

Norfolk County Indoor Bowling Association

Minutes of the Executive Meeting held at Wymondham Dell IBC on Monday 10th June 2024



Present: David Perry (President), J Mason, C Taylor, G Roberts, A Mobbs, E Alcock, M Howard, M Kett, A Ingram, D Eastwell, T Dunton, F Shields, S Elliott

Apologies: W Windsor, B Wymer, F Clement, R Summers, I Wones, S Pope, D Bailey, J Ottaway, P Chapman

David Perry welcomed all members present, and then requested a minute silence in memory of members, friends and colleagues passed since the last meeting.

Minutes of the last Executive meeting: It was proposed by Mike Kett, and seconded by John Mason, and agreed by all members present that the minutes of the Executive Meeting held on Monday 5th February 2024 at Wymondham Dell IBC (circulated to all clubs) should be signed as a true and accurate record.

Matters arising:

1. Small error in the published minutes apologies for absence stated M. Elliott and should have stated S. Elliott. This was corrected in the version signed by the President.
2. County Shirts – discussed as part of the survey feedback in February. Whilst some enquiries have been made in relation to sponsorship at this time nothing has been agreed and regrettably, it is not anticipated that this will be resolved in time for the 2024/25 season.
3. Senior Vice President – Bill's succession into the position of President for 2024/25 was discussed at the last meeting. No formal comments were received back from clubs, but the matter was raised with Bill given his health over the past 18 months. On 9th March an email from Bill was received resigning as SVP with immediate effect for health reasons.

This information was shared with clubs at the time and given this situation David Perry has kindly offered to remain as President for 2024/25.

4. Executive Meeting – the President raised the matter of the timings of Executive meetings going forward as discussed in Other Business at our last meeting. After some discussion there was agreement, at this time, to leave the start time of all meetings as 7pm.

Correspondence:

EIBA Correspondence

1. Liberty, O60s, U25s and U18s entry forms for 2024/25 received of which we have entered,
 - Liberty
 - O60s Inter County
 - U25 Double Rink
 - We have not entered the U18 Double Triples having had to withdraw for the past 2 season and with limited U18 players at this time who the



U25 Manager would not wish to expose to this level of competition. We will though look to organise something internally in the county with a one-day event.

2. GDPR confirmation of county details and published names on the EIBA website and handbook entry.
3. AGM papers to which we forwarded the association's apologies for absence, abstained from the two motions relating to club affiliation fees, and voted for the motion related to county affiliation fees.
4. Service of Merit award – Peter Thompson EIBA Chief Executive has confirmed to that the board agreed unanimously to approve the nomination of David Perry submitted following the February meeting. The presentation to be made on Wednesday 27th November at the President's match against County Arts being his home club.

County Correspondence

1. Various administrative emails and exchanges with clubs on the clarification of rules, general questions and changes to club contacts.
2. Various administrative emails and exchanges between the county officers to support the running of the association.
3. Emails to clubs and officers related to the President's incapacity during the latter stages of the season and the knock-on impact to the county league results.
4. 9/3 email from Bill Windsor resigning as SVP with immediate effect.
5. 28/3 request from Brian Taylor for player records and achievements indoors related to Brian Howes as input to the eulogy at Brian's funeral. This was summarised and shared 28/3 via email to Brian Taylor, Malcolm Nicholson.
6. 7/5 email to Paul Nicholls related to the Summer Indoor Pairs competition which he is organising recommending that given the venue (Acle), entry fee, prize money, potential live streaming and sponsorship he may require a tournament license from the EIBA, and he confirmed he would investigate further.

Treasurers Report:

The Financial Accounts for the year ending 30th April 2024 have been audited and copies of these together with the Treasurer's report and recommendations for next season will be sent out to the Clubs following today's meeting.

