

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

BRACKNELL ICE SKATING CLUB

WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER 2017

7.30 PM

JOHN NIKE ICE RINK
(Honies Restaurant)

AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Penny Clarke, Kevin Clarke, Yoko Okazaki, Tora Barber, Sue Ralph, Rachael Hodgkinson, Richenda Hall, Laura Hetebrij.

Attended by: -

Lizz Nelhams, Lisa Slyfield, Stephen Townsend, Derek Smith, Lesley Brenikov, Helen Kinson, Amy Barnes, Catrina Ure, Claire Good, Mel Martell

2 MINUTES OF THE 2016 AGM

Proposed as a true record by Lisa Slyfield and seconded by Amy Barnes.

3 MATTERS ARISING

None

4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – INCLUDING ACTIVITIES DURING PRECEDING YEAR

Lesley Brenikov read out her report. A copy is attached.

Some discussion of the Club Competition Secretary (Dance) role – see below.

Some discussion on the fact that no camps took place this year as a result of the rink intending to hold camps but not being able to due to lack of interest.

Lizz Nelhams proposed thanks to Lesley Brenikov for all her hard work during the year.

5 FINANCIAL REPORT

Lisa Slyfield read out her report. A copy is attached. A copy of the accounts was available for inspection by members on the evening.

6 CURRENT MEMBERSHIP POSITION

As of 10th October, there were 237 members as compared with 236 in 2016.

7 ELECTION OF 7 OFFICERS AND AUDITOR:

All of the following nominations were approved by the meeting.

CHAIRMAN

Name	Nominated By	Seconded By
Lesley Brenikov	Lizz Nelhams	Derek Smith

VICE CHAIRMAN

Name	Nominated By	Seconded By
Lizz Nelhams	Derek Smith	Lesley Brenikov

SECRETARY

Name	Nominated By	Seconded By
Derek Smith	Lesley Brenikov	Lizz Nelhams

TREASURER

Name	Nominated By	Seconded By
Lisa Slyfield	Lesley Brenikov	Derek Smith

OPEN COMPETITION SECRETARY

Name	Nominated By	Seconded By
Laura Hetebrij	Lesley Brenikov	Derek Smith

NB. Laura will be handing over this role during the course of this year. A successor needs to be identified.

CLUB COMPETITION SECRETARY (Free)

Name	Nominated By	Seconded By
Richenda Hall	Derek Smith	Lesley Brenikov

CLUB COMPETITION SECRETARY (Dance)

Catrina Ure and Mel Martell to look at taking this forward with the possible support of Meredith Stanley and Marion Syson and report back at next Committee Meeting. Lesley Brenikov to check with Marion Syson about providing support.

AUDITOR

Geoff Torrington is pleased to continue this year after undertaking this role for a number of years. Lisa Slyfield to look into whether it is necessary to change auditors for next year.

8 ELECTION OF OTHER COMMITTEE MEMBERS

All of the following nominations were approved by the meeting.

JUNIOR CLUB REPRESENTATIVES

Name	Nominated By	Seconded By
Jane Nelhams	Lesley Brenikov	Penny Clarke
Rebecca Smith	Lizz Nelhams	Lisa Slyfield

ORDINARY MEMBERS

Name	Nominated By	Seconded By
Stephen Townsend	Richenda Hall	Tora Barber

All below nominated by Derek Smith and seconded by Lesley Brenikov

Helen Kinson
Amy Barnes
Claire Good
Mark Barber
Kevin Clarke
Penny Clarke
Catrina Ure
Mel Martell

9 ELECTION OF LIFE MEMBERS

Lesley Brenikov nominated the following as a life members: -

Derek Smith, Club Secretary

Suzanne Smith, NISA Test Organiser

Stephen White who helps out with lighting at the gala.

All seconded by Lisa Slyfield and approved by the meeting.

10 ANY OTHER BUSINESS AT CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

Date of next committee meeting – Wednesday 22nd November 2017 at 7.00pm.

BRACKNELL ICE SKATING CLUB
AGM 2017
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The start of 2016-17 was a challenging one with the introduction of new club patch times/days impacting mainly on our synchronised skating section and also the continuing plant and heating issues which severely affected the ice and air quality in the rink and put the annual panto in jeopardy.

