

# ALL ENGLAND BAR BILLIARD ASSOCIATION

## MINUTES OF AGM

### HELD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022 @ TOTTERIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

1. **Attendees:** Peter Sainsbury, Jean Brackenridge, Gerry Fitzjohn, Mark Trafford, Pauline Withey, Kevin Tunstall, Nigel Senior, Dawn Jordan, Ernie Jordan, Cliff Slade, Matt Jones, Tony Jenner, James Whittle
2. **Apologies:** None
3. **Minutes of AGM 2022:** Voted as true record Proposed: Mark Trafford Seconded: Pauline Withey. Voted: Unanimous
4. **Matters Arising:** None
5. **Chairmans Report:** Firstly I would like to thank everyone for attending the AGM.

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 and especially Matt Jones on his world championship title and of course on a personal level the team and county championships.

I have now been the chairman for 10 years and am quite happy to stand aside and let someone else take the helm but if the meeting would like me to carry on I will.

It was great to see a new open this year and for it to be well supported let's hope that this continues.

A big thanks to Jean for her sterling work as secretary and Gerry for keeping the finances on an even keel.

Thanks to Bryan Stevens and Brian Mason for dealing with the van MOT and also Matt Jones for his help with the van maintenance and setting up the tables for the AEBBA events.

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, as demonstrated this year, but has still been able to achieve 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.

6. **Treasurers Report/Accounts:** The available funds as at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 has increased by £2228 to £15548 from £13320 as August 2022  
Bournemouth had a surplus of £2169 and all of the AEBBA competitions that required an entry fee showed a surplus. There were costs related to the Grand Prix events, All England singles and the Guernsey international that were not recoverable.  
Table hire has increased from £3450 in 21/22 to £4150 this year.  
Affiliation fees were held at £30 per County with 8 Counties affiliated for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024  
I propose that these fees remain at this level for 2024/25. These are due for payment by 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024  
Total general expenses totalled £4583  
The main areas accounting for these costs are  
£900 Honoraria voted at last years AGM  
£1446 Van Insurance and RFL  
£1508 Van repair, MOT and servicing  
£3854  
Thanks to Dave Ingram for auditing these figures and Jean and Chelle for dealing with the collection and settlement of the Bournemouth finances.

**All England Bar Billiard Association**  
**Statement of Accounts**  
**For the year the ended 31st August 2023**

**Income**

Opening Balance 13,320.53

Bournemouth Surplus 2022 2,169.11  
AEBBA Events 522.33  
Affiliation Fees 240.00  
Table Hire 4,150.00

20,401.97

**Expenditure**

J Brackenridge - Honorarium 300.00  
N Senior - Tournament Director 300.00  
M Trafford 100.00  
M Knight 100.00  
M Jones 100.00  
Table repair and trophy engraving (£40 +  
£5) 45.00  
Bulbs 22.50  
Van Insurance 1,126.28  
Van repair 564.00  
Diesel 50.00  
England Shirt 37.58  
England Ladies Shirts 144.43  
Bulbs 27.00  
Diesel 100.00  
Diesel 100.01  
Van MOT and service 944.82  
Light fittings for tables 230.00  
Van Road Fund Licence 320.00  
Diesel 100.00  
lonis web fees 141.59

**Funds as at 31st August 2023**

Available Funds as at 31-08-2023 15,548.76

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20,401.97

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Balance per Bank 15,168.76  
Debtor re Table Hire (Oxford) 350.00  
Debtor re Affiliation Fee (Oxford) 30.00

15,548.76

All England Bar Billiard Association
Year Ended 31st August 2023
Affiliation Fees

County	Year	Debtor	Received	2022
Bucks			30.00	30.00
Kent			30.00	30.00
Sussex			30.00	30.00
Oxford		30.00	30.00	-
Northants			30.00	30.00
Suffolk			30.00	30.00
Cambridge				-
Notts				-
Berkshire			30.00	30.00
Surrey			30.00	30.00
		30.00	240.00	210.00
			210.00	

#### Audit Report

All England Bar Billiards Association Accounts 2022 / 2023

It was an honour to have been asked to examine the accounts for this year. I am pleased to see that the controls introduced by the Treasurer and Secretary of the Association during the past few years have made it very easy to examine the figures, with transactions going through the Bank Account and copies of receipts for Expenditures provided, making it simple to follow and check the income and expenditure for the year.

As was stated by the examiner last year, it is not my responsibility to comment on the financial performance, merely the accuracy and intelligibility of the reports, however it is good to see that the AEBBA Income has again exceeded outgoings to help provide a reserve for the Association against future expenditure that is sure to be required.