David Perry
Hon. Treasurer



League Secretaries Report:

The 2023/2024 finished with the following:

Division 1 Champions – Norfolk BC 'A', Relegated to Division 2 – Roundwood 'A'
Division 2 Champions (and promoted to Division 1 – Norfolk BC 'B', Relegated to
Division 3 – County Arts 'B'
Division 3 Champions (and promoted to Division 2) – Lynnsport 'A', Relegated to
Division 4 – Dereham 'B'
Division 4 Champions (and promoted to Division 3) – Gallow 'B'

The League Trophies, Championship Pennants and winners badges will be presented to the successful Clubs at the Association's AGM on Sunday 7th July.

Last season the Clubs agreed that the winner's badges would be phased out once the remaining stock was used – therefore this will be the last season that Division 4 winners badges will be presented. Division 3 has one more season's stock remaining whilst Division's 1 and 2 have three more seasons.

Over 60 Inter-Club Double Rink Champions – Lynnsport 'A', Runners-Up – Gallow 'A'

The Taylor Trossell Trophy, Championship Pennant and winners' badges were to have been presented to representatives of the winning Club at the County Competitions Finals. With regard to winners' badges for this competition we still have two more seasons stock remaining.

For season 2024/2025 Wymondham Dell have entered a 'C' team which means that the format of the County League for 2024/2025 will be as:

Division's 1, 2 and 3 – 7 teams with each team playing 12 games
Division 4 – 8 teams with each team playing 14 games.

One team will be promoted, and one team relegated from each Division.

The 2024/2025 Season commences on Saturday 5th October 2024. The League break for Christmas / New Year following the games played on Saturday 14th December, re-commencing on Saturday 4th January 2025.

Divisions 3 and 4 will finish on Saturday 22nd March, whilst Divisions 1 and 2 will finish on Saturday 12th April.

The 2024/2025 fixtures have been sent to the Clubs and the League Secretary asked for any changes to be sent to him by 1st October.

In the Over 60 Inter-Club Double Rink Competition 18 teams have been entered. Normally the competition would initially be split into two regions, however that would have meant finding nine weeks to schedule the group fixtures which, in order to avoid clashes with National Team Competitions was not possible, so the teams have been split into 3 groups, each group having 6 teams playing 5 games.



The 2024/2025 group fixtures have been sent to the Clubs for them to arrange dates / times and the League Secretary has asked for these to be returned by 1st October.

The 3 Group winners and the best Group Runner-Up will then qualify for the Semi-Finals. These Semi-Finals will be played on a "home" and "away" basis during the week commencing Monday 24th February 2025.

The winners of the Semi-Finals will qualify for the Final which will be played at Dereham IBC on Wednesday 12th March 2025 starting @ 10.30am and thanks to Dereham IBC for agreeing to host the Final.

David Perry
Hon. League Secretary

Competition Secretaries Report (presented by Hon. Secretary):

Results of the County Championship finals held at County Arts IBC on Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd April

U25 Singles	Jack Naunton (Dereham)	2
	Nicole Moseley (Gallow)	0
Singles	David Smith (Acle)	21
	Jack Naunton (Dereham)	10
Pairs	Paul Minns & Wayne Willgress (Norfolk BC)	19
	Luke Hills & Tom Baker (Lynnsport)	1
Triples	Dan Seabourne, Ian Wones & Dan Ramsbottom (Norfolk BC)	19
	Luke Hills, Peter Bailey & Stephen Winter (Lynnsport)	8
Fours	Phil Long, John Colcombe	21
	James Segolo & Wayne Willgress (Norfolk BC)	
	Paul Mills, Luke Hills,	14
	Tom Baker & Stephen Winter (Lynnsport)	

Generally, the competitions went quite well and the new approach of inputting your own result via the website was well supported, other than the small minority who never made the effort to make it work, but another step forward thanks to Chris for arranging.



Thanks to John Mason and County Arts for hosting finals, which were well attended, and some games live streamed. Unfortunately, David was unable to attend due to illness but it's great to see has made full recovery.

The sets play in the Under 25s was a success and another step forward. Perhaps this will lead to other new format competitions or a change to existing championships.

Thanks to Chris and David for all their all their help making the season a success.