Thanks to a huge collective effort by both staff and volunteers the panto did go ahead but without the much missed presence of the Nike Group chairman and our club president of 28 years John Nike OBE who was too ill to attend and sadly passed away on Christmas Day.

Ten months on I am pleased to report that the Nike family have retained control of the rink, Mrs Nike has taken on the role of club president, the new combined club sessions on a Tuesday have proved to be a big hit and our synchro teams continue to thrive despite having to find an alternative practice ice time for the adults and the risk of financial setback.

The club has pursued its annual agenda of events and it has been another successful year on the ice with members competing locally, nationally and internationally throughout the season. We have some exceptionally talented skaters who have made huge progress in both free and solo and couples ice dance.

PANTO

Sleeping Beauty was a fantastic show despite the environmental challenges and in particular the extreme cold. The success of the panto reflected the commitment and dedication of the combined team of BISC volunteers and JNL management and staff. Those deserving special mention are panto director Jacqui Adams and the team of hardworking volunteers including Suzanne Smith, Sam Visteur, Mark Barber and chaperones without whom the panto would not happen. We would also like to thank Paul Syson on the technical side as well as Claire Good and Jo and Grace Boland for their creative skills in painting. The skating was of a very high level and it was very pleasing to see our own club skaters in lead roles alongside their coaches.

This year's Beauty & The Beast is looking to be just as successful and once again I would like to take the opportunity of expressing sincere thanks to the members and parents who commit so much of their time, expertise and energy to organising and coordinating this much valued production.

CLUB COMPETITIONS

Throughout the year our club competitions have been run with efficiency and success due to careful planning and consideration of the club members' requirements. Our grateful thanks go to Richenda Hall and Meredith Stanley for giving their time, management skills and expertise to organising the free, artistic and dance competitions.

BRACKNELL OPEN

Regrettably for the first time in its history the club was not able to hold its extremely popular Open free and dance competition in 2017. This was due to a number of logistical factors including the timing of other competitions, the lack of availability of a results team and the work and domestic commitments of key volunteers. Two committee members did look into

running a dance Open slightly later in June but unfortunately encountered issues with rink availability.

NATIONAL TEAM CHALLENGE

The NTC was held at Lee Valley this year and as always participation in this event is a collective effort by our soloists and show number skaters. We fielded a strong team with all soloists achieving podium places, along with a 4th place for our show number ensuring that Bracknell went home with a well-deserved Bronze medal! This competition always encourages and promotes friendly competitive bonding between the participating clubs and our own skaters. Whatever the result a huge amount of work is required and undertaken by committee members and parents to enable Bracknell to participate and our grateful and appreciative thanks go to NTC representatives Mark Barber for competition entry, liaison, props and transport and Lizz Nelhams for show number organization, communications and costumes, Claire and Jason Good for prop design, creation and painting, Jane Nelhams as captain as well as our amazing skaters and Bracknell coaches – Charlotte Hester and Anthony Goff.

SYNCHRONISED SKATING

The change of club and rink ice patch times to accommodate additional public sessions greatly impacted on our synchronised skating section however the determination by both the preliminary/junior teams and the adult team to overcome this setback has been impressive. With the preliminary and junior teams retaining Friday ice time albeit at an earlier slot by managing the ice and coaching time productively, the adults successfully secured a new day and ice time session as well as the coaching services of Christopher Hockaday. Along with the mutually beneficial ice payment terms negotiated with rink management this reorganisation has enabled our synchronised ice skating section to continue. The junior team competed in Cardiff and the Preliminary team joined them for the British in January. Penny Clarke took on the interim role of synchro manager in Helen Kinson's absence and although the adult team numbers were down to an all-time low of eight, they also skated at the British in January. Nine months on despite the departure of Christopher Hockaday who has moved to Canada, the adult team is up to 13 skaters and has gained the services of Bracknell coach Natasha Hale.

CAMPS

There have been no camps organised by the club this year as rink management advised it was their intention to run their own.

ICE-ABILITY

This year has seen the growth in success of our impaired skating section aptly named Ice-Ability. Our IceAbility sessions continue to be very popular generating extremely positive feedback from the skaters and their parents. Lisa Slyfield took over the organisation of this section from Penny Clarke earlier this year and the continued success of IceAbility is attributable to Lisa, coach Charlotte Hester and the dedicated involvement of our club members who help and encourage the IA skaters to interact, gain confidence and balancing skills while enjoying themselves.

