

Norfolk County Indoor Bowling Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Wymondham Dell IBC on Sunday 7th July 2024



Present: David Perry (President), J.Mason, C Taylor, G Roberts, S Elliott, K Scott-Greenard, K Baker, N Baker, P Clover, A Mobbs, B Smith, P Chapman, S Pope, D Cawthorne, E Alcock, D Crisp, D Bailey, J East, K Patrick, A Ingram, Jean Webb, A Dunton, A. Cude PP, W. Windsor PP

Apologies: J Ottaway (sub J Mason), Ken Ince PP, B Wymer, M Howard, F Clement, K Johnson, M Kett, D Eastwell, F Shields, I Wones

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 Members Malcolm Alstead and Charlie Boon.

Minutes of the last AGM: It was proposed by Arthur Mobbs, and seconded by Kevin Baker, and agreed by all members present that the minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Sunday 9th July 2023 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:

The following proposals were received from clubs by 01/06/2024, which were discussed in detail at the Executive meeting 10/6/2024, and to which no changes or amendments were received by 26/6/2024.

1. Privacy Policy

As part of the review the 2023/24 season and with increasing use of live streaming county events such as Liberty Trophy and County Championship matches.

- a) Proposal for new wording in table under "To administer County Competitions and leagues" section.

Person Information Used for - At all Stages of Competitions: Videos / live streaming on our website and or via the relevant social media platform.

Justification - We have a legitimate interest in order to effectively publicise the County Competitions. Consent is obtained on behalf of the county to permit the live streaming of games. Where appropriate, "Parental Consent" will be obtained.

- b) Proposal for new wording in table under "County Matches" section. Purpose "To publicise matches via social media and live streaming" section.

Person Information Used for - Videos / live streaming on our website and or via the relevant social media platform.

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Justification - We have a legitimate interest in order to effectively publicise the County Matches. Consent is obtained on behalf of the county to permit the live streaming of games. Where appropriate, "Parental Consent" will be obtained.

Proposed	Executive Council
Seconded	Acle

For	20	Against	-	Abstain	-
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PASSED / ~~FAILED~~

2. Changes to County Rules & Objects

- a) Proposal for new wording as section 3.a. related to the playing dimensions of a green to permit affiliation to the Association. The existing rules state dimensions laid out in the Laws of Sport which are greater than those laid out by the EIBA and which most clubs adopt.

3.a That such clubs play on greens whose playing surface dimensions comply with those laid out by the English Indoor Bowling Association Ltd.

Proposed	Executive Council
Seconded	Lynnsport

For	20	Against	-	Abstain	-
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PASSED / ~~FAILED~~

- b) Proposal to remove 5.a.12 and renumber this section accordingly. This relates to EIBA Directors who are members of affiliated clubs being part of the Executive Council.

In the event that a situation arose where direct input from the EIBA was required we could invite them directly to attend and they could provide the most suitable representative.

Deletion of 5.a.12 so that an EIBA Director is not automatically a member of the executive council.

Proposed	Executive Council
Seconded	County Arts

For	20	Against	-	Abstain	-
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- c) Proposal to remove both 5.c.and 5.j and renumber this section accordingly.
 This relates to the formation of a selection committee for inter county friendly matches.

This committee is no longer deemed to be necessary, and direct interaction between the Match Secretary and President/SVP is more appropriate.

Proposed	Executive Council				
Seconded	Gallow				

For	20	Against	-	Abstain	-
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3. Changes to County Match Rules

- a) Proposal for new point 1. wording related to the selection of teams for the Inter County Friendlies and President’s Invitation matches dependant on the changes to Rules & Object 5.c and 5.j being approved.

1. Selection for Inter-County Friendlies and President’s Invitation games will be undertaken by the President and Hon Match Secretary at a time and manner which they agree. If one or both of these positions is vacant the Hon Secretary will deputise and/or any member of the Executive Council may be coopted.

Proposed	Executive Council				
Seconded	Norfolk BC				

For	20	Against	-	Abstain	-
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- b) Proposal for new point 2. wording related to President’s Invitation matches and mixed games.

