

Berkshire Area Local Association – BTBA

Minutes of Annual General Meeting 29th January 2012
Held at the Wokingham Superbowl

(1) Roll Call and apologies:

Brian Page (Secretary)	Brian Dudman
Alison Taylor (Treasurer)	Janet Page
Paul Billings (Chairman)	Jacquie Cooper
John Wallis (Vice Chairman)	Gerry Olver
Homer Joseph	Peter Taylor

Apologies: Apologies for absence were received from Kevin Robinson,

Paul Billings opened the meeting at 10:30 welcoming everyone to the AGM. However as Paul had resigned prior to the meeting it was agreed that the meeting would be chaired by Brian Page as the local association secretary.

(2) Adoption of Minutes from the 2011 AGM held on 23rd January 2011

The minutes circulated by Derek Crisp after last years AGM were formally adopted as being an accurate report of that meeting.

(3) Chairman's Report:

Paul presented the Chairman's address, explaining the difficult year the Committee had experienced due to all executive officers being new to their positions.

The 2011 Berkshire Adult & Senior Trials were well supported by 38 bowlers and we had enough entries in all categories to support Male and Female teams in both age groups. The resulting Berkshire County teams experienced mixed fortunes over the year, with the Senior teams enjoying the greatest success with both teams reaching the Finals in Peterborough. The ladies team finished with the Gold Medal whilst the Men's team placed fifth. The adult Men's Team qualified at Tolworth for the Adult final at Nottingham but did not enjoy a good weekend finishing in last place. Unfortunately the adult ladies failed to qualify at the Tolworth qualifying round but it was the first time for a number of years that they had competed.

The other major success was the U18 Boys team of Tom West, Harry Cooper, Adam Maher, Ben Howison-Johnston and Steven Hibbert winning the Silver medal, coming a very close second to the winning county of Surrey. Congratulations to the team and their manager David Hibbert.

The YAC team competed at Nottingham in February and although they scored well they did not get the required results and finished last.

The Berkshire closed championship was held in May at Lakeside Thatcham in combination with a doubles tournament in which 15 teams entered. The individual adult winners were Phil Turner and Rowan Curtis and the Senior winners were Steve Rollings and Jackie Atkinson.

The YBC and YAC trials were completed in October 2011 and were not that well supported, as a result Berkshire will only be entering a Men's YAC team and a Boys U18 team for their Inter County competitions in 2012.

(4) Secretary's Report:

Brian stated that our sport has seen a further reduction in the number of Sanctioned Leagues in the County, we now have just 4, of which 1 is the Lakeside YBC, our current membership stands at about 100 adults with a further 17 Junior members. We have just one sanctioned league at each main bowling centre with the new centre at Slough not yet managing to start up any leagues. The other main topic is the situation with regard to the BTBA organisation finances and low membership as discussed at the council meeting on the 15th January and the resulting effect of no membership related contributions to the local association from the BTBA head office. This means that at the moment it is difficult to see a long term future for both the local association and the Berkshire Inter County Teams due to funding difficulties. However we aim to continue this year on the basis that the BTBA continues to exist and run county teams where we can raise enough bowlers of the appropriate standard. As stated in the above report the YBC and YAC trials were held in October and both a Men's YAC team and boy's U18 team will be entered for the 2012 Inter County competitions.

It is currently planned to run the Adults and Seniors Trials on the weekend of March 24th/25th with trials on both Saturday and Sunday morning of that weekend. The venue and costs are yet to be decided upon, see any other business below.

(5) Financial Report: Brian then asked Alison Taylor to present the Treasurer's report.

The 2011 end of year bank balance was £375.12 which is higher than the start balance for the year which was £284.72 less the repayment to Derek Crisp for the race night supplier expenses of £108.00 incurred in 2010. So the effective starting balance for 2011 was £176.72. The printout of the bank statement was made available to all members present but was basically the same as presented at the Council meeting held earlier in January.

