

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

BRACKNELL ICE SKATING CLUB

TUESDAY 30 OCTOBER 2018

7.30 PM

**JOHN NIKE ICE RINK
(Hospitality VIP Room)**

AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Sarah Mackie, Beverley Winspur, Nicki Torrington

Attended by:-

Lesley Brenikov, Derek Smith, Lizz Nelhams, Lisa Slyfield, Jane Nelhams, Penny Clarke, Mark Barber, Fiona Gilshaw, Rachel Hodgkinson, Arleta Gorajek, Melanie Williams, Richenda Hall, Catrina Ure, Claire Good, Amy Barnes

2 MINUTES OF THE 2017 AGM

A minor required amendment to the minutes was pointed out by the Secretary, being the title shows Agenda whereas it should be Minutes. No other comments were received.

On the basis that the above correction was made, the minutes were proposed as a true record by Lizz Nelhams and seconded by Lisa Slyfield.

3 MATTERS ARISING

None

4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – INCLUDING ACTIVITIES DURING PRECEDING YEAR

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

Lizz Nelhams proposed a vote of thanks to Lesley Brenikov for all her work on the committee over many years. This was agreed by all with a round of applause.

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 30th October, there were 199 members as compared with 237 in 2017.

7 CHAIRMAN'S PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE A DATA CONTROLLER OFFICER POST TO THE COMMITTEE

This is due to current data and privacy laws, i.e. GDPR. This would mean that we have one person controlling the data we hold to ensure we are compliant with the law.

This was voted on and carried unanimously. Kevin Clarke is currently acting in this role. Constitution needs to now be updated to take account of this.

8 POTENTIAL UPDATE TO CONSTITUTION

Lizz Nelhams explained that it may be useful to change the constitution to allow for role sharing for the officers, if necessary. This was voted on and carried unanimously.

Derek Smith suggested that the Constitution was updated for next AGM and that a statement was included about GDPR to support the Data Controller role.

9 ELECTION OF 7 OFFICERS AND AUDITOR:

All of the following nominations were approved by the meeting.

CHAIRMAN

Name	Nominated By	Seconded By
Lizz Nelhams	Derek Smith	Lesley Brenikov

Lizz has kindly stepped in for a period of 12 months. Richenda Hall agreed to assist for the 12 months. The committee need to actively search for another Chairman for 2020.

VICE CHAIRMAN

Name	Nominated By	Seconded By

SECRETARY

Name	Nominated By	Seconded By
Derek Smith	Lizz Nelhams	Lesley Brenikov

TREASURER

Name	Nominated By	Seconded By
Lisa Slyfield	Lizz Nelhams	Penny Clarke

OPEN COMPETITION SECRETARY

Name	Nominated By	Seconded By
Lesley Brenikov	Derek Smith	Lizz Nelhams

CLUB COMPETITION SECRETARY (Free)

Name	Nominated By	Seconded By
Richenda Hall	Derek Smith	Lesley Brenikov

AUDITOR

Lisa Slyfield asked for suggestions for new auditor for next year. Helen Ball was suggested.

10 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	Lizz Nelhams	Derek Smith

ORDINARY MEMBERS

Name	Nominated By	Seconded By
Beverley Winspur	Lisa Slyfield	Penny Clarke
Arleta Gorajek	Derek Smith	Lizz Nelhams

All below nominated by Lesley Brenikov and seconded by Derek Smith

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

Kevin Clarke will continue to control BISC website and email details until such time as this can be handed over to someone else during this year.

11 ELECTION OF LIFE MEMBERS

Lesley Brenikov nominated the following as a life members:-

Christine Harper
Fiona Brown
Sue Bullock
Richenda Hall
Paul Syson
Marion Syson
Claire Good
Jason Good
Beverley Winspur
Grace Boland

Meeting all agreed. Secretary to inform all.

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS AT CHAIRMAN'S DISCRETION

Date of next committee meeting – Tuesday 20th November 2018 at 7.00pm.

BRACKNELL ICE SKATING CLUB
AGM 2018
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

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 skating and solo and couples ice dance. I am also pleased to report that the Nike family continue with their commitment to the rink and there has been investment in plant and equipment with the restructuring of rink management and the appointment of new personnel.

PANTO

Beauty and the Beast was a charming and delightful production and received many accolades for the costumes, choreography, music, scenery and lighting. 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, Marion Syson, 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 Aladdin 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 free skating club competitions have taken place due to the dedication of our club competition secretary and our grateful thanks go to Richenda Hall. Unfortunately, we have not been able to hold any club dance competitions due to the lack of a competition secretary for this discipline.

