

IRISH INDOOR BOWLING ASSOCIATION

The second Meeting of the 2023/24 season will take place on Thursday 21st September in Shaws Bridge at 7.30 pm.

AGENDA

1. Attendance and Apologies
2. Chairman's Business
3. Notice of Any Other Business**
4. Minutes of the previous meeting
5. Matters arising from the Minutes
6. Competitions Secretary's Report
 - 6.1 Yearbooks/forms
 - 6.2 Interzone competitions
 - 6.3 Leagues
 - 6.4 Champion of Champions
7. Finance Committee Report
8. Honoraria
9. British Isles updates
10. Child Protection and Vulnerable Adults update
11. Clubs for affiliation
12. Correspondence
13. Any other notified business

** Notice of Any Other Business to be advised preferably by email to the Secretary by **Wednesday 20th September 2023.**

If you are unable to attend, please make arrangements to collect your National/Ladies/Junior/Over 55 entry forms.

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A Zoom Meeting was held on Thursday 25th May 2023 at 8 pm.

1. Attendance

Mrs F McNally	D McMahon	A Rice	Ms C Adair	H Nixon
D McCullough	Mrs N Tanner	J O'Hare	S Kyne	S Bates
S Carleton	D Crawford	Mrs J Parkinson	G O'Hare	Mrs A McKiver

Apologies

D Bintley	Mrs A Patton	E Irwin	I Kerr	C Mearns
W Clinghan	M Petticrew	Mrs C McKim		

2. Chairman's Business

The Chairman reported that World Bowls will be held in Norway in 2026 and Canada in 2028.

3. Notice of Any Other Business

First bowl of each end -

4. Minutes of the meetings held on 2nd March 2023

The minutes of the Zoom meeting were proposed by S Kyne and seconded by G O'Hare.

5. Matters arising from Minutes

None.

6. Competitions Secretary Reports

6.1 National Championships

The Competitions Secretary indicated that entry forms will be available in August/September and that she would contact convenors to confirm the number of forms required. Entry fees are unchanged. She plans to remove the details about payments from the forms and just indicate that the zone convener should be contacted regarding fees (for the nationals only). She will contact convenors regarding the quantity of forms, draw sheets, score cards, tournament licences, GDPR, child protection etc. it was agreed that for the incoming season there would be no minimum number.

6.2 Draws for the Interzone Competitions

Convenors have confirmed entries 21 men & 16 ladies. The draw is planned for tomorrow night (26 May) and will be live streamed. With 21 teams the men will require 5 Saturdays for the competition and the ladies 4. The finals are planned for the morning of the National Finals.

6.3 League Fees

At the AGM all subs, tournament licences were made the same. The league fees are currently £25/€30. The Competitions Secretary thought that this would make things simpler if they were brought into line with the other fees.

6.4 Champion of Champions 2023

The Competitions Secretary has been chasing up returns for these competitions and they have been posted on our Facebook page. This covers all tournaments run between 1st July 2022 and 30th June 2023. Currently there are 25 Singles, 58 Pairs, 20 Triples & 16

Fours with duplications in each category and the Competitions Secretary asked that any outstanding entries should be sent to her as soon as possible.

6.5 Mixed Pairs Competition

A discussion then took place about the introduction of a Mixed Pairs Competition, and it was agreed that this would be run at Zone level similar to the Over 55 Pairs with the Zones paying a licence fee. Each Zone would keep the entry fees and the cost of the hall and any prizes would be taken out of it. Each Zone representative would then go to Shaws Bridge for the play-offs. The Ladies Triples would follow the same format. This means that the Ladies Triples, Over 55 Pairs and Mixed Pairs would each require a licence fee.

6.6 World Bowls Qualifiers

The Officers met and proposed that because of the Interzone competitions returning to local level and thus reducing the number of free Saturdays that the World Bowls Qualifiers will be run on one Saturday in early November. Each player could only enter one competition and they must play with members of their own Zone.

7. AGM Report

The Hon Secretary reported that only 29 attended the AGM. All changes to the Constitution and the Laws of the Game were approved. A question was asked about whether an audit should be carried out but the Chairman reported that as the gross income is less than £300,000 then no audit is required.

At the AGM it was asked what the procedure was for running the Ladies Interzone competition – was it 4 mats at once or 2 runs of 2 mats? This matter was to be discussed at the next Executive Meeting. After a short discussion it was agreed that the match should consist of 2 runs of 2 mats.

8. Honoria

This item was deferred to the incoming Finance Committee.

9. Election of Subcommittees

Competitions: Officers plus Controller, S Kyne.

Selection: D McMahan, Miss C Adair, S Kyne, Mrs A McKiver and G McCabe

Team Manager of Ladies: Mrs A McKiver

Team Manager for British Isles and World Championships D McMahan

Disciplinary Committee: A Rice (Secretary), D McCullough D McMahan, S Carleton and S Bates

Emergency: Officers Ex-Officio

PRO Committee: S Kyne, D McMahan and A Rice

Child Protection: S Kyne assisted by Ms C Adair and B Holmes

S Kyne will send a printout to all conveners. Zone Conveners are to provide registration forms for each club.

Yearbook: A Rice, Miss C Adair and DJ Connelly.

Mrs J Parkinson left the meeting at this point.

Finance Committee: H Nixon, S Kyne, D McMahan, A Rice, S Carleton and Mrs N Tanner

10. Clubs/Leagues for Affiliation

Application received from Dunbarton BC to join Armagh Zone. It is a few seasons since Dunbarton BC joined the Association and that was with West Down. It was decided that

it was up to Armagh Zone if Dunbarton BC could join Armagh Zone and this should happen at either a Zone AGM or EGM.

11. Correspondence

None.

12. Any other Notified Business

1) “In singles, pairs, triples and fours, if the first bowl of the end on any end delivered by the lead going first shall touch the jack and come to rest completely in the ditch, it shall be declared dead and removed from the mat. If the first bowl so delivered comes to rest intersecting the ditch line, it shall be marked as a toucher.”

It was decided to put D Crawford’s Notice of Motion on the Agenda at the 2024 AGM.

2) Rolling up the mats in Shaws Bridge –The Competitions Secretary is to contact the Stadium Manager in Shaws Bridge.

Meeting closed 9.30 p.m.