

## LAWN BOWLS ISLE OF MAN ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

FRIDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023 18.30HRS

### MEETING ROOM ARCHIBALD KNOX

**Present:** P. Makin (President) W. Kewley (Secretary) C. McGreal (Treasurer) J. Kewley (Committee Member) G. Lenton (Committee Member) B. McGreal. D. Lewis. A. Watterson. P. Watterson. E. Maddocks. B. Reed. M. Reed. P. Smith. J. Kelly. D. Quirk. J. Houseman.

**Apologies:** R. Pullin. M. Ellison. Gordon & Glynis Drinkwater. P. Addy. L. Andrade. C. Corlett. M. Payne . A. Bannon. K. Slack . D. Slack . M. McGreal. M.A. McGreal. A. College. P. Lenton.

#### **Agenda:**

- 1) Minutes of last meeting :** Copies of the minutes of 2022 AGM were distributed to members and unanimously approved as true record. G. Lenton requested that for 2024 AGM the minutes be distributed with the agenda prior to the AGM.
- 2) A. Watterson** asked to address the meeting prior to its commencement and kindly presented the Club with a clock for the new Clubhouse and suggested some remuneration be given to C. McGreal and G .Lenton for their hard work in ensuring we were able to achieve a new Clubhouse. This suggestion was declined by both C. McGreal and G. Lenton.
- 3) President's report:** P. Makin asked if all present had received the email containing accounts and motion to be presented. She then started her report by asking for a minute silence to remember those bowlers who had died this year. On behalf of the Club she offered Congratulations to Mark & Charlotte McGreal on the recent birth of their son. She then thanked members for their support, reminding them she has come to the end of her 3 year term of office and will be standing down , thanks were given to W. Kewley Club Secretary, C. McGreal Treasurer for organising accounts, competitions and his maintenance of clubhouse, also to Mark for maintaining the website and Facebook page and finally to J. Kewley and G .Lenton for their contribution to Committee and G. Lenton for dealing with Onchan Commissioners. In conclusion Pam wished all club members a successful 2024 bowls season.

**4) Secretary's Report :** W. Kewley gave a general overview of club activities, domestic and international trips and how Manx Bowlers had some success in both domestic and International competition. Members were informed of the various news from World Bowls regarding future plans and development issues including how the change to venue and dates of the Champion of Champions Event affected our entry. The latest development re date/venue for the Commonwealth Games is still not confirmed for 2026/27 and there is potential it could be as late as 2030 before they are held again. W. Kewley and P. Makin represent the Isle of Man at Bowls Europe meetings which are held by zoom and we await date of next meeting. Junior coaching continues and they continue to bowl indoors during winter and have 1 new recruit. Thanks are given to Clive and Gary for overseeing the work for the new clubhouse which is looking great and which we hope all members will enjoy in 2024 and I would like to thank all club members for their support throughout the year.

**5) Treasurer's Report :** C. McGreal explained the statement of accounts to those present and drew attention to the generous grant provided by the Manx Lottery Trust ringfenced for the New Clubhouse project. He advised that expenditure to complete the clubhouse would be achieved within the budget of £45,000 provided. On the subject of fees he advised that there would be no change in membership fees for 2024 and that they would remain at £20 for adults and £5 for juniors. He advised that should the motion to adopt IOMIBA as an Associate Member Club the annual membership fee for 2024 would be set at £50. He also explained that the club being unable to fulfil the participation at international events anticipated during the season and therefore not take advantage of the available IOM Sport funding re international travel could impact the amount of grant awarded in future years. He also explained about situation regarding maintenance in respect of both clubhouses into the future and informed members that the Association would enter into a 5 years lease for new clubhouse. He acknowledged the efforts of Shaun Scott for his work on the foundations for the new clubhouse. He advised the meeting that the lease Agreement between LBIOM and Onchan Commissioners is due to be signed at beginning of December 2023. GL then proposed acceptance of accounts and PM seconded which were

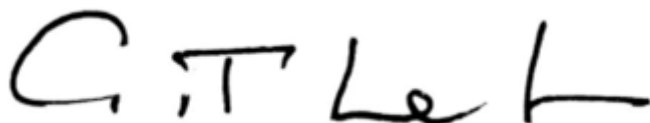
unanimously approved.

- 6) Election of Officers :** P. Makin stepped down as President having served the 3 year term and G. Lenton proposed as President by D. Quirk Seconded by D. Lewis - no other nominations and GL unanimously approved as **President**. G. Lenton accepted nomination and took over as Chair of meeting . **Secretary** - W. Kewley proposed by PM and seconded by B. Reed no other nominations and WK unanimously approved as Secretary . WK accepted nomination. **Treasurer** – C. McGreal proposed by B. Reed and seconded by P.M. no other nominations and C. McGreal unanimously approved as Treasurer. C. McGreal accepted the nomination but stated he wished to step down as Treasurer at the 2024 AGM. G. Lenton proposed that we should have a member act as assistant to treasurer who can shadow the role and potentially take over as Treasurer when C. McGreal steps down. B. Reed proposed by P.M seconded by D. Quirk as no other nominations B. Reed was accepted unanimously. M. McGreal was unanimously voted to remain as the Website /F.B. Manager.
- 7) Motion to Approve the Application of IOMIBA to become an Associate Member of LBIOM and consequential amendments to the Constitution –** C. McGreal and P. Makin had represented the Club in talks with IOMIBA earlier in the year re their proposed affiliation to Lawn Bowls IOM and C. McGreal explained to those present the rationale behind the application of IOMIBA and the changes it would require to our Constitution. The Motion proposed by P. Makin and seconded by W. Kewley being unanimously approved by the meeting endorsed that IOMIBA become an Associate Member Club of LBIOM. Pursuant to the adoption of the motion it is now recognised that the Association is the single National Authority for the sport of lawn bowls in the Isle of Man with a formal notification being made to World Bowls.
- 8) A.O.B. –** E. Maddocks asked if the Association would be participating at the Island Games in 2025 scheduled to be hosted Orkney, Scotland and Anglesey in 2027. W. Kewley and B. McGreal were previously representatives for the IOMIBA on the IGA and briefly explained current situation. E. Maddocks also asked re possibility of holding competition in memory of former member who died this year and donating funds to

Hospice. After some discussion on whether an extra competition was feasible during the year members felt it better to use the President's Cup Competition for this purpose and each year President to choose the Charity to benefit.

9) As there was no further business the meeting closed at 20.10hrs.

These minutes are certified as a true record of the items discussed at the Annual General Meeting of Lawn Bowls Isle of Man held on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G.T. Lenton'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'G' and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Eur Ing G.T. Lenton CEng  
President – Lawn Bowls Isle of Man  
18<sup>th</sup> December 2023