Major proposals raised for consideration at AGM are:

1. Introduction of a new Matchplay Singles event using the same basis as the existing U25 Singles open to all male members of fully affiliated clubs and an entry-based competition rather than club qualification.
2. Introduction of respots for all county championships, namely singles, pairs, triples and fours.

Barney Wymer
Hon. Competition Secretary

EIBA National Competition results 2023/24:

Competitive team results since the February Executive Council meeting.

Liberty Trophy

02/03 (Semi-Final) Norfolk 121 – Durham 118
23/03 (Final) Norfolk 120 – Essex 124

U25 Inter County Double Rink

11/02 (Quarter Final) Norfolk 32 – Northamptonshire 41

Appointment of Team Managers for 2024/25

In accordance with Rules 5 (d) i – iii the following nominations were received for the Team Manager roles in respect of the 2024/25 season.

Role	Nominee(s)	Proposed By
Liberty Trophy	Ric Summers	Norfolk BC
O60 Inter County	Ian Wones	Norfolk BC
U25	Steve Pope	Gallow

These nominations were put to the Executive Council for consideration, the results of which were.

1. Liberty Trophy Manager – nominee, Ric Summers, was seconded by Dereham. Voting: For 10, Against 0, Abstain 0 – Ric Summers was duly elected as Liberty Trophy Manager for 2024/25



2. O60 Inter County Manager – nominee, Ian Wones, was seconded by Acle.
 Voting: For 10, Against 0, Abstain 0 – Ian Wones was duly elected as O60
 Inter County Manager for 2024/25

3. U25 Manager – nominee, Steve Pope, was seconded by Diss & District.
 Voting: For 10, Against 0, Abstain 0 – Steve Pope was duly elected as U25
 Manager for 2024/25

Update on officer nominations for 2024/25:

The following nominations were received by the 1st June in accordance with Rule 9 (f) to serve for the 2024/25 season.

Role	Nominee(s)	Proposer
President	See note 1	
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
Hon. Competition Secretary	See note 2	
Hon. League Secretary	David Perry	County Arts
Webmaster	Chris Taylor	Norfolk BC
Safeguarding Officer	Steve Pope	Gallow

Rule 9 (h) If more than one nomination is received for any of the aforementioned offices a ballot shall be held at the Annual General Meeting. If no nominations are received for an office, then recommendations to fill the post will be submitted by the Executive to the Annual General Meeting.

Notes

1. With the resignation of Bill Windsor as SVP, David Perry has offered to continue as President for 2024/25. This will require a proposer for consideration at the AGM and for the Executive to apply rule 9(h) and recommend David to continue.
2. No nomination has been received for the Hon. Competition Secretary, but Barney Wymer has indicated that he would consider continuing if no nomination was received. This will require a proposer for consideration at the AGM and for the Executive to apply rule 9(h) and recommend Barney to continue.



At this point the President shared with the meeting details of a discussion between himself and the Secretary outlining a four-year plan they had agreed, subject to health and no unforeseen circumstances.

David, as outlined above, has put himself forward as JVP meaning he would again be President 2026/27 and intends to put himself forward again next year as JVP to be President in 2027/28. He will also put himself forward for all his current officer roles between now and 2027/28.

At the 2028 AGM he will step down from ALL positions he holds, other than the Immediate Past President which he would occupy by succession.

In parallel with David's statement Chris Taylor also confirmed to the meeting, subject to health and no unforeseen circumstances, that he would also put himself forward for all his current officer roles between now and 2027/28 relinquishing all roles at the 2028 AGM.

The rationale for this plan is to provide support to John Mason in his Presidential year (2025/26) but also to give some confidence that the association will have a confirmed Presidential and Officer base until 2028.

However, in accordance with the Rules & Objects nominations will be sought annually and open to anyone to put themselves forward. Ideally between now and 2028 new officers will come forward and allow for a well-managed transition period.

AGM Proposals

The following were presented and discussed in detail as the proposals which had been received by 1st June to be considered at the AGM.