I am happy to confirm that these accounts provide a true and accurate record of the AEBBA finances for year ending 31st August 2023.

David Ingram

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

#### **7. Tournament Directors Report**

##### **AEBBA Pairs – Bournemouth**

March at Suncliff Hotel. 51 pairs which is a good number (2 up on last year). Generally positive feedback re hotel and format. Hotel very happy with us. Booking already taken for 2024.

##### **Off the Spot Open**

Held at Roffey Club in June, works for Sussex as have Sussex OTS day before. Group format with single legs, worked pretty well, lots of games for everyone. Doing same for 2024.

##### **County Champs**

11 teams took part – 2 upon last year. Good to see Northants returning and winning Div 2. Would be good to get Notts and York involved but difficult to get them all to travel down but the offer is there.

##### **Team Champs/Mixed Pairs/ Special Ladies**

Team Champs – 5 teams played but Berkshire team dropped out last minute. Understand things happen but I only think we knew the day before because of Jean's reminder text. At least if we know beforehand in good time schedules can be changed. Mixed Pairs/ Special Ladies both went well with 12 entries

##### **AE Singles/ AE Ladies/ AEBBA Over 50s/60s**

7 for AE singles (up 1) / 4 AE Ladies (down 1). Both comps very close well done to Mark Trafford and Dawn Jordan. Over 50s and 60s a bit down on last year with 20 entries for Over 50s (down 9). Not sure why entries down for this one as bit of an isolated case not really the trend.

##### **Grand Prix/Ladies Grand Prix/ AEBBA Under 30s**

Good turnout for both Grand Prix didn't have to go very far down reserve list. Under 30s had 8 which is pretty good. Standard high all day. Debate about whether under 30s can play in both. My opinion is it devalues the under 30s. Max's first title was more deserving given he had to beat Dan and Joe on the way.

##### **Alternative Rules**

Not held, no takers. Mark T looking into maybe holding this next year?

### **AEBBA Challenger Championships**

Unable to hold event this year which is a shame as was a positive event when run in 2022. I would say if the players want this event to happen they need to be more proactive to get it to happen as cant rely on myself, Curt, Jean do to all the leg work. Ideal place to hold is York, but they need to pick tables up, set them up etc. I am happy to help with formats etc but too much for two people to do it all.

Well done to all the winners. All in all it has been a positive year, we have run a full program bar Alternative Rules/AEBBA Challenger. Good entries to most competitions this years, and good to see more county teams especially.

Thankyous – the Totteridge Club who have been excellent with food and hosting. Massive thanks to Matt (and helpers) for table setting often on the morning and he has setup excellent standard of tables. Also thanks to Jean for doing some of the chasing for entries. And also thanks to Matt Knight who gets me here on time and doing admin and a lot of shouting....

### **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

Assistant Tournament Director: Mark Trafford

Proposed: Tony Jenner, Seconded: Pauline Withey, Vote: Unanimous

### **9. Honoraria:** The following honoraria was agreed

Secretary - £300

Tournament Director – £300

Matthew Knight - £100

Matt Jones - £100

Cliff Slade - £100

Proposed: Gerry Fitzjohn Seconded Dawn Jordan Vote – Unanimous

### **10. Rule Proposals: None**

### **11. Any Other Business:**

1. The England teams for the International against Guernsey Mens: Curt Driver (Captain), Matt Jones, Mark Trafford, Nigel Senior, Martin Cole, Dave Ingram, Joe Oakley, Matthew Knight, Phil Osborne, Martin Smith, Dave Jones, Gerry Fitzjohn  
Reserves: Alan Donovan, Stuart Carruthers, Geoff Jukes, Simon Coleman, Chris Cox, John Slee  
Ladies: Pauline Withey (Captain), Jean Brackenridge, Denise Wills, Dawn Jordan, Michelle Baden, Jenny Florey, Anita Blackman, Genette Nicholls  
Reserves: Caroline Jones, Jan Bithell, Lorraine Hall, Sue Atkins, Janet Burns, Tracy Guy, Bella Stoner
2. Dave Jones requested the Agm to look at the ranking points for ladies. After discussion people felt that it worked as it is now and if points were given in opens luck of the draw would. This would be further discussed at the next ranking committee meeting
3. Mark Trafford asked for rankings to be updated
4. Dawn Jordan requested that the ladies match in Guernsey is classed as an international.
5. There was general discussion re WBBA. They have announced 5 competitions will take place. KT will speak to them about our concerns

**MEETING CLOSED 4.40 PM**