

All England Bar Billiards

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

2019



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# MEETING NOTES

**Apologies:** Kevin Tunstall, Joe Elleson, Tony Jenner, Stephen Coleman, Stu Carruthers, Dave Lillie, Lee Mason

**Attendees:** Peter Sainsbury, Dave Alder, Lorin Clough, Curt Driver, Pauline Withey, Gerry Fitzjohn, Nigel Senior, Joe Foxon, Mark Trafford, Chris Saville, Matt Jones, Cliff Slade, Dawn Jordan, Ernie Jordan

## **Voting:**

Dawn Jordan - High Wycombe; Dave Alder - Reading; Chris Saville - Dover & Deal; Gerry Fitzjohn - Medway; Curt Driver - Tunbridge Wells; Joe Foxon - Nottinghamshire; Nigel Senior - Brighton; Lorin Clough - Northants; Mark Trafford - Eynsham; Pauline Withey - Oxford

## **Meeting Opened: 14:35**

**Minutes of 2018:** Lorin proposed that the minutes posted on the AEBBA Website be accepted as a true record of the AGM 2018. Dawn Jordan seconded the proposal. Votes cast were as follows:

In favour        9

Against         0

Abstentions    2

**Report Summaries:** The Chairman read out his statement contained within the AGM document - thanking all supporters and contributors and congratulating competition entrants and winners. Peter also paid special thanks to Paul Sainsbury who has called time on his international career after decades of commitment.

Treasurer statement - Gerry apologised that it has not been possible to present verified accounts to this meeting but that he will

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publish the accounts prior to an EGM - to be called by the Secretary - where approval shall be sought.

**England Captain:** Following a selection meeting which took place on the day of the AGM, Curt was delighted to announce the England team lineup for 2020. The following players have won selection:

Curt Driver (Captain), Nigel Senior, Mark Trafford, Matt Jones, Gerry Fitzjohn, Mark Brewster, Phil Osborne, Martin Cole, Ian Lelliott, Martin Smith and Matt Knight

**Reserves (in order):** Jim Millward, Joe Oakley, Lorin Clough, Stuart Mephram, Geoff Jukes, Bob Hall

Curt summarised his report, as published in this document and highlighted the 38-15 winning result against Guernsey.

Sadly, Curt further reported, following discussions with Jersey, as there are only three teams left in their league, they have decided not to play. Curt confirmed with them that the 'door is always open' but things now look unlikely - which is very sad. Curt reiterated his offer of friendly match vs England team and interested parties should contact him directly.

**Secretary:** Lorin invited attendees to read his report but clarified the development strategy that has been adopted. In year 1 the focus was to improve our existing events - creating an improved playing environment as well as increased rewards for competitors was popular with many and led to an almost universal increase in event entry numbers. In year 2, we sought to target opportunities for new or novice players to enjoy our game. Sadly something that had been overlooked for too long. This is why existing players saw a deliberate slowing of the pace of - which was largely a reaction to the negative feedback received from those who are determined that we do not change. Finally, Lorin articulated his concern that a culture has been allowed to persist where sweeping and unsubstantiated accusations, abuse and unacceptable behaviour can be directed at the committee and Secretary in particular

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With apparent impunity. From players literally shouting in competition organiser's faces or accusations of the Secretary operating beyond the remit of the role or even being accused of killing the game - committee members have been made to put up with an unacceptable level of conduct from some in the wider Bar Billiards community. Lorin expressed his deep concern that much of this descends into personal abuse and will, unless immediately addressed, result in the complete breakdown of goodwill that exists. As such, given what has been directed particularly at the Secretary in 2019, Lorin proposed that a separate election be held for this role as there is clear concern that he no longer carries the confidence of the wider community.

## **Election of Officers:**

Chris Saville expressed that both the Secretary and committee is ok in general other than his previously expressed concerns over the handling of the AEBBA 4-Pin competition.

Peter Sainsbury set out that all members are united as a committee and invited anyone to raise concerns that they or their associations may have. He continued that changes have been overdue for some time and whilst it is not easy for everyone, it would be a dereliction of duty not to act in what is seen by the committee as the best interests of the game.

