



## **Minutes of the 2017 Annual General Meeting of the Inter-Area Bar Billiards Association**

**Held at the Bletchington Sports & Social Club on Sunday 16th January 2017**

### **Role call of leagues present and apologies received.**

**Eynsham** (P. Soanes), **High Wycombe** (C.Gildersleve, C.Slade), **Oxford** (P.Ewins), **Portsmouth** (D. Claydon) **Reading** (P.Hawkins, M.Hawkins, T.Alder, D.Alder), **Wallingford** (D.Tooke) and **Witney** (J.Parsons & A.Willis) were present. (7 associations and 16 members)

Apologies received from R. Allsworth and **Northampton**

**The Chairman** opened the meeting at 2.30pm

The minutes were perused by the meeting and it was proposed **Mr P Hawkins** - seconded **Mr Gildersleve** that they were accepted as a true record.

### **Matters arising**

The Secretary reported that the change from highest break award to highest score awards had been implemented

### **Chairman's report (Mr Terry Alder)**

**Mr Terry Alder** welcomed everyone to the meeting and wished everyone a Happy New Year. He congratulated Wallingford A, Witney A and High Wycombe C on their victories this year and left it to the secretary to give a full report. He told the meeting that this was his last year as Chairman as he would be standing down but assured the meeting of his support in the future.

### **Secretary's report (Mr Tony Willis)**

Happy New Year to you all and good to see you all, the select few. Well done to all the winners, to Wallingford men in the Norrey Lambert sevens, to Oxford Ladies on winning their respective one day ProPlumb fives and to Callum Bowler on winning the Ray Sturgess under 25 trophy.

Also well done to Wallingford A on beating Portsmouth the main competition final, Witney A on winning the supplementary shield and High Wycombe C on winning the C Team shield.

We had high score awards this year rather than breaks and it was good to see a new name winning the ladies' high score in Mary Leeming of Northampton.

There has been some problems this year with games not being played within the two-month window allowed. We have to address this problem as it's causing a backlog at the end of the season.

Numbers and enthusiasm seems to be diminishing in some areas, we all seem to be fighting a losing battle and it feels simply like damage limitation in keeping going for as long as possible. In this light, we need to discuss the under 25's and the ladies one day later in the meeting as their support has shrunk to an unworkable level.

I'd like to thank Terry Alder for all his work and support as Chairman over the last few years and we need to find somebody of equal enthusiasm and ability to replace him. All suggestions are welcome.

For various reasons, communication from me has been quite poor this year and I will endeavour to improve this. However I do need a little notice of finals being played if we as a committee are to present trophies on the night.

We must acknowledge the achievement of Matt Jones of High Wycombe B in winning the World Championships in Jersey this November. A great milestone in his meteoric career.

We lost two great enthusiasts for the game this year in David Neilan of Reading C and Andrew 'Stacky' Barton of Witney A – both will be sorely missed.

Our one day event is on February 12th 2017 at Didcot Tory club once again, the day after the Oxon open.

As ever a few thanks for the season to Terry Alder, Dave Tooke and Jenny Parsons for their great help at the one-day event, to Jenny Florey for making the raffle a huge success, and to the AEBBA, Oxfordshire BBA and Mark Trafford for their invaluable help with providing our tables on the day. I must also thank fellow Officers Terry Alder and Jenny Parsons for doing so much during the year, and finally to Pete Soanes and the Bletchington Sports Club for providing the venue today.

### **Treasurer's report (Ms Jenny Parsons)**

Please find below the balance sheet for the 2016 season.

Another pleasing year financially with an overall profit of £162 even though we have the extra cost of the Supplementary Shield in the Main competition expenses. Jenny Florey once again did a great job with the raffle at our one day event with sales of £268. Thanks to all who brought prizes for the raffle and for the first year all the prizes were donations.

Once again thanks to Didcot Conservative Club for letting us use the hall for free and thanks are also due to the Oxon BB Association for allowing us to share their weekend table rental.

Many thanks to Pete Ewins for sponsoring the high score awards this year in the annual competitions.

The Ladies One Day competition is becoming a problem for us financially and competitively and I think the Secretary will discuss this matter later.

With my Treasurer's hat on, may I remind you all that the new one pound coin will be issued in March and all the old ones will be called in by October!

Inter-Area Bar Billiards Association								
Balance Sheet 2016								
	2015	INCOME		2016		2015	EXPENDITURE	2016
	£1,160.95	Balance carried forward		£1,332.74				
		from previous year						
		ENTRY FEES						
£10.00		Eynsham	£10.00			£0.00	Hall Hire 1 Day Event	£0.00
£30.00		Northants	£30.00			£0.00	Raffle Prizes 1 Day	£0.00
£40.00		Oxford	£30.00			£234.21	Trophies for 1 day	£199.00
£10.00		Portsmouth	£10.00			£0.00	Table Hire	£60.00
£40.00		Reading	£40.00			£294.00	Trophies for Main & C Team	£280.00
£30.00		Wallingford	£30.00			£10.00	Secretaries Honorarium/Exps	£10.00
£30.00		Witney	£30.00			£0.00	Treasurers Expenses	£0.00
£30.00		Wycombe	£30.00					
		Mr P Ewins - sponsorship		£20.00				
sub-total	£220.00	Total Entry fees	sub-total	£210.00				
	£213.00	Door/entries 1 day event		£213.00				
	£277.00	Raffle 1 day event		£268.00				
	£1,870.95	TOTAL INCOME		£2,043.74		£538.21	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£549.00
		Income change	plus	£172.79				
		Expenditure change	plus	£10.79		£1,332.74	Balance carried forward	£1,494.74
		Balance change (profit)	plus	£162.00			to 2017	

### Report on proceedings at the 2016 All England Bar Billiards AGM

Mr Dave Alder gave a brief summary of the All England Bar Billiards Association AGM held at Arborfield SC, Reading at the end of 2016.

The AEBBA accounts were healthy with £8500 in the bank after Bournemouth expenses have been paid out.

Storage of the tables at Didcot CC would now cost £600 pa following the moving of some of the competitions. This was up from £200.

In the Internationals England beat Jersey 22-11 at the Queens in Bournemouth and beat Guernsey 39-27 at Les Rocquettes in St Peter Port.

The Inter Area players selected for England this year were Mark Trafford and Matt Jones with Stephen Coleman and Steven Sheard as reserves.

The committee and honoraria stayed the same.

Amongst the proposals were that Alternative rules would now include 4 pin billiards.

Also accepted was that up to four Ladies teams would be integrated into what was now the Mens Div one and two. This meant the groups were extended to seven and that one mens team would be excluded from the competition. This meant that Berkshire B would not be playing this year. Much discussion of this rule change and it's merits ensued.

### Election of Officers

Chairman at present Mr Terry Alder but not willing to stand again.

Dave Barnes was proposed by Mr Hawkins who assured the meeting that he had spoken to Mr Barnes and he was willing to stand. This was seconded by Mr Gildersleve.

Unanimously accepted

Secretary at present Mr Tony Willis.

Treasurer at present **Ms Jenny Parsons**.  
Both were re-elected.

***Proposals for rule changes received by the Secretary***

*none*

***Honoraria and expenses awarded for the 2015 season***

Secretary - nil

Treasurer - nil

***Competition Draws***

The draws were then made for

- The NBBA Cup - 17 entries
- The C-Team Shield groups - 6 entries
- The 7-a-side tournament - 8 entries

It was suggested by the Secretary that, as most of the ladies teams were struggling to get a side, that it should be reduced to 3-a-side and all were in favour of this. Entries will be sought on this basis.

It was also decided unanimously that the Ray Sturges Cup should now be for under thirties rather than under 25s to attract more entries.

***Any other business***

Mr Hawkins asked the secretary to be stricter on time minutes between rounds as the situation have got rather out of hand last season. Mr Willis Ltd admitted that he have been to lacks easy-going about this and will endeavour to be stricter over the next year. After discussion it was decided that by the end of the first month of a two-month period either the first game should have been played or the dates should have been fixed for both legs. This will be stressed to all teams this year.

***Venue and date of next year's AGM***

This was arranged for Sunday 14th January 2018 at 2.30pm with Bletchington SSC clubhouse as the venue

***Close of meeting***

There being no other business **the Chairman** closed the meeting at 3.45pm



# **Inter-Area Bar Billiards Association**

## **Agenda**

**Annual General Meeting 2017**  
**Bletchington FC Sports and Social Club - 15th January**

- 1. Role call of leagues present and apologies received.**
- 2. Welcome by the Chairman**
- 3. Minutes of the 2016 A.G.M.**
- 4. Matters arising from minutes.**
- 5. Chairman's report. (Mr Terry Alder)**
- 6. Secretary's report. (Mr Tony Willis)**
- 7. Treasurer's report. (Ms Jenny Parsons) (see printed report overleaf)**
- 8. Report on the 2016 All England Bar Billiards AGM (if possible)**
- 9. Election of Officers;**

**At present;**

- **Chairman: Mr Terry Alder (standing down)**
- **Secretary: Mr Tony Willis**
- **Treasurer: Ms Jenny Parsons**

- 10. Proposals for rule changes received by the Secretary**  
*none received*

- 11. Honoraria and expenses awarded for the 2016 season to;**

- **Secretary**
- **Treasurer**

- 12. Draw for Main competition**
- 13. Draw for C-team Shield groups**
- 14. Draw for Men's 7-a-side and Ladies 5-a-side groups**
- 15. Any other business.**
- 16. Venue and date of 2017 AGM**
- 17. Close of meeting**