Clubs were reminded that no new proposals may now be raised, and any changes to the proposals outlined below must be submitted in writing to the Hon. Secretary by 26th June. They were also reminded that all of the proposals outlined would require a seconder before being put to a vote.

1. Privacy Policy

Proposed by – Executive.

Rationale – 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.

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.*

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.*

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.*

2. Changes to County Rules & Objects

Proposed by – Executive.

Rationale – As part of the review the 2023/24 season.

- 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.

- 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.



- 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.

3. Changes to County Match Rules

Proposed by – Executive.

Rationale – As part of the review the 2023/24 season.

- 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.

- 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.

- 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.



4. Changes to County Competition Rules

Proposed by – Executive.

Rationale – As part of the review the 2023/24 season.

- 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.

- 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.)

- 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.

8.7. If a jack in motion passes completely outside the boundaries of the rink of play or rebounds to a distance of less than 20 metres from the mat line, the jack shall be re-spotted. If the jack passes outside the side boundary of the rink it should be placed on a pre-arranged spot on the rink which is 2 metres from the front ditch and a minimum of 1 metre and maximum of 1.5 metres to the left or right of the centre line, being positioned the same distance on both sides of the centre line, on the side that it left the rink of play.

Note: This rule ONLY applies to an end in play and not in relation to a jack being cast to start an end where the Laws of Sport rules 9 & 10 will apply.

8.8. If a bowl is on the re-spot, the jack will be placed as near as possible to the bowl without touching it, between the spot and the centre of the rink. If any other bowls are in the way the jack will be placed as near to that without touching it and the centre of the rink. In other words, directly between the 2 spots without touching a bowl.

- 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.

*10.1 Matches up to and including the semi-finals, plain white shirt with tailored collar, club necktie or EIBA registered coloured shirt, grey **or black** trousers, EIBA registered coloured trousers or grey **or black** EIBA / Bowls Manufacturer shorts and any coloured flat soled regulation bowling shoes (subject to the rules of the Club where the game is being played).*

Note: This proposal has also been made in respect of the County League and O60 Double Rink competition.

- 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.

5. Changes to County League Rules

Proposed by – Executive.

Rationale – As part of the review the 2023/24 season.

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

*3.1.1 Plain white shirt with tailored collar, club necktie or EIBA registered coloured shirt, grey or **black** trousers, EIBA registered coloured trousers or grey **or black** EIBA / Bowls Manufacturer shorts and any coloured flat soled regulation bowling shoes (subject to the rules of the Club where the game is being played, at the start of the season clubs will be provided with details of Club's dress codes).*

Note: This proposal has also been made in respect of the County Competitions and O60 Double Rink competition.

- 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.
- a. Reduction in the number of ends played in the County League matches (not O60 Double Rink League) from 21 to 18.
Proposed by – Acle.
Rationale – Following the trend for quicker games and the direction being taken by the EIBA reducing most National Events.
 - a) 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.

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.

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

Proposed by – Executive.

Rationale – As part of the review the 2023/24 season.

- a) 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.

*3.1.1 Plain white shirt with tailored collar, club necktie or EIBA registered coloured shirt, grey or **black** trousers, EIBA registered coloured trousers or grey **or black** EIBA / Bowls Manufacturer shorts and any coloured flat soled regulation bowling shoes (subject to the rules of the Club where the game is being played, at the start of the season clubs will be provided with details of Club’s dress codes).*

Note: This proposal has also been made in respect of the County Competitions and O60 Double Rink competition.

- b) 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.

- c) Championship Pennant amended to

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



Any other business / Open forum

1. The President mentioned the email he had shared with clubs outlining the movement in membership numbers over the past few years. Whilst we remain below the pre-COVID numbers it is pleasing to note that increases are now being reported across all clubs.
2. A number of the delegates submitted their apologies for absence at the AGM, and that an alternative delegate would attend.
 - a) Michael Howard – Diss & District
 - b) David Eastwell – Shotford
 - c) Mike Kett – Roundwood

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7:59pm

Next meeting

- Annual General Meeting: Sunday 7th July 2024, Wymondham Dell IBC starting 10:00am