Mark Trafford offered the view that many of the changes have been welcomed by many of the players he has spoken to. His view is that the event organisers continue to be responsive and open to feedback. He also offered his congratulations on how the lighting and branding of AEBBA events has a positive effect on the players and their eagerness to be part of them. Mark did contend that the handling of the 'Fire Alarm' incident by Lorin & Dave in a recent competition was unacceptable in apparently making a decision and then reversing it following a highly vocal protest from another player. Dave pointed out the particular factors involved in that incident and why the only certainty in that instance was that half of the room would always consider the decision a disadvantage

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whilst the other half would support it. In the end, a decision was made and communicated to all and this has led to a committee proposal for this AGM. Dave added support to Lorin's earlier comments regarding the conduct of some players toward the event organisers was deeply disappointing.

Dawn Jordan asked whether anything will be done to prevent the culture descending further. Lorin said that, given much of this may be a reaction to how he is driving change in the organisation, perhaps a separate election with the opportunity for others to stand will help. He added that it has been allowed to persist for too long and so will need a community approach where, as a group, we do not allow unacceptable instances such as these to go unchecked.

Following this discussion, Mark Trafford proposed that a vote be taken to elect the entire Committee en bloc rather than have a separate election for the Secretary position. This was seconded by Pauline Withey. Votes cast were as follows:

**In favour:** Unanimous



# A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN

Firstly I would like to thank everyone for attending the AGM. It is essential that as many attend as possible.

Chrissie Newson stood down as Treasurer and I would like to thank her for the transitional support given to Gerry in his first year, he is slowly getting up to speed and I'm sure that next year things will be as we expect them to be.

Dave Alder continues to ensure that the tournament tables are made available and that the tournament calendar is managed in order to accommodate the needs of all of our affiliated associations and leagues. Dave puts in tremendous time and effort and I know that his commitment is not always fully appreciated by all. It is pleasing that we get much more assistance in setting up and taking down the tables.

Lorin Clough in his second year as Secretary has continued the good work. The changes I referred to last year have slowed down but it is the association's intention to make further improvements in the future and we ask for your support in these matters.

I am delighted to congratulate all of the winners, runners up and competitors in each of the AEBBA tournaments as well as the open competitions. In particular I was obviously delighted with the National Team Championship and of course Paul's fifth all England title but extremely disappointed at the county championship results.

Special mention to Jason Neal, it's always good to win an open but particularly your own.



The young players continue to progress well so the future of the game is not all gloomy although an area of concern is the drop of numbers for some of the open competitions; this is a trend that needs to be reversed.

Thanks to Nigel Senior providing statistics and ranking points. Nigel also continues to demonstrate the flexibility that the role demands by providing tournament schedules, often at extremely short notice, to enable the smooth running of our tournament calendar and to ensure that all players are accommodated as best as possible.

Thanks to all those who have supported the association.



# Annual General Meeting 2019

# AGENDA

- Apologies
- Minutes from AGM 2018
- Statement on AEBBA Finances
- The delicate balance of change
- England win again!
- Committee Elections & Operations
- Proposals to AGM
- Any Other Business



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# APOLOGIES

Thank you to those who have notified in advance that you are unable to attend this meeting. We hope that you will remain committed to the game and to our association in the coming year.

# MINUTES FROM AGM 2018

The minutes of the 2018 AGM were published on the Association's website on 16th February 2019 and have been available for review at this address:

<http://aebba.co.uk/a-e-b-b-a-annual-general-meeting-2018/>

It is the view of the Secretary and the Committee that they represent an accurate account of the 2018 Annual General Meeting and should be adopted into permanent record as such.

Minutes Accepted: **Yes - see meeting notes above for vote.**



# A STATEMENT FROM THE TREASURER

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

It has not been possible to fully prepare and independently verify a completed set of accounts ahead of this AGM which, whilst inconvenient, is not a cause for concern. As such a separate EGM will be called for the sole purpose of setting out a comprehensive financial position and approving the Financial Year 2018/19 accounts.

It is expected that this EGM shall take place no later than 22nd December 2019.

This date has been subsequently amended to Sunday 5th January.



# THE DELICATE BALANCE OF CHANGE

The vernacular these days is 'Every day is a school day' - and this sentiment strongly reflects how 2019 has played out. Learning lessons from how we do things is vital when managing the process of change. It helps to ease transition for people and to mitigate unease - hopefully, ensuring that you can carry more people along on the journey.

