

SWANSEA INDOOR BOWLS LIMITED
AGM 21/05/2025

CHAIR - KEITH LEWIS

ATTENDANCE AS PER REGISTER. – 86 members present

1. TO READ THE NOTICE CONVENING THE MEETING

The notice was read by the secretary

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RICHARD REES AND ETHAN THOMAS

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

MINUTES WERE CONFIRMED AS ON FILE.

3. SILENT TRIBUTE

A SILENT TRIBUTE WAS HELD FOR THOSE MEMBERS WHO PASSED AWAY SINCE THE LAST AGM.

4. CHAIRMANS REPORT

The Chairman thanked all the board members directors and staff for their hard work during the season and handed the meeting over to the new Chair Gavin Rees.

Members asked the Chair to explain to the membership what caused Caryl to resign. Members were advised this was her decision and due to the restrictions on matters to be discussed at an AGM this matter could not be discussed now.

5. SECRETARY'S REPORT - ON FILE – Concerns were raised that comments regarding the current situation and the possibility of an EGM after this meeting must be recorded in the minutes.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT –

The treasurer presented the accounts. The club returned another operating loss for the year. Whilst it was an improvement on the previous year, it was still a substantial loss. The board has decided to present options to be voted on by the members in the hope we

can arrest the problem and look to grow the club and improve its future.

Query raised re: availability of grants for solar panels –

Unfortunately the structure of the roof is not suitable for attaching solar panels, however, we are looking into alternative options such on the building itself. Energy costs have doubled and negotiation is underway to reduce this where possible.

Members were unhappy with the implementation of the £1 per person registration fee for league teams prior to the AGM but it was pointed out by David Phillips that according to the articles of association this is within the board's power and does not have to be voted on.

James Cross encouraged the board to consider these points to take the business forward. One team member can no longer make decisions for all team members as has happened previously.

Volunteer element within the club is very low and there is a tendency to blame the board, both past and present, which is not helpful. Members need to work together to make it work. Within our membership we should have the resources, capacity and skills needed to take the business forward. A Director portfolio may help to get the right people in position.

Rob explained the details and options for the vote on membership fees in an attempt to reduce the ongoing losses sustained over the past few years.

1. No change to any fees – no increase to revenue
2. Increase membership fee to £90 per year – approx. £20,000 increase in revenue
3. Increase member rink fees by 50p to £3 per hour – approx. £20,000 increase in revenue

7. ELECTION OF BOARD

GAVIN REES - CHAIR

DAVID HALL - VICE-CHAIR

ROB THOMAS - TREASURER

ADELE JONES- SECRETARY

PHILIP JONES

PAUL EVANS

PAT WEBB

8. NOTICES OF MOTION

NONE

9. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

IT WAS PROPOSED BY THE BOARD THAT TERRY SULLIVAN BE AWARDED LIFE MEMBERSHIP WHICH WAS UNANIMOUSLY AGREED.

10. HONORARIA

THE HONORARIA REMAINED THE SAME WITH THE SECRETARY AND TREASURER RECEIVING £1000 EACH AND THE FIXTURE SECRETARY RECEIVING £500. David Phillips queried whether the wording Honoraria should be changed to Allowances, this will be looked into before next year's AGM.

11. MEMBERSHIP RINK FEES FOR 2025/26 SEASON

AFTER A VOTE BY THE MEMBERS, with a majority of 52 votes, it was agreed the rink fees would increase by 50p per hour for members.

THE MEMBERSHIP FEES REMAIN UNCHANGED FOR THE 2025/26 SEASON.

12. CLOSING REMARKS

THE CHAIRMAN ASKED IF MEMBERS OF THE CLUB WOULD CONSIDER TAKING ON THE FIXTURE SECRETARY AND THE TOURNAMENT SECRETARY'S ROLE, HOWEVER, NO NAMES WERE FORTHCOMING.

A signed petition with approx. 180 names opposing the loss of Caryl was handed to Gavin. There has been lots of talk about certain members sending a letter which was not handled correctly, Caryl was shown the letter which caused offence. Gavin assured the

members that as a new committee who are not currently aware of the full details, this would be investigated at the earliest opportunity and acted on appropriately.

Chair closed the meeting at 8pm