (Unchanged)
Over 60 Inter County League Manager	No Charge (Unchanged)

The accounts were put to the AGM, proposed by David Bailey (Lynnport IBC) and seconded by Peter Chapman (Norfolk BC) and the delegates present voted unanimously to accept.

Appointment of Auditor:

The Treasurer proposed that our current Auditor, Denise Eves be re-appointed. This was seconded by John Mason (County Arts IBC) and the delegates present voted unanimously to accept.



County Coach's Report – Aaron Linford

Good Morning Everyone.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak with you today. As some of you will be aware, I have only recently taken on the role of County Coach, so I do hope you'll forgive me if this report is a little shorter than usual.

The past couple of years have been challenging for the NCBCA, with limited activity and a noticeable lull in our usual operations.

However, I'm pleased to say that we are now beginning to turn a corner.

We currently have a full and committed board, with Adrian Bell as the new chairman and there are already some exciting ideas and plans in place, just waiting to be brought to life.

We as an Association, are looking forward to getting stuck in and working closely with club coaches and players across the County.

On a positive note, we've already welcomed a couple of new coaches into the fold, and I'm encouraged to see more individuals expressing their interest in beginning their coaching journey. This is a strong sign that we're moving in the right direction and rebuilding the foundation we need for future success.

As I say, I'm still new to the role, so this has been more about setting into the role, but I am confident that by this time next year, we will have much more to report and celebrate.

Thank you all for your continued support, and I look forward to working with many of you in the months ahead.

Aaron Linford
NCBCA County Coach



Presentation of League & Championship trophies:

David Perry (President) presented the following trophies, pennants and badges to the club delegates attending the meeting.

Division 1	Norfolk BC 'A'
Division 2	Lynnsport 'A'
Division 3	Wymondham 'B'
Division 4	Diss & District 'B'
U25 Singles	Aaron Johnson (Norfolk BC)
U25 Singles Runner Up	Jack Larter (County Arts IBC)
Singles	Tim Stone (Acle IBC)
Pairs	Peter Hunt & Tim Stone (Acle IBC)
Triples	Roger Barnbrook, Rob Parker & Tim Stone (Acle IBC)
Fours	Dan Seabourne, Ian Wones, Bernie Perrett & David Smith (Norfolk BC)

Address by Outgoing President:

Once again it was a great privilege to represent the Association as it's President for the 2024/2028 Season.

I would like to thank our other officers Chris Taylor, Gordon Roberts and Barney Wymer for all their help during the season and for the amount of their time they give up freely on behalf of the Association in carrying out their duties. I would also like to thank John Mason for his support as Senior Vice-President and wish him every success in his Presidential year next season.

Although the County had no success in the National Team Competitions I would also like to acknowledge the work done by the respective team managers, Ric Summers, Ian Wones and Steve Pope and wish them every success in the forthcoming season – hopefully, one or more of the teams may bring back one of the trophies in 2025/2026.

Finally, the Association does not run without all the hard work put in by the Club Secretary's, Delegates and Team Captains and I would thank them all for their support and for the efforts they make in running their Clubs each season, and wish all the Club every success in 2025/2026.

Happy Bowling.

David Perry

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Appointment of Officers:

The following nominations were received by the 1st June in accordance with Rule 9 (f) to serve for the 2025/26 season.

Role	Nominee(s)	Proposer
President	John Mason	By succession
Senior Vice President	David Perry	By succession
Junior Vice President	Vacant	N/A
Hon. Secretary	Chris Taylor	Norfolk BC
Hon. Treasurer	David Perry	County Arts
Hon. Asst Secretary	David Perry	County Arts
Hon. Match Secretary	Gordon Roberts	Wymondham Dell
Hon. Competition Secretary	Tim Stone	Acle IBC
Hon. League Secretary	David Perry	County Arts
Webmaster	Chris Taylor	Norfolk BC
Safeguarding Officer	Steve Pope	Gallow

Proposed	As above
Seconded (en mass)	Ed Alcock (Lowestoft Rail IBC)

For	18	Against	0	Abstain	0
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Appointment of Officers (cont.):

Clarification of all roles for 2025/26:

President	David Perry	County Arts
Senior Vice President	John Mason	County Arts
Junior Vice President	David Perry	County Arts
Immediate Past President	David Perry	County Arts
Part President	William Windsor	County Arts
Hon. Secretary	Chris Taylor	Norfolk BC
Hon. Treasurer	David Perry	County Arts
Hon. Asst Secretary	David Perry	County Arts
Hon. Match Secretary	Gordon Roberts	Wymondham Dell
Hon. Competition Secretary	Tim Stone	Acle
Hon. League Secretary	David Perry	County Arts

Executive Council in addition to the officers above:

S. Elliott (Acle IBC)	J. Mason (County Arts IBC)
A. Mobbs (Dereham IBC)	M. Howard (Diss & District IBC)
D. Cawthorne (Gallow IBC)	No Delegate (Hunstanton IBC)
E. Alcock (Lowestoft Railway IBC)	D. Bailey (Lynnsport IBC)
C. Taylor (Norfolk BC)	M. Kett (Roundwood IBC)
D. Eastwell (Shotford IBC)	No Delegate (The Brecks IBC)
G. Roberts (Wymondham Dell BC)	M. Todd (Beccles IBC)
J Ottaway (Norfolk Bowls Association)	

Non-Executive Officers:

Webmaster	Chris Taylor	Norfolk BC
Safeguarding Officer	Steve Pope	Gallow
Liberty Trophy Manager	Richard Summers	Norfolk BC
O60s Manager	Ian Wones	Norfolk BC
U25 Manager	Steve Pope	Gallow

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Any Other Business / Open forum:

Following the passing of the motion to revert the County Competitions back to the way they were run, Tim Stone the new County Competition Secretary, highlighted his plans for the staging of the County Play-offs for the Club Champions for Season 2024/2025 and the Club Champions for Season 2025/2026.

The plan is for the County Play-offs for the 2024/2025 Club Champions would be staged from October 2025 to Mid-December 2025, with the County Finals to be staged @ County Arts IBC on a date / dates to be arranged but played before Christmas.

Those qualifying as Club Championship Finalists for the 2025/2026 season need to be advised to him by the middle of January 2026 to enable the County Play-offs to be staged between February 2026 and mid-March 2026 so that they would be completed before the EIBA National Finals commence on 23rd March 2026.

The County Finals for these would again be held @ County Arts IBC on a date / dates to be arranged during March / April 2026.

There being no other business the President closed the meeting at 10.54 am

The Executive meetings for the coming season are:

Mon 02/02/2026	Executive Committee	Wymondham Dell	7:00pm
Mon 08/06/2026	Executive Committee	Wymondham Dell	7:00pm
Sun 05/07/2026	Annual General Meeting of Council	Wymondham Dell	10:00am