The changes we implemented in 2018, improving our events: making them both more professional as well as more rewarding was well received by many. Of course, not everyone enjoys change or even sees the need for it, but the majority recognised that some change was overdue. We made a very conscious decision to start our journey by focussing on our existing events, to breathe new life into them. This was because it would make the most significant impact to more people immediately. To improve our existing events was a way of recognising and rewarding those who have stuck with us and supported us over many years. It also enabled us to set the tone for future change.

By the end of 2018 we had already started to recognise the concerns of some players who were worried that the cumulative effect of the changes to events were too great, and so in 2019 we diverted our efforts toward creating opportunities for new players to play the game. I am immensely proud that we managed to get the AEBBA Challenger Championships off the ground. As an association, the duty to attract new players to the game has largely been overlooked for a generation or more and so it was overdue to say the least. I am grateful to Dave Alder and Curt Driver who supported me with their time, their muscles and their creativity in making the event one of the most enjoyable of the year.

Our flagship events in 2019, the pairs in Bournemouth, the County and Team Championships, our Individuals and Grand Prix were enjoyed by those who attended and I'd like to congratulate all of the winners and thank everyone who participated and supported them.





Back to the theme of learning, it has not all been plain sailing. The levels of discontentment regarding the downtime of the association's website or the proposed amendments to the AEBBA 4-Pin event descended into unwelcome expressions of abuse. This is not acceptable to me and should not be acceptable to anyone. The sanguine lesson learned was that not everyone is willing to accept change, not everyone has bought into our vision for the future and sadly there are a few that do not wish to see us succeed in our aims.

I appreciate fully that our traditional game must be treated gently, there is a delicate balance to be maintained when seeking to ensure our cherished game lives long into this century - and despite the acceptance of many, not everyone agrees that change is going to help with that.

For my part, I have resolved to redouble my efforts to improve our offering and create even more opportunities for people to play our wonderful game - but I can only do this with the support of our Bar Billiards community. If the vision we have for Bar Billiards is not shared, if the support for these ambitions is not there then we will not succeed and, in that instance, it should therefore be an opportunity for another to bring a fresh set of ideas forward and take on the leadership challenge.

I have proposed that there be a separate election of the Secretary position at the 2019 AGM to afford the opportunity for someone to take on the role if they wish. My passion is for the game and that it lasts long and healthy into the future - I will support anyone who has the drive and ambition to do just that.

In 2020, we are committed to creating more opportunities for existing and



new players to play our game in events that may therefore be reformatted. The association will invest heavily in our tables to ensure they are in good order, to repair the inevitable damage caused by a long year of outside hire, and to add to the number. With two more tables being ready in early spring it will bring our compliment to twelve. This gives us a wonderful opportunity to expand our events, to improve our reach and to format competitions so that everyone can play more. We are very excited about the potential this offers and hope you will all experience the benefits of these changes in our events.

We shall also be announcing very soon a new partnership arrangement which will give us a preferred supplier for table resources, cloths etc. and will offer the wider community heavily discounted rates when purchasing these items through the association. This partnership will also improve the levels of sponsorship which sadly diminished a little in 2019.

The Challenger Championships will return next year - this time in York - which is fantastic news. A full calendar of events can be accessed on the AEBBA website.

We shall also very soon start consulting on how we recognise and honour some of the stalwarts of our game - stay tuned to the website to find out more.

It is my contention that the association is in a healthy position - and that is due to the efforts of a fantastic committee. In particular to Dave and Nigel who have delivered outstanding events yet again. I'd like to thank them and look forward to seeing the benefits of their labours for many years to come.

Finally, I'd like to congratulate Kevin Tunstall who became World Champion for the sixth time a few weeks ago. This titanic achievement should not be underestimated. We should all be inspired by Kevin's longevity at the highest possible level - your achievement is our ambition, Kevin. Thank you for the inspiration and many congratulations!





## England Captain's Report

# ENGLAND WIN.....AGAIN!



On Saturday 1st June the England team played Guernsey at the Roffey Club.

Again, this year it was very pleasing to give a new player the chance to make his mark at this level. Joe Oakley stepped up and played one of the top Guernsey players in Ian Champion and took the win 2-1. Not sure about age stats but at 21 Joe is the youngest player to put the England shirt on in a long time. Well done to him.

The match started with 4 pairs matches. We were 16-4 up after the pairs with another 33 points to play for in the singles so all still to play for.

After the first 6 games of the singles it ended 10-8 to us and the overall scores at 26-12 with 15 points still to play for so the match was still on.

The last 5 England players certainly stepped up and we won the final 5 games 12-3 giving us a total win of 38-15.

Unfortunately, another year without a Jersey match. It appears they are struggling for numbers and only have 3 teams now in their league. The door will always be open to them if they are able to get a few players together to take on the England team in whatever format they feel will work for them.

Always a privilege and an honour to captain the England team and look forward to our away match against Guernsey in 2020.

If any counties want to take on the England team in a friendly throughout the year then please contact me.

Thanks

Curt

# COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

The AEBBA committee has continued to work in the interests of the game and the players throughout 2018 - with the primary focus to increase the number of opportunities to play - particularly for novice players.

As will be discussed in the proposal 2 to the AGM, it is the intention of Dave Alder to transition away from his function of table hire booking and delivery by the autumn of 2020. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Dave who has sacrificed many thousands of hours over many years to ensure that leagues around the country get to enjoy a first class playing experience on the national tables set. Dave's contribution and effort has been one of the reasons we still have an AEBBA and so we should like to place on record how grateful we are to him. You are one in a million, Dave!

Dave will continue to perform all of the functions of Tournament Director for our events and we shall seek to onboard a new Delivery Manager as soon as we can.

Anyone who is eager to contribute and wishes to stand for election to serve on the committee is always welcome, although we intend to keep the number relatively stable. Sadly no expressions of interest were received prior to publication of this document. Given that no other notifications were received of people wishing to contest existing Committee roles this year, it is proposed that those standing for the following committee posts shall be elected en bloc:

<b>Chairman</b>	Peter Sainsbury
<b>Vice Chairman</b>	Kevin Tunstall
<b>Treasurer</b>	Gerry Fitzjohn
<b>Tournament Director</b>	Dave Alder
<b>Assistant Tournament Director</b>	Nigel Senior

Proposal Accepted (Y/N): [See meeting notes above](#)



For a continuing period there has been a disappointing but significant number of people voicing concern regarding the overall strategy of the AEBBA led by the AEBBA Secretary. The committee continues to believe the Secretary is driving the change and development needed by the association and the game and has our support. However, the Secretary believes it is right, against the backdrop of significant criticism, that a renewed election for the role should once again be put to AGM vote. Should the re-election of the current Secretary not be passed, a new Secretary shall be sought at the AGM and then, failing a successful vote, from the wider Bar Billiards community after the AGM. The Secretary has confirmed his intention to give way as directed by the vote.

**Secretary** Lorin Clough

Proposal Accepted (Y/N): [See meeting notes above](#)

**Honoraria:** Dave and Lorin were invited to depart whilst the attendees discussed the honoraria. Following discussion, it was proposed by Pauline Withey that things remain the same as 2018 - as follows: Tournament Director: £900, Secretary: £300. This proposal was seconded by Joe Foxon and the votes cast were as follows:

**In favour:** Unanimous.

Proposal Accepted

It was further stated that a review should take place ahead of the 2020 meeting when the logistics and table delivery function shall be undertaken within another role.

**Affiliation Fees for 2020:** Lorin pointed out that he would like to undertake a review on the effectiveness of affiliation and explore how the wider Bar Billiards community can be more fairly represented. In the meantime, Lorin proposed that no change to the current fee of £30 should be made. This proposal was seconded by Mark Trafford. Votes cast were as follows:

**In favour:** Unanimous.

Proposal accepted.

# PROPOSALS TO THE AGM

**PROPOSAL 1 (NEW RULE):** Chris Saville pointed out that a new rule is not required simply and addendum to current Rule 60. This was accepted.

In the event that competition matches are halted part-way through due to circumstances beyond the reasonable control of the Tournament Organisers, players and scorers should take careful note of the current status of their match prior to following the instructions of the Tournament Organisers. On resumption, all current series matches shall recommence from the point in which they were stopped with the remaining minutes left decided by the Tournament Organisers.

**Proposed by: L Clough**

**Seconded by: D Alder**

Votes cast were as follows:

In favour: 9

Against: 1

Proposal accepted.