Peter Taylor asked how much the team entries for 2012 will be as they are the major expenditure that the local association has throughout the year.

The answer from the secretary was: The YAC team entry bowling in February was £160, this was paid in December 2011 so is not relevant to this year's accounts (2012) as there are no additional lineage fees to be paid.

The YBC U18 Team entry will be approx £100 to be paid in May with no other cost. (The actual entry fee has not yet been defined)

The Senior and Adult team entries will cost £125 each and need to be paid by the 31st March, so dependant on the trial results could amount to £500 in total. However both the adults and senior qualifying rounds also incur additional lineage fees of around £151 and £180 (at 2011 costs). The total required to run all potential teams in 2012 is thus £931, we are therefore about £556 short of the required entry fees some of which will be made up from the adult and senior trial profits but we will probably be about £250 short dependant on trial entry numbers.

(6.1) Fund Raising Report:

Due to the general financial situation and general lack of enthusiasm no major fund raising events have been held over the last two years. In 2010 an attempt to run a Horse racing evening foundered when not enough entries were

received. It was thought that we might run a race evening during 2011 but it was decided by the committee that it was unlikely to be a successful venture. The payment made to the race evening organizers company is therefore presumed to have been lost by the current committee members. (cost £108).

Alison and Paul ran a King of the Hill Tournament in January 2011 at Wokingham and that produced a cash profit of £102 from the entry fees and associated raffle. A further £93 profit was made from the raffle held at the Berkshire County closed Championships held at Lakeside.

A very generous donation of £300 was made by Harry Langham and a further £250 donation was made by the area secretary by not reclaiming the YBC U14/U16 entry fee and by funding the purchase of new County shirts for the Adult Ladies team.

Also the Lakeside Thatcham YBC have contributed £207 in 2011 by making a 50pence/bowler fee on the YBC Saturday morning bowlers. This has gone a long way in helping with the YBC and YAC team entry fees and their contributions are ongoing and should help towards the U18 entry this year.

Janet has not enjoyed her two years as fund raising chairman prior to this AGM, basically due to inexperience in such a role and very little support from the majority of other members. So Janet had resigned prior to this AGM. If future fund raising is to be organised on behalf of the association then a new Chairman of fund raising needs to be appointed and members other than the committee and council need to co-operate on helping in future fund raising projects.

In the immediate future there is an opportunity to run a raffle at the Berkshire Senior Tenpin Tour tournament that is scheduled for Sunday February 26th at Lakeside, Thatcham.

John Wallis mentioned a charity called the "Giving Machine" which organisations can register with and when any members make web based purchases a percentage is returned to the organisation. This needs to be investigated to see if it is applicable or only available to charity organisations.

In the Council meeting held earlier in January it was decided that we would try and run a series of four King of the Hill tournaments on Bank Holiday evenings with £1 per entry to be donated to the BTBA association. Also raffles will be organised at each of these tournaments.

(6.2) YBC Report:

No YBC report was received as no officials from the YBC attended the AGM. However our AGM date did clash with the South of England Junior Open Tournament at Dunstable, where the Lakeside YBC had a number of bowlers competing. The Bracknell YBC is reported to be considering not to affiliate itself to the BTBA this year and has not re-registered so far.

(7) Elections of Officers of the Association:

Brian then Chaired the following elections:

7.1) Area Secretary: Paul Billings proposed Brian Page, seconded by Homer Joseph, there were no other nominations and Brian was duly elected.

(7.2) Treasurer: Brian Page proposed Alison Taylor, seconded by Jacqui Cooper, there were no other nominations and Alison was duly elected.

(7.3) Vice Chairman: Brian Page proposed John Wallis, seconded by Gerry Olver, there were no other nominations and John was duly elected.

(7.4) Inter County Co-ordinator: The previous ICC (Kevin Robinson) resigned during the 2011 year, Brian Page has taken over the role and was more than happy to continue in the role and was re-elected unanimously.

