

Minutes of the RBA AGM Held at Romford BC on the 06th December 2022

1. The President, Alan Warner, opened the meeting at 7.30pm and thanked the representatives from 7 member clubs for attending along with Romford Bowling Club for the use of the venue. He went on to thank the Committee and the Presidents own club Harold Hill BC for their support throughout the year saying how much that support contributed to his enjoyment as RDBA President for 2022.

Thanks were also expressed to R. Watson, C. Fleming, A. (Tony) Allen, P. Hensher and D. Farquhar for their work throughout the year. Thanks also to everyone for their support of the leagues and competitions, it has been a good year.

“Thank you everyone”.

2. No apologies were received.
3. Minutes of the previous AGM having been previously circulated were accepted and signed. (Proposed: G. Baker, Seconded: M. Cuthbert).
4. Matters Arising.

Constitution and Rules.

The Constitution and Rules Sub-Committee has issued draft documents containing recommended changes to constitution, league and triples rules for examination and comment (circulated with the Notice of AGM).

With no objections/issues aired, either by email or at this meeting, it was voted to accept the changes as suggested in the draft documents.

Notices of motion/Proposals (item 11) included at this point due to their adoption necessitating a change to the rules and constitution just voted for.

1. Proposed: Sandy Dron. Seconded: Upminster BC

Voting rights for Life Members.

My first suggestion is to permit any life member of the Association to attend the April & October meetings & be allowed to vote at those meetings, this being Article 7a being amended.

My second suggestion is to permit any life member to vote at the A G M. Any member of an affiliated club can attend the AGM but under Article 11b only those listed under 1 & 2 can vote so introduce: 3 Life members.

I believe this will permit the Association to grant life membership to deserving bowlers & retain their knowledge & experience.

After much discussion it was felt that as an honorary award, Life Membership would not confer a permanent vote to the recipient as it would effectively be an extra vote to the club of which he is a member. This could also unduly influence the Executive's vote in any future awards.

The Proposal was withdrawn.

However, it was agreed to add “Members of all Member Clubs shall be entitled to attend and take part in discussions but will not be able to vote” to the Executive Committee section of the Constitution (7).

It is noted that there is no prohibition against an Honorary Life Member being a Delegate.

2. Proposed: Robert Glozier Seconded: Gidea Park BC.
Provision for falling Triples League entries.

I would like to propose a Notice of Motion as follows to be added to Regulation 1.

"If the number of teams entering a league falls below seven they could play each other three times."

Notes:

1 Regulation 1 ends with " ... or as otherwise determined". This could be interpreted as an opening to agree to play three or more fixtures and thus no need to change or add to the Regulations

2 If accepted teams playing opponents HHA one season would play AAH the next.

The League Secretary *Conway Fleming* took the floor on this one saying that *Ron Fishlock* was working on the draw software to accommodate this option as we speak and has always been an option under the league rules but had not been needed in previous years.

No amendments necessary as The Association will always endeavour to provide its member clubs with a full season of league and competition matches.

It was suggested that the league entries should be in by or at the AGM. *Affiliation, competition and league entries should be in by the end of November BUT some clubs are unable to decide until their AGM which can be in January.*

5. No correspondence at this time. No further information on Local Council Leases. Anything further would repeat other reports.
6. The Treasurers report was circulated on the night prior to the meeting. Profit and Loss accounts explained. It all balanced though we suffered an operating loss to end September in excess of £200.
Fred Wasmuth stepped in at this point and offered to sponsor a competition to the tune of £200.
President, *Alan Warner*, committee and delegates all thanked Fred for his generosity.
Alan went on to thank *Phil Hensher* for preparing the accounts.
7. The Examiners reported that they were satisfied with the accounts and received thanks from President *Alan*.
8. The Shield/Triples Secretary thanked everyone for their efforts last season. Fixtures will be out soon, we are having to wait for Elm Park's AGM for their decision on the triples league.
www.rbabowls.co.uk is the home of the website. *Conway Fleming* is the Webmaster and the domain name has been secured.
Things will look a little different and more is being added all the time.
Expected to be up and running in January.