CLUB SESSIONS

The Tuesday club sessions remain extremely popular and represent excellent value for money with the opportunity for club members to be coached in both dance and free skating by a variety of Bracknell coaches on a weekly rota basis. Many thanks to Lizz Nelhams for the organisation and liaison with rink, coaching and members for these sessions.

BRACKNELL OPEN

This year due to the rescheduling of the British Adult Championships to the end of May, the Bracknell 5 day Open was able to go ahead as we were able to secure the necessary results officials and IJS equipment for our April dates. Data replay operators and technical specialists continue to be in short supply nationally and these had to be sourced from Belgium, Holland and Italy. The competition is a massive undertaking of time, organisation and administration by the Open Competition Secretary as it involves free skating and solo/couples ice dance for both junior and adults and requires a large panel of NISA officials all of whom are volunteers themselves. I would personally like to thank Laura Hetebrij, Lisa Slyfield, Kevin Clarke, Nicki Torrington, Penny Clarke, Tora Barber, Lizz Nelhams, Sue

Bryant, Mark Barber, Helen Kinson, Bernadette Howard and rink staff for their assistance and support in making the Open a great success.

NATIONAL TEAM CHALLENGE

Regrettably this year there were insufficient participating teams for the event to be financially viable so the competition did not go ahead in July. At the September meeting attended by a number of club representatives there was a strong indication there would be sufficient teams to enable the event to take place in 2019 which is the 25th anniversary of the NTC and possibly the final competition. Tentative date is 14 July.

SYNCHRONISED SKATING

Our synchro teams continue to thrive with our preliminary, junior and adult teams successfully competing in a number of competitions in the UK throughout the season including the Wales and West competition in Cardiff, the British Synchronised Skating Championships in Nottingham and the Trophy D'Ecosse in Dumfries. All three teams were on the podium in Cardiff and the junior team in Nottingham. The junior and preliminary teams are managed by Beverley Winspur and coached by Terri Smith assisted by Penny Clarke on Friday evenings and the adult team co-managed by Penny Clarke and Helen Kinson, are coached by Natasha Hale on Thursday evenings.

CAMPS

A one-day free skating day camp organised by Lizz Nelhams was held in April with coaching by our vice president Chris Howarth alongside Bracknell coaches. The camp proved to be very popular and generated positive feedback. A free skating camp also arranged by Lizz Nelhams in conjunction with Simon and Debbie Briggs to be held at Bracknell in August unfortunately had to be cancelled due to a low number of applications however Simon and Debbie have expressed their interest in organising a camp for 2019.

ICE-ABILITY

Our Ice-Ability sessions remain very popular generating extremely positive feedback from the skaters and their parents. The continued success of Ice-Ability is attributable to organiser Lisa Slyfeld, 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 having fun.

GALA

The club's 30th anniversary gala was a fabulous all-inclusive entertainment success and very much enjoyed by skaters, family, friends and special guests including the club's president Mrs Sue Nike, mayoral representatives from Bracknell and Wokingham, NISA judges and life members. As always these events take vast amounts of time and the stress level is huge so enormous and grateful thanks go to Lizz Nelhams for organising the gala with help from Richenda Hall, Jo Boland, Jo Hall, Tora Barber and Jane Nelhams. Special thanks to Mark Barber, the lighting crew, Jason Good for AV facilities, and to the gate and music stewards. Also to Bev Winspur for synchro team organisation and coach Terri Smith, coaches Stacey Gamble and Hannah Hetebrij for opening and closing numbers, Lisa Slyfield and Charlotte Hester for Ice-Ability. Many thanks as always to Bracknell coaches for their skills, enthusiasm and support.

BISC COMMUNICATIONS

The BISC website and newsflash facility remain the club's core communication strengths. This is 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 and payment facility for both membership and competitions is a big plus for the club which very few clubs are able to offer. The introduction of the new GDPR ruling in May 2018 has required a revised privacy policy for the club along with a review and amendment as to how the club stores and retains data which continues to be ongoing. A huge thank you to Kevin for the contribution he continues to make every year.

BISC AUDITOR

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

NISA TEST ORGANISER

The club would like to thank Suzanne Smith who courageously took on the role of NISA Test Organiser for Bracknell for 12 months and is standing down at the end of the year. Having a test organiser for Bracknell rink is an invaluable asset for our skaters however the post is a voluntary one and as we are not fortunate to have a judge associated with our rink unlike many other clubs we hope that we will be able to find a replacement for Suzanne in the near future.

FINAL THANKS

I would like to thank the committee for all their help and support in running the club throughout the year. Particular thanks go to Lizz Nelhams as vice chair, Lisa Slyfield as treasurer for both our main and synchro accounts, Derek Smith club secretary, Nicki Torrington, membership secretary, trophy secretary Penny Clarke and event management schedule, publicity, newsflashes, Facebook etc. Lizz Nelhams, Kevin Clