

# ALL ENGLAND BAR BILLIARD ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF AGM

HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021 @ TOTTERIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

- 1. Attendees:** Peter Sainsbury, Jean Brackenridge, Gerry Fitzjohn, Mark Trafford, Pauline Withey, Curt Driver, Kevin Tunstall, Nigel Senior, Michelle Baden, Dawn Jordan, Ernie Jordan, Cliff Slade, Matt Jones
- 2. Apologies:** Chris Saville, Dave Ingram, Tony Jenner, Joe Foxon
- 3. Voting:** Gerry Fitzjohn (Medway), Mark Trafford (Eynsham), Pauline Withey (Oxford), Curt Driver (Tunbridge Wells), Kevin Tunstall (Worthing), Nigel Senior (Brighton), Dawn Jordan (High Wycombe)
- 4. Minutes of AGM 2020:** Voted as true record Proposed: Dawn Jordan Seconded: Kevin Tunstall. Voted: Unanimous
- 5. Matters Arising:**  
Curt asked about the following:
  1. AEBBA Website. – The payment for this should be taken over by AEBBA. This was agreed and Nigel to speak to parties involved.
  2. The paypal account will not be used. Gerry will speak to Lorin and Nigel will take it off the website.
  3. The aebba secretarys email account has not been transferred and will not be used.
- 6. Chairmans Report:** So we come to the end of another year with Bar Billiards seriously curtailed again. It is great that leagues and competitions have restarted and hopefully things are getting back to some sort of normality.

So under the current circumstances I would like to thank everyone for attending the AGM. It is essential that as many attend as possible.

I am delighted to congratulate all of the winners, runners up and competitors in each of the AEBBA tournaments and the efforts shown by the organizers in particular the Totteridge Club for their support and allowing the van and tables to be stored.

Thanks to Matt Jones for all his efforts and those who turned up early to assist the setting up of the tables at the tournaments.

Big thanks to Jean who has organised regular on line committee meetings meaning we have had more meetings than at any time during my chairmanship.

We will continue to have online meetings.

We have almost resolved the table delivery situation and with a bit more work we should have a satisfactory outcome.

I am sure others will mention it but a big thanks to Michelle, Sami, Jean and Gerry for their work in organising the Pairs at Bournemouth and to Nigel and Matt for running the event so smoothly.

Thanks to all those who have supported the association and with continued support I am sure we can make further progress and ensure the future of the game.

Finally I would like this to be my last year as chairman as I have served for 8 years however if someone wishes to take over at this AGM then I would be happy to step aside.

**7. Treasurers Report:** This report relates to the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 which was, like most of the world, drastically affected by the Pandemic. My thanks to Chris Saville for auditing the Accounts to which this report relates.

There were no AEBBA events and only one County Open (Northants) which did not result in any Table Hire income during this financial year.

The basis for charging Affiliation fees was changed during this year assist Counties and bring the charges in line with our Financial Reporting dates. The previous fees were charged in January 2020 to cover the calendar year. It was agreed that the fees would cover the year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2022 and were due to be paid by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 at a rate of £30 per County. There were 9 Counties affiliated at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021.

The debtor brought forward from last year was paid during the year. The accruals brought forward related to entry fees received for AEBBA competitions not yet held of £144.50 and £314.96 due to Lorin Clough for deficits on competitions suffered by him personally. Lorin has kindly to waive debt and is shown in the Accounts as a Donation received. He was also voted an Honorarium of £300 which he again waived and is shown as an expense and a Donation.

There were only fixed overheads costs during the year but this has resulted in a reduced level of available funds. The available funds brought forward were £11,689.15 compared to a final balance of £10,323.83 giving a deficit for the year of £1,365.32.

All monies received in respect of Bournemouth which was held in October 2021 have been treated as deferred income



All England Bar Billiards Association Accounts 2020 – 2021.

It was my privilege and pleasure to be asked to examine the accounts again this year.

Very little has happened this year so the 'audit' was a simple one.

A couple of minor amendments were agreed with the Treasurer for the sake of completeness and the accounts were completed to my satisfaction in due form.

I spotted one minor error that I apologise to have missed in my examination last year in that the £200 float carried by tables manager Dave Alder for truck emergencies was not shown on the balance sheet last year as an asset. Thus, it had slipped under the radar again this year. Given Dave's sterling service and the lack of a delivery manager's honorarium this year it was my recommendation to the Treasurer that this be written off as a gesture of good will as it may cause hardship to Dave at this time of year.

One difficulty I found was that previous minutes of the AEBBA AGM's are not complete, those that have been published do not always contain the accounts. Fortunately, I have a record of the last few years for comparisons. I would thus ask the new Secretary to make sure the audit trail is complete for whomever follows me as accounts examiner.

I would refer back to my comments last year for financial good practices that were not being followed at the time. From what little has gone through the accounts these appear to have been implemented last year with all transactions going directly through the account, apart from some AEBBA monies being paid into a third-party account. That appears to have been rectified for the current period, so I am happy to endorse these accounts as a true and accurate record of AEBBA finances.

Chris Saville B.Sc.

All England Bar Billiards Association Life Vice President.

**The following points were raised:**

Public Liability Insurance: This is being dealt with at the moment and hopefully will be in place before the next tournament. Unfortunately the renewal notice was not forwarded and when contacted would speak to no current members of the committee. A letter is being sent to Chris Saville as he is currently named on the policy.

Gerry is going to look into getting breakdown cover for the van.

The accounts were voted on as a true record Proposed Kevin Tunstall, Seconded: Curt Driver, Vote: Unanimous

## **8. Election Of Officers:**

The following were voted en bloc

Chairman : Pete Sainsbury

Vice Chairman: Kevin Tunstall

Secretary: Jean Brackenridge

Treasurer: Gerry Fitzjohn

Tournament Director: Nigel Senior

Proposed: Dawn Jordan, Seconded: Curt Driver, Vote: Unanimous

Assistant Tournament Director: Mark Trafford ( With hopefully more tournaments going ahead Nigel asked if someone could help with running a few of the tournaments. Mark said he was happy to help)

Van: Matt Jones (north), ? (south- a couple of suggestions and committee to follow up). This is to sort MOT/Service etc and to start up and run van occasionally if it is not being used.

Committee to co-opt 3 committee members. Suggestions were made and will be followed up.

## **9. Honoraria:** It was agreed that there would be an honoraria to the Secretary of £300

## **10. Rule Proposals:**

### **Proposed Chris Saville, Seconded Dave Ingram**

Current Rule

56) Pairs Competitions, Break Order:

a) Open pairs Two Legs: Whoever follows the 'Break' Player CANNOT take the break in the next game.

b) Open Pairs Four Legs - The break order will be:

(1) Game one: A B C D

(2) Game two: D C B A

(3) Game three: C D A B

(4) Game four: B A D C

AEBBA Rules & Constitution following 2020 AGM

c) Mixed Pairs: Ladies MUST have FIRST BREAK in ALL LEGS. Men CANNOT follow the FIRST BREAK player

Proposed Rule Change

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**The proposal was carried unanimously**

**11. Any Other Business:**

1. Affiliation Fees – It was agreed these would remain the same (£30)
2. England Team – Curt advised there would be a match in Guernsey next May. The team would be as previously selected although a few changes due to people not being able to attend.  
The team is as follows:  
Curt Driver, Nigel Senior, Kevin Tunstall, Mark Trafford, Matt Jones, Gerry Fitzjohn, Phil Osborne, Martin Cole, Ian Lelliott, Martin Smith, Matthew Knight, Joe Oakley, Stuart Mepham.  
Reserves: Geoff Jukes, Bob Hall
3. Dates for next year – Nigel and Jean to look at dates. It was suggested a few competitions could be held earlier in the year. Will be looking to publish dates in January.
4. Bournemouth- Online forms are up and running. Feedback from this years event has been taken on board and sorted with the hotel.

MEETING CLOSED 4.05 PM