Mark Trafford explained that he voted against this proposal as he feels it can potentially disadvantage players. Nigel Senior countered asking what alternative is there? A viable alternative was not proposed however, Curt Driver asked whether AEBBA could create a solution where timers are provided for all scorers. Lorin confirmed that we shall explore that for events in 2020.

## **PROPOSAL 2 (ADDITION AND AMENDMENT TO RULE 7 (D)):**

**iv) SECRETARY** - The role of Secretary shall be to oversee and administer the key activities of the organisation. The Secretary shall maintain all records pertaining to committee and association activity, publish information as required and act as the conduit of communication for committee and affiliated association members. It is expected that the Secretary shall be responsible for overall strategy with regard to public communication (including the AEBBA website and social media), sustainability – both financial and personnel, growth and event development. The Secretary shall prepare all documentation for committee meetings and the A.G.M. The Secretary shall also manage and maintain documentation pertaining to table hire in order to support the Treasurer in accurate accounting and financial forecasting.

**v) TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR** - The role of Tournament Director shall be to ensure adequate focus

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is given to the playing success of the association through events and competitions. The Tournament Director shall be responsible for the management, administration and logistics of playing event competitions and shall maintain necessary documentation in order to conduct draws and formats for each competition.

**vii) DELIVERY MANAGER** - The role of the Delivery Manager shall be to work closely with the Secretary and to manage the delivery and collection of AEBBA Competition tables according to agreed hires with County and League Associations. The Delivery Manager shall highlight issues with the tables and the vehicle so that repairs and maintenance can be factored in.

**Proposed by: L Clough**

**Seconded by: D Alder**

Votes cast were as follows:

In favour: Unanimous

Proposal accepted.

## **PROPOSAL 3 (AMENDMENT TO RULE 20 AND 61):**

20) A.E.B.B.A. recognises and welcomes, but does not administer, the four pin version of Bar Billiards. The **general** rules and playing conditions for the Four Pin variant of Bar Billiards are those currently in force for the East Anglian Four Pin Open **although, when hosting the AEBBA 4-Pin Championships on AEBBA '3-pin' tables some rule modifications shall apply as set in Rule 61c**

61 (c) When run as a "4-Pin" competition (hosted by Counties on behalf of AEBBA): **Rules shall be as follows:**

### **Event Rules**

Play shall take place on the AEBBA's competition tables but set up for 4-Pin Bar Billiards including pin and spot positions as well as pocket values and the use of mushrooms.

1. To be consistent with all AEBBA matches, the player named first on the match card shall have the choice whether to take the opening break. In matches played over a single leg, equal breaks shall apply. In matches played over two legs, the non-breaking player from the first leg shall take the break in the second leg.



2. Four mushrooms (not pegs) should be placed in front of the four high scoring holes except for the last ball shot. There must be 7 White balls and 1 red ball in the tray after the timer jack is pulled. To start the game, place the red ball on the spot above the 'D' ('break spot') and play a white ball from the centre of the 'D'. This is called the break shot. The centre of the 'D' should be marked with a spot. Thereafter, with the exception of further break shots, and the last ball, either coloured ball may be played from any position within the confines of the 'D'. All strokes throughout the game must be played from the 'D'.
3. The player must not play the cue ball directly into a hole. The cue ball must first strike another ball to become a scoring shot. In normal play players can choose to use any ball from the tray.
4. When the red ball is potted, the score of that ball is doubled. When two balls are potted from the break shot position on three consecutive occasions into any pockets the scorer will call "One Up" if both balls are then potted into any holes a foul is called and that break score is lost.
5. When all balls are in play, and none left in the tray, the ball nearest to the baulk line is returned and played from the 'D' to continue the game. If two or more balls are equidistant from the baulk line the ball nearest to the centre should be returned to continue play as it is "nearest to the 'D'".
6. When no balls are left in play, the red and white balls are positioned as for the start of the game.
7. When a ball returns to cut the baulk line (not the edge of the baize), that ball is removed to the tray.
8. If a mushroom is knocked over by a ball and cannot be replaced because of obstruction by a ball, that ball shall be removed to the tray. The mushroom must be replaced to its correct position immediately.
9. If a mushroom is knocked from its correct position without falling over, if possible it shall be immediately replaced on its spot, if a ball is obstructing the spot the mushroom will remain in its position until such time as that ball is moved from the spot then the mushroom should be immediately replaced correctly. If a break ends the mushroom will be re spotted and the ball returned to the tray.
10. If a ball and mushroom are wedged in a hole together, the mushroom is to be removed first and the ball allowed to drop down the hole and not returned to the tray even after the gate has dropped.
11. Each player continues until a non-scoring shot is played.
12. Once a player leaves the table their break is deemed over, should a ball fall down a hole after they have left the table this will not count towards their break or their opponents break unless their opponent has first struck the cue ball whether or not it strikes another ball.

13. Scores shall have the same value before and after the gate has dropped. The red ball will continue to score double.

14. The last ball on the table shall be played from the centre of the 'D' and must be played into either the 100 or 200 hole but must first hit one side cushion only. The mushroom in front of the 100 hole will be removed for this shot.

### **Foul Shots**

1. The player loses his/her entire score if :-

- a. The last ball is holed without striking the side cushion.
- b. The player causes the mushroom covering the 200 hole to be knocked over – applies to last ball shot only.

2. The player loses the score of that break if :-

- a. The cue ball fails to strike another ball.
- b. Any ball returns to cut the baulk line (not the edge of the baize) – the 'D' counts as baulk.
- c. If two balls are sunk from the break shot into any holes more than 3 times in succession.
- d. The player causes any mushroom to be knocked over.
- e. The player fails to keep 1 ball up when instructed by the scorer
- f. Any ball leaves the table, or strikes the backboard, even if that ball returns to the normal play area.
- g. Any ball is played other than from the 'D'.
- h. The player causes any ball to move other than a shot played correctly from the 'D'.
- i. If a break shot or final ball is not played from the centre of the 'D'.

3. If a combination of foul shots occur, then, regardless of sequence of events, the first penalty counts only.

### **Table Rules**

The table shall be set out as follows:

Mushrooms shall be placed (the baulk line side) to cover the 200 hole, the 100 hole, and the two 50 holes and shall be set 4mm from the edge of the hole

The spot for the red ball for the break shall be exactly halfway between the rim of the 200 hole closest to the baulk line, and the back edge of the "D" +/- 5mm

The number of balls shall be seven white and one red.

The lower scoring holes should be marked with the 30 and 10 holes reversed in relation to the current AEBBA 3-pin rules

**Proposed by: AEBBA Committee      Seconded by: Committee**

Votes cast were as follows:

In favour: 9

Against: 1

Proposal accepted.

Chris Saville pointed out that he is dead against it and that it was not required to alter the game that has remained unchanged in Suffolk. Lorin reminded all attendees of the limited scope of this proposal and that it only affects a single tournament when played on AEBBA 3-Pin tables and has no impact on how the game is played in Suffolk. Further, it is important that AEBBA have ownership of its own competitions rather than have no influence should rules be changed. Lorin sought to reassure Chris and those from Suffolk he wished to represent that there is no desire to alter any league or East Anglian competition rules - only that of the AEBBA 4-Pin event when, and only when, it is played on 3-Pin tables - as set out in the proposal. Lorin added that many of the rule changes have been inserted to address the concerns raised by traditional 4-Pin players about how 3-Pinners play the game.

#### **PROPOSAL 4 (AMENDMENT TO RULE 14):**

Changes of the Association's Rules may only be made by a majority decision of the Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting. Proposals must be with the Secretary 21(twenty one) days before the AGM/EGM and distributed to the County Secretaries, so they can be sent to each league / association to be discussed upon.

**Proposed by: L Clough      Seconded by: D Alder**

Votes cast were as follows:

In favour: Unanimous

Proposal accepted.

#### **PROPOSAL 5 (RENUMBERING OF RULES):**

As a result of proposals being adopted, the AEBBA will renumber the Rules & Constitution accordingly.

**Proposed by: L Clough      Seconded by: D Alder**

Votes cast were as follows:

In favour: Unanimous

Proposal accepted.