2. President’s Invitation games will be open to female members of fully affiliated clubs where the fixture is mixed or at the discretion of the President and Hon Match Secretary or deputies where appropriate.

Proposed	Executive Council				
Seconded	County Arts				

For	20	Against	-	Abstain	-
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- c) Proposal for new point 5. wording related to the dress code for County Friendly and President’s Invitation matches.



5. Match dress for County Friendly, Presidents Invitation and subject to the Directives of the National Governing Body for Inter-County National competitions will be stated on the match selection notice and/or the county website.

Proposed	Executive Council
Seconded	Gallow

For	20	Against	-	Abstain	-
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4. Changes to County Competition Rules

a) Proposal for new competition of Matchplay Singles, open to male players of fully affiliated clubs which will follow the same sets-based format and rules as the existing U25 Singles. Entries will be open to all male players from fully affiliated clubs rather than qualification as a club champion.

1.2. Except for the Under-25 Singles Championship and the Matchplay Singles Championship the current year’s club competitions will be used to determine entrants to the County Championships in the following season.

Section 6 amendment to reference that the rules outlined relate to both the Under 25 Singles and Matchplay Singles.

Section 8.5 (renumbered from 8.4) insert 8.5.3 details of match format for Match play Singles being 4 bowls sets based as defined in section 6.

11.3. Club secretaries must notify the Hon Competition Secretary the Matchplay Singles Entrants, who will compete for the Matchplay Singles Championship that season, from their club not later than 28th October.

Section 11.7 (renumbered from 11.5) additional point that Matchplay Singles Champion will receive a pennant. At this point there is no trophy associated with this championship.

Proposed	Executive Council
Seconded	Diss & District

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- b) Playing Arrangements, inclusion of new point to clarify the stamping of bowls and remove confusion which arose during 2023/24 season.

8.4. Any set of matching bowls from the same original set, indicated by the identification stamp, can be used and must contain a valid in date bowls stamp (As per EIBA Ltd regulations - must have a legible stamp dated 1985 or later on them.)

Proposed	Executive Council
Seconded	Diss & District

For	20	Against	-	Abstain	-
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- c) Proposal for ALL competitions to adopt respot in the event of a killed end (note: U25 and Matchplay singles would already use respots, therefore this change would apply to the Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours Championships)

New sections outlining the respot rules which align to the existing respot rules we have in place.

Proposed	Executive Council
Seconded	Norfolk BC

For	20	Against	-	Abstain	-
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- d) Section 10.1, proposal for dress code to be amended to be amended to allow grey or BLACK trousers or EIBA / Bowls Manufacturer grey or BLACK shorts to be worn.

WITHDRAWN

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- e) Proposal to allow for the publicising of championship details, and live streaming across a number of platforms inclusion of new point.

11.6. We reserve the right to publicise players names, scores, photos and videos/ live streaming on our Website, Social-Media and YouTube. Please refer to our privacy policy for details.

Proposed	Executive Council
Seconded	County Arts

For	20	Against	-	Abstain	-
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PASSED / ~~FAILED~~

5. Changes to County League Rules

- a) Section 1, clarification that League Entries by 31st March are to be sent to the County League Secretary and not the County Secretary.

Proposed	Executive Council
Seconded	Gallow

For	20	Against	-	Abstain	-
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PASSED / ~~FAILED~~

- b) Section 3.1.1, proposal for dress code to be amended to be amended to allow grey or BLACK trousers or EIBA / Bowls Manufacturer grey or BLACK shorts to be worn.

WITHDRAWN

- c) Section 4.a.x proposal to amend the date from 31st January to 28th February, where two or more teams from the same club play in the same division those teams must play each other twice.

Proposed	Executive Council
Seconded	Acle

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d) Reduction in the number of ends played in the County League matches (not O60 Double Rink League) from 21 to 18.

Rationale – Following the trend for quicker games and the direction being taken by the EIBA reducing most National Events.

