



## Minutes of the RBA AGM 2023

Held at Romford BC on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023

The President Martin Blackmore opened the meeting at 7.30pm and thanked the officers and delegates for attending along with Romford BC for the use of their club.

He went on to thank everyone for their support in his term of office as President as it was a sad year loosing 2 great officers Ricky Watson and Dave Farquhar and also Colin Morton who was a supporter of the Association. He thanked, in their absence, Richard Strauss for taking on the Match Sec duties and Des Cole for the Secretary's Roll. He finished by thanking those that sponsored the Association this last year it was greatly appreciated.

Apologies were received from Des Cole, Richard Strauss, Allan Blatchford, Jamie Lambert, Rob Glazier and Rainham BC

Total Delegates and officers in attendance was 6 officers and 11 Delegates  
Minutes of the previous AGM were accepted and signed by the President  
No matters arising

### **Secretary's report**

As my first few months in the role draws to a close, I can repeat what I said at the October Delegate's meeting, that Dave Farquhar is definitely a hard act to follow, along with his great personality and work ethic, he certainly was a true ambassador for our sport.

That first Delegates meeting, the 99th Annual Presentation Lunch plus the preparation for the AGM have, in truth been a baptism of fire and I must thank the Officers of the Association, particularly Dave King, Alan Warner and Con Fleming for their support and guidance, including patience, over the past few months.

This appointment has also given me an insight into the working of the Association along with the links into Group 4 and I know that I and my own club, Gidea Park, can only benefit from sharing that knowledge.

If elected formally into the role, I look forward to celebrating the centenary of the Association so let's make it a special year for all concerned. I have a thought that we could make next October's Presentation Lunch very special by honouring any past Presidents who are still able to attend so let's start planning now

Note - Secretary's New email address for all RBA matters is [rdbasecretary@outlook.com](mailto:rdbasecretary@outlook.com)

### **Treasures report**

The Accounts were circulated at the meeting and explained. We had a loss of £330.90p over the last year and bank balance was £3,437.79p. There was a recommendation that Affiliation and Competition fees would need to be increased for the 2025 season, this will be on the Agenda for the October 2024 meeting for discussion

Examiners report - None

### **Shield /triples league secretary's report**

Conway said season went well and hoped all clubs will be able to complete their fixtures next year. The web site will change next season to show only the league tables  
He congratulated the Shield winners -- Romford and Runners-up - Elm Park and Triples winners - Kings Chase and Runners-up - Romford

### **Competition secretary's report**

This year saw a 10% increase in entries and hopefully we will see an improvement next year. Our competition winners were as follows.

Singles	M Hodges (Kings Chase)
Pairs	A Hales, D Brewington (Harold Hill )
Triples	D Woodhall, R Parsons, R Bell (Rainham)
Rink	M Richardson, D King, J Tully, R Gurnett (Romford)
Officer's Cup	J Lambert (Harold Hill)
Silver Jubilee	T Allen (Upminster)
Twine cup	Kings Chase
Charter cup	Ray Bell (Rainham)

My thanks go to all competitors for playing their games on time and in the spirit of the game. My thanks also go to Rainham Bowls club for their hosting of the finals day.

### **Match Secretary's**

Re indoor matches

We have managed to field players for all 3 of our indoor matches which we had booked for 2023. Our next fixtures are H.I.B.C. 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024, Falcon 10<sup>th</sup> of March 2024 and Tye Green 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2024.

At Ilford we fielded all 4 rinks and won 3 out of the 4 rinks

At H.I.B.C. which managed to field 6 rinks of triples but Havering decided to end the game early than expected and some teams only played 12 ends so result was a draw

At Essex County B.C. Both sides struggled to get players because the date had to be changed at only 2 weeks' notice . We managed to get 19 players and played 4 rinks and 1 triples rink, this game was enjoyed by all who played and a good result for the R.B.A we won on 4 rinks and just lost on the triples rink.

I am willing to stand for 1 more year as match Secretary and if elected look forward to working with fellow officers during 2024. Also we will need to have a meeting in January to discuss the fixtures for 2024.

### **Proposals by Sandy Dron**

I feel that the competition rules need to be amended to reflect the restrictions on entries to the Silver Jubilee Trophy & Officers Cup.

The Jubilee Trophy is restricted to those over 60 plus to be played in the morning or afternoon.

The Officer's Cup is open to current & past officers of affiliated clubs & the Association.

Finally at the semi-final stage of all competitions if both members / teams are from the same club then the requirement to play on a neutral green be waived.

After a discussion it was agreed to change the Jubilee Trophy by deleting the morning and afternoon playing restrictions times as some over 60,s would not be able to enter if still working, with that amendment

All proposals were passed

A vote of thanks was given to this year retiring officers

### **Election of officers for 2023/2024**

President: Dave King

Deputy President: Sandy Dron

Immediate Past President: Martin Blackmore

Secretary: Des Cole

Treasurer: Phil Hensher

Shield/Triples Secretary: Con Fleming

Competition Secretary: Tony Allen

Match Secretary: Richard Strauss

Examiners: Fred Wasmuth +Vacant

Press Officer: Richard Strauss

Webmaster: Con Fleming

Selection Committee: President/ Deputy President/Immediate Past President/Match Secretary/Gen Secretary

Dinner Committee: President/Secretary/Treasurer

President Dave King then presented immediate Past President Martin Blackmore with his 2023 president's medal he then presented Deputy President Sandy Dron with his badge of office and to finish of proceedings Martin Blackmore presented Dave King his badge of office and the Associations Flag

### **Annual Dinner 2024**

President Dave King announced that next year's venue and date has been confirmed and will be held at the Upminster Masonic Hall on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October

Meeting closed at 8.20pm