## **PROPOSAL 6 (ADDITION TO RULE 100):**

c) Deliberately disturbing a ball that is still in motion from the previous shot.

or

c) Deliberately causing a loss of break penalty to precede a possible loss of total score penalty will result in a loss of total score penalty

**Proposed by: J Foxon      Seconded by: S Coleman**

Chris Saville sought to clarify which version would be accepted and so Joe was invited to explain his intention with the new rule. It was clear that a 'loophole' has existed in the rules and so this is intend to correct that. Following discussion it was agreed that the second version of the wording for this rule was perhaps more comprehensive and so this version would be voted upon.

Votes cast were as follows:

In favour:      Unanimous

Proposal accepted.

# 2020 EVENT CALENDAR



8th February	Oxfordshire Open	Berinsfield Club
6/8th March	British Isles Pairs Championships	Queens Hotel, Bournemouth
28th March	Specflue World 4-Pin Open	
5th April	Surrey Open	Salfords Club, Surrey
25/26th April	AEBBA Challenger Championships	York (TBC)
16th May	AEBBA 4-Pin Open Championships	The Cock Inn, Northampton
17th May	Northants Open	The Cock Inn, Northampton
7th June	Sussex Open	Roffey Club, Horsham
28th June	AEBBA 'Off the Spot' Open	Totteridge
5th July	Kent Classic	Six in One Club
9th August	Bucks Open	Totteridge
6th Sept	AEBBA Alternate Rules Open	Salfords Club, Surrey
20th Sept	AEBBA County Championships Div1	Totteridge
27th Sept	AEBBA County Championships Div2	Totteridge
11th Oct	AEBBA Team Championships	Totteridge
11th Oct	AEBBA Mixed Pairs & Special Ladies	Totteridge
25th Oct	AEBBA Individuals, Over 50's, & U30's	Totteridge
22nd Nov	AEBBA Grand Prix & Over 60's	Totteridge
6/8th Nov	World Championships	St Helier, Jersey
6th Dec	AEBBA Annual General Meeting	Totteridge

# ANY OTHER BUSINESS AND CLOSING REMARKS

## **AOB items discussed:**

Chris Saville asked whether the Northants venue is sacrosanct for the AEBBA 4-Pin event. Lorin responded stating that it is not, although they were the only county to bid - again. In addition, the event is designed to be different to the EA Open and so whilst other counties are welcome to bid to host the event - it is intended to retain it's very popular format.

Chris Saville suggested that Dave Alder be recognised for his contribution to AEBBA with the Honorary Vice President title once he retires from role. Peter Sainsbury agreed but suggested that this would be a matter for next AGM once Dave has actually made the change. No vote was therefore suggested.

Chris Saville noted that, according to Charlie Gildersleeve, the first AEBBA meeting was held in August 1970. Dawn Jordan contended that it was in fact 1971 and so efforts should be made to clarify the correct date. Peter committed the committee to look at what we can do to mark this event once we are sure of the correct anniversary.

Mark Trafford wanted to raise a concern that, at the recent AEBBA Singles event, the Runner-up of Women's competition was not acknowledged. Peter Sainsbury apologised for this oversight, it was not in any way deliberate. Lorin added that we always try very hard to ensure that all achievements are recognised when drawing events to a close. Sadly, on this occasion it was missed.





# ANY OTHER BUSINESS

## **AOB items continued:**

Mark Trafford also sought clarity on when the website will show up to date ranking points. Nigel Senior pointed out that he is still awaiting some information - in particular there is a problem with the Alternate Rules results spreadsheet file which is corrupted which Lorin is trying to resolve. Nigel has set himself a target of the end of the year to publish all of the statistics and results. From 2020, he intends to update the website quarterly.

Lorin added that we are considering naming the AEBBA tables after those who have made an outstanding contribution to the AEBBA over the years and so a poll had been posted on the website. Dawn Jordan suggested that whilst the sentiment is a nice one - it will likely only descend into an argument and so should perhaps be reconsidered. Lorin pointed out that the purpose of the poll was to gauge the appetite for such a suggestion and that the poll is not binding given that it is open to abuse. It is more to help guide out direction if we are to proceed.

Dawn wanted to added her congratulations to Bucks who had won promotion to Division 1 of the County Championships. All attendees echoed her congratulations for their fantastic performance.

Joe Foxon wanted to remind people of his 'Movember' campaign and invited support from anyone who wished to contribute.

The meeting closed at 17:10.

**All attendees and supporters of the AEBBA were wished an enjoyable and peaceful festive season. We look forward to seeing you in 2020!**