If adopted, would amend the wording in Section 4.a.ii to

ii. 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.

Amendment proposed at Executive Council 10/6 : It was discussed that this proposal should include a reduction in the time limit from 4 hours to 3.5 hours for consistency and this will be presented at the AGM.

Proposed	Acle
Seconded	Dereham

For	9	Against	11	Abstain	-
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~~PASSED~~ / **FAILED**

6. Changes to Over 60 Inter-Club Double Rink Rules

1. Section 3.1.1, proposal for dress code to be amended to be amended to allow grey or BLACK trousers or EIBA / Bowls Manufacturer grey or BLACK shorts to be worn.

WITHDRAWN

2. Section 4.xiii proposal that the format of the competition may vary from year to year based on the number of entries and from which clubs.

xiii. The format of the Over 60 Inter-Club Double Rink Competition will be decided by the Hon. League Secretary at the start of each season and may vary from year to year.

The Final will be held at a venue and date to be set by the Hon. League Secretary.

Proposed	Executive Council
Seconded	County Arts

For	19	Against	-	Abstain	1
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3. Championship Pennant amended to

The Over 60 Inter-Club Double Rink Competition Champions and Runners-Up will each receive a pennant.

Proposed	Executive Council				
Seconded	Norfolk BC				
For	20	Against	-	Abstain	-

PASSED / ~~FAILED~~

Hon. Secretary’s Report: - Chris Taylor

Mr President, fellow colleagues

I firstly once again want to recognise the considerable effort and commitment from all our clubs, you our Executive and delegates, your committees, volunteers and of course members.

Whilst the pressure on clubs due to the cost of living crisis has improved there continue to be challenges, and we cannot ignore the fact that membership numbers are still down against the pre COVID numbers. This naturally has a direct impact to rink occupancy and income, but with the various targeted recruitment campaigns and advertising, we are now starting to see an increase in overall membership numbers.

On a more positive note, we have completed a full season of league fixtures and the county championships. We continue to have difficulty in fielding teams for the inter county friendly games, specifically those played away, but the President’s Invitation games remain well supported and especially those with the inclusion of the lady’s association.

Our Liberty team had an excellent season under the new leadership of Ric Summers only narrowly losing the final to Essex. Our other representative teams did not fare so well, but in all cases the players are thanked for their support and of course the team managers are to be thanked for their commitment. It is pleasing to note that all of the current managers were prepared to seek nomination and have been appointed for the 2024/25 season.

I would like to thank all my fellow officers 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.

I must single out David Perry who in addition to his multiple roles, has this season done a truly excellent job as our President. His commitment to make himself available to support teams etc. has been appreciated by all and I know that when he was taken ill during the season there was a lot of concern expressed by many members.

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We are pleased to see him back fighting fit and also for his offer to stand as President, alongside all the other jobs he undertakes, next season.

What is also pleasing to record is the recognition to David in the form of the EIBA Merit of Service Award which recognises the commitment and dedication he has shown to bowls and the Association over many years.

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

The nominations for 2024/25 again give us a full complement of officers and a full presidential chain over the next three seasons in which I hope all of our clubs will prosper and we will see an overall increase in membership.

There is a full programme of matches for 2024/25 and we are looking to leverage on the popularity of the President's Invitation games not simply to acknowledge an anniversary. The county league fixtures are now finalised and the O60s Inter Club Double Rink competition becomes more popular year on year.

I wish all our representative county teams the best of luck next season and hope for a few more home games. Equally I wish all of our club teams and members success in the national and county competitions.

Chris Taylor
Hon. Secretary

Treasurers Report and Accounts: - David Perry

Mr President, Officers and Club delegates, I present the Audited Accounts for the Association for the Year ending 30th April 2024.

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 overall increased by £1786 due mainly to increases in match fees collected for Inter-County Friendly and Presidents Invitation games and increase in Membership Levies agreed at last year's AGM.

However, expenditure also increased overall by £1868 due mainly to the cost of participating in the National Team Competitions where we continue to pay travel expenses where appropriate. Fortunately, the County's success in reaching the Liberty Trophy Final partly offset some of this expenditure.