A £50 award to *Ron Fishlock* was voted for to help cover expenses for all the work he has carried out on our behalf.

9. The Competition Secretary's report has been previously circulated and reads thus...

All competitions were carried out in the 2022 season, many thanks to all the competitors for their cooperation throughout the year.

The entries this season were.

30 singles	Won by Colin Morton
34 Pairs	Won by Terry Ewart and Mike Portway
23 Triples	Won by S. Barnes, P. Kingsnorth, Des Cole
14 Rinks	Won by D Farquhar, R Quinton, S Waters, R Gurnett
14 Silv.Jub.	Won by Alan Warner
13 Officers	Won by Alan Warner
Chine Cup	Won by R Gurnett
Twine Cup	Won by Romford

Entries were up by 16 on 2021 so hope to continue with higher numbers in the future.

Many thanks to Harold Hill for providing their green along with wonderful hospitality for finals day.

Thanks also to Richard Strauss for umpiring on the day and to all the committee for their support throughout the year.

Finally, my appreciation goes out to all the competitors for fulfilling their games on time and in the spirit of the game.

Here's looking forward to 2023 season

Tony Allen

10. Match Secretary reported, in absentia, that the friendly fixtures have gone very well. Thanks to everyone that supported us this year.

We do still need ongoing support for the representative matches. After sending out around 70 forms, replies in single figures is rather disappointing. We are still short for the February and March matches at the moment.

There is an additional fixture added for March 2023 on the 26th at Tye Green IBC for which we need representatives.

There will be a minor change this year in that the outdoor fixtures will be published at the start of season with the indoor fixtures published in August. It is hoped that this will enable those wishing to represent the association to manage their calendars a little easier.

Thanks also to the president's and secretary's clubs, Harold Hill and Romford for all their help, rallying round at the last minute to replace drop-outs helped us out tremendously.

Alan Warner proposed a vote of thanks to Ricky Watson for all his hard work. This was seconded and passed unanimously. Thank you Ricky!

11. Notices of Motion / Proposals: Dealt with under (4) Matters Arising.

12. There was a vote of thanks to retiring officers.

13. Election of Officers.

Excepting the presidential positions (which are defined) there have been no nominations and with nothing from the floor the current officers (those that were present) were asked if they were willing to stand again.
All agreed and were elected en-bloc.

President – Martin Blackmore
Deputy President – Dave King
Imm' Past President – Alan Warner
Secretary – Dave Farquhar
Treasurer – Phil Hensher
Shield /Triples Secretary – Conway Fleming
Competition Secretary – Tony Allen
Match Secretary – Ricky Watson
Examiners – Richard Rose + Martin Cuthbert
Selection Committee – President / Deputy President / Match
Secretary (Principle) / Gen Sec.
Dinner Committee – President / Secretary and Treasurer
Press Officers – Richard Strauss
Webmaster – Conway Fleming

Presidential regalia was passed on by *Alan Warner* to *Martin Blackmore* our new **RDBA President for 2023**.

There was a vote of thanks to *Alan Warner* for all his efforts and achievements as RDBA President 2022.

14. Annual Dinner:-

The presentation lunch was well attended this year with member and guest numbers being around those of 2021 (69 this year). Thanks to all those that attended.

It was agreed by the members to hold the 2023 Presentation at the same venue on the 15th October 2023 (date available, Secretary to book).

Though there is no AOB at the AGM *Phil Hensher* reminded everyone that next year is The RDBA Centenary and we should be looking to organise some celebratory matches.

Dave King suggested that the Immediate Past President head up a sub-committee to organise events and matches.

Alan Warner suggested that, though he was eager to help out, the Associations needs may be best served by *Dave King* (to be President in the centenary year making Romford “Home Venue”) along with *Phil Hensher* (Treasurer and Romford’s Match Secretary) whom has contacts and experience in these matters.

The meeting was closed at 8:35pm