GALA

The gala was once again a great all-inclusive entertainment success and very much enjoyed by skaters, family, friends and special guests. As always these events take vast amounts

of time and the stress level is huge so it was with enormous and grateful thanks to have the services of Lizz Nelhams and Jo Boland as core members of the gala organisation team which included the co-ordination and liaison of the NTC show number rehearsals, soloist selection, gala programme, NISA Permit application, MC liaison, rink and catering liaison, invitations and hospitably. Special thanks to Mark Barber and the lighting crew, Jason and Claire Good, Jo Hall and the gate and music stewards. Jen Giannitto for synchro team organization and Lisa Slyfield and Charlotte Hester for IceAbility. Many thanks as always to Bracknell coaches for their skills, enthusiasm and assistance.

BISC WEBSITE

The BISC website remains one of the club's core strengths. This is entirely due to our webmaster Kevin who is always working extremely hard to incorporate time and labour saving facilities in the services of our website. Our online sign up for both membership and competitions is a big plus for the club. A massive thank you to Kevin for the contribution he continues to make every year.

BISC AUDITOR

Many thanks go to Geoff Torrington for auditing both main club and synchro accounts for another year.

NISA TEST ORGANISER

The club would like to thank Caron Swadling who did a sterling and efficient job for the last four years and Suzanne Smith who has courageously taken on the role of NISA Test Organiser for Bracknell. Having our own test organiser is invaluable asset for our skaters but it is a voluntary post and the club will do all it can to support Suzanne who has to adhere to strict NISA protocol along with the requirement/availability and number/level of judges to meet the constant demand for both free and ice dance tests.

FINAL THANKS

I would like to thank the committee for all their help and support in running the club. Particular thanks go to Lisa Slyfield as our treasurer who has kept a firm hand on finances and whose proactive contribution to both the main and synchro account has been of great benefit to the club. As ever there are always many roles to be managed on a regular basis including organizing the club rota and chiring meetings, Lizz Nelhams vice chair, meetings and minutes, Derek Smith club secretary, membership secretary, Nicki Torrington, trophy maintenance Penny Clarke and Tora Barber and event management schedule, publicity, newsflashes, Facebook etc. Lizz Nelhams, Laura Hetebrij, Kevin Clarke, Mark Barber, Amy Barnes and Debbie Kellas for updating the test charts. Thank you also to our junior committee members Daniella Giannitto and Jane Nelhams.

Lesley Brenikov
Chair 2017

Treasurer's report

In the year to 31 July 2017 the club has provided an extensive programme for members, investing club funds in activities to benefit members of all ages, all sections and all abilities.

At the beginning of the year the success of 2016 were celebrated with the club's annual gala which continues to be funded by the club, being free to those attending.

The club provided two camps this year run by Simon & Debbi Briggs and Helen Prior. The club subsidised all the events for members.

The club ran internal competitions for free and artistic skating.

A group of skaters of various ages and abilities represented Bracknell at the National Team Challenge in Lee Valley in July where they came third. The cost of this was largely funded by the club. The club was able to keep costs down this.

The club benefited from a donation from Mr Nike at Christmas.

Due to other competitions on the skating circuit and unfortunate timing the IJS Opens at Bracknell did not run this year amounting to a loss of income of £4,000 for the club.

The Ice Ability section continued to run weekly sessions with coaches supported by volunteers. This year they were able to organise any holiday time sessions. The cost of the coaches has been taken on by John Nike Leisuresport and the net expenditure for the year was £675.

The Synchro section's finances have been hit hard by the loss of Friday ice time and having to separate the Juniors and the adults resulting ice hire costs increasing by £3,000 and coaching costs increasing by £3,350. On the plus side membership is up by £4,000 meaning the Synchro section returned a deficit of £2,300 as a result of this.

Overall the general fund of the club reduced by £9,000 in the year due to the investment in the activities described above.

The financial position of the club at the year end was satisfactory and funds not required for immediate use have been retained on deposit to maximise the return on these funds and will be released as required to continue the programme of investment in skating activities.

The club funds provide financially for many opportunities for members, but none of the activities would go ahead without many hours spent by committee members organising behind the scenes. Our thanks go to all of them.

I'd also like to thank Geoff Torrington for his support in reviewing the accounts. Copies of accounts to follow as not signed off yet.

Lisa Slyfield