The net decrease in the value of our stock is due to revaluing our current shirt stock which we are now using as hire shirts whilst a decision is made on a possible new County shirt.

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Overall, therefore the County suffered a net loss of £670.92 slightly down on last year's loss.

In order to keep up with rising costs I am recommending some small increases in the Annual Subscription Fee, Membership Levy and County Competition Entry Fees, together with a small increase in the Inter-County match fee for next season.

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 2024/2025

Annual Subscription	£13.00 (Increase of £0.50)
Membership Levy	£1.75 (Increase of £0.25)
County League Entry Fee	£18.00 (Unchanged)
Over-60 Inter Club Double Rink Competition	£14.00 (Unchanged)
County Competition Entry Fee	Singles / Pairs / Triples / Fours - £4.50 per player (Increase of £0.50)
	Under 25 Singles - £3.00 per player (Increase of £0.50)
Inter County Friendlies Match Fees (Home & Away)	£17.00 (Increase of £1.00)
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 (unchanged)
<u>Stock</u>	
County Shirt	As priced
County Over Jacket	As priced
Hire of County Shirt	£3.00 (unchanged)
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)

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 Perry (Hon. Treasurer), and seconded by Kevin Baker (Diss & District) and the delegates present voted unanimously to accept.



Appointment of Auditor

The Treasurer proposed that our current Auditor, Denise Eves, the daughter of Past President the late Brian Pratt be re-appointed. This was seconded by County Arts, and the delegates present voted unanimously to accept.

Hon. Match Secretary's Report: - Gordon Roberts

Inter-County Friendly matches:

From the 8 matches that were originally arranged, 6 were played with 2 having to be cancelled. Of the matches played we won 1 and lost 5. The home game against Cambridgeshire was cancelled because they could not raise a team.

The away game against Essex was cancelled for the second successive season. The reason for this was that I received 14 call offs from the 24 players originally selected and it became impossible to field a team. As a consequence of this the 2 annual fixtures with Essex have now been permanently cancelled

While it has been encouraging to see some new names coming forward to play, the problem of fielding a team for away games still continues. The away game against Hertfordshire was played as a triples game and we could only field 5 rinks for the away match with Northamptonshire.

The pattern of people wanting to play in home fixtures continues to far exceed those willing to travel away. In some cases I receive 50% more interest in the home games than the away ones.

If other counties are going to keep visiting Norfolk to play us then we need to be able to fulfil the return fixture.

President's Invitation Matches:

There were 7 matches arranged and all 7 were successfully completed, with 3 wins and 4 losses. The format for these games was once again mixed teams of men and ladies, with all games being played within the county. The decision was taken to have an after match buffet as opposed to a meal in an attempt to keep the costs down.

This meant that we were always, able to field teams for these matches which was well received by both the players and the clubs involved. I would like to thank NCWIBA Chairwoman Irene Lambert for her help in selecting the teams for these mixed matches.

Looking forward to the 2024/25 season's Inter County friendly fixtures, if these are to continue in their current format then we need a much better response for the away fixtures.

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The President's Invitation games are much better supported and therefore may be the way forward in the future.

Gordon Roberts
Hon Match Secretary (ICF's and PI's)

Presentation of League & Championship trophies

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

Division 1	Norfolk BC 'A'
Division 2	Norfolk BC 'B'
Division 3	Lynnsport 'A'
Division 4	Gallow 'B'
U25 Singles	Jack Naunton (Dereham)
U25 Singles Runner Up	Miss Nicole Moseley (Gallow)
Singles	David Smith (Acle)
Pairs	Wayne Willgress & Paul Minns (Norfolk BC)
Triples	Dan Seabourne, Ian Wones & Dan Ramsbottom (Norfolk BC)
Fours	Phil Long, John Colcombe, James Segolo & Wayne Willgress (Norfolk BC)

Appointment of Officers

The following nominations were received by the 1st June in accordance with Rule 9 (f) to serve for the 2024/25 season. Also, recommendation from the Executive Council 10/6 under rule 9 (h)