(7.5) Chairman: There were no nominations for this vacant position either prior to the meeting or at the meeting. After discussion Alison Taylor volunteered to be the Chairperson at the same time as being the Treasurer. Alison was thus nominated by Janet Page and seconded by Homer Joseph and duly elected. All the members thought there was no conflict of interest in Alison holding both these positions.

(7.6) Chairman of Fund raising sub committee:

Chairperson – Janet Page had resigned prior to the meeting and a replacement is required: There were no nominations prior to or at the meeting and this position was left vacant for 2012.

(7.7) Election of Council Members for 2012:

Last years council members were:

Jacqui Cooper	Tricia Outrim	Derek Crisp
Brian Dudman	Kevin Robinson	Gerry Olver
Jackie Atkinson	Homer Joseph	

Those not attending the AGM were removed from the council and replaced by people who were at the meeting, The 2012 Council members elected were thus:

Jacqui Cooper	Janet Page	Gerry Olver
Brian Dudman	Paul Billings	
Peter Taylor	Homer Joseph	

(7.8) Election of Tournament Manager

Paul Billings had resigned prior to the meeting. Brian Page & Alison Taylor both expressed a wish to jointly fulfil this role, this was proposed by Peter Taylor and seconded by John Wallis and unanimously agreed.

(7.9) Election of Team Managers

The following BTBA members were confirmed to undertake the Team Manager's roles for 2012:-

U14/U16 Boys

No Team being entered

No manager required

U14/U16 Girls

No team being entered

No manager required

U18 Boys
David Hibbert

U18 Girls
No Girls Team being entered
No manager required.

YAC Men
David Hibbert

YAC Ladies
No Ladies Team
No manager required.

Men's Adult Team
To be reviewed after
The March Trial results

Ladies Adult Team
Alison Taylor

Senior Men's Team
Brian Page

Senior Ladies Team
To be reviewed after
The March trial results

(8)Any Other Business

(8.1) King of the Hill Tournaments in 2012:

As decided at the council meeting held earlier in January it was confirmed that we would run a series of four King of the hill Tournaments through 2012. It was confirmed at this meeting that they would be both Scratch and Handicap events and in order to attract a larger entry would be unsanctioned but a nominal £1 (or more?) donation from each entry would be made to the Local BTBA association. It was also decided to get the series started on one of the May bank holidays and the preferred venue for the Queen's jubilee holiday weekend in early June would be Lakeside Thatcham. So Brian and Alison need to start negotiations with Lakeside as soon as possible.

(8.2) Location for the Adult and Senior Trials:

After the earlier discussions at the council meeting and subsequent correspondence it was proving difficult to reach agreement where to hold the trials. It was generally agreed that if the Slough absolutely Ten Pin centre was found to be suitable and willing to run the trials we would run them there as a neutral venue for most of the Berkshire League Bowlers. In negotiations so far they are very keen to hold the trials and it was generally agreed that we should proceed with them as a way of helping them to get league bowling established at Slough. The date for these trials was agreed as the weekend of 24th/25th March as all relevant team entries have to be confirmed by the 31st march.

The meeting closed at 12:00 midday.
Brian Page
Berkshire BTBA Area Secretary

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Present: Those present at AGM held 29th January 2012.

Brian Page opened the meeting at 12:05pm and requested nominations to attend the BTBA AGM in 2013.

Brian Page and Alison Taylor were nominated and approved by the members present.

Brian and Alison will represent the association at the June 2013 AGM
John Wallis was also nominated as a reserve if Brian or Alison are not available at the time of the 2013 AGM.

Brian closed the meeting at 12:07pm.

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Minutes of EEGM held 29th January 2012

Present: Those present at AGM held 29th January 2012

Brian Page opened the meeting at 12:08pm

Brian requested nominations for National Council – none were forthcoming.

So no Berkshire members will be put forward for the BTBA National Council.

Meeting closed at 12:10pm.

Brian Page
Berkshire BTBA Area Secretary