Role	Nominee(s)	Proposer
President	David Perry	Executive Council 10/6
Senior Vice President	John Mason	By succession
Junior Vice President	David Perry	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

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Hon. Competition Secretary	Barney Wymer	Executive Council 10/6
Hon. League Secretary	David Perry	County Arts
Webmaster	Chris Taylor	Norfolk BC
Safeguarding Officer	Steve Pope	Gallow

Proposed	As above
Seconded (en mass)	County Arts

For	19	Against	-	Abstain	1
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PASSED / ~~FAILED~~

Clarification of all roles for 2024/25

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	Barney Wymer	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)
S. Pope (Gallow IBC)	F. Clement (Hunstanton IBC)
E. Alcock (Lowestoft Railway IBC)	D. Bailey (Lynnsport IBC)

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P. Chapman (Norfolk BC)	M. Kett (Roundwood IBC)
D. Eastwell (Shotford IBC)	F. Shields (The Brecks IBC)
A. Dunton (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

Address by President

It has been a great honour and privilege to represent the County as 2023/2024 President with my only disappointment being not able to see the season through to its conclusion due the health issue I had.

I would like to thank my fellow officers, Chris Taylor, Gordon Roberts and Barney Wymer and the Junior Vice President John Mason for their support not only during the season, but also for their help during my recovery.

I would also like to acknowledge the efforts of our National Team Competition Managers, Ric Summers, Ian Wones and Steve Pope. Unfortunately, the Over 60's and Under 25 teams were both eliminated at an early stage of their respective competitions, but both teams are going through a period of transition, and I am sure we can expect great things from them in the coming seasons.

The Liberty Trophy team managed to reach the competition final beating some very strong counties on the way. Unfortunately, they lost a very close game in the final, and I am sure that Ric and his team will be striving to go one better in the next season.

With Bill Windsor's resignation as Senior Vice President, and I would like to thank Bill for many years' service on behalf of the Association – I am pleased to carry on as your President for the 2024/2025 Season and thank the Clubs for allowing me to do so.

I am grateful to once again have Chris, Gordon and Barney supporting me in their Respective County roles, and would also like to welcome and congratulate John Mason as he steps up into the Senior Vice President role.

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Finally, I would like to thank the County and Clubs for nominating me for the EIBA Service Merit Award – a great honour from my peers.

In closing I would like to wish all the Clubs, their Administrators and members every success in their endeavours next season.

Happy Bowling.

David Perry
President 2024/2025

There being no other business the President closed the meeting at 10:52 am

The Executive meetings for the coming season are:

Mon 03/02/2025	Executive Committee	Wymondham Dell	7:00pm
Mon 09/06/2025	Executive Committee	Wymondham Dell	7:00pm
Sun 06/07/2025	Annual General Meeting of Council	Wymondham Dell	10:00am

Open forum

All delegates and attendees were invited by the President to raise items.

1. Bill Windsor raised the point that support for the ICF games may be better if it was possible to arrange travel for those members who preferred not to drive distances.

The President supported this but also mentioned that wherever possible in selecting teams every effort to select a group of players from the same club was considered.

Unfortunately the number of nominations, as mentioned by Gordon, has reduced and this is not always possible.

2. Steve Pope highlighted the point we had had to withdrawn from the U18 National Competition for the past two seasons and have taken the decision to not enter 2024/25. Steve is keen to see more U18 players engaged, as this is the future of our U25 team and senior team.

Steve offered his support to any club in encouraging younger players, they only need to ask.

3. Simon Elliott asked about the advertising of the ICF games, and it was clarified that sheets were sent to each club and members who have played previously are invited directly from the Hon Match Secretary.

He would ensure that this is advertised more prominently at Acle.

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4. Chris Taylor reported that a sponsor had been secured for the next three years and this would help with the costs for new shirts, however further sponsorship would be required before we could proceed.

Following the meeting the draw for the County Championships 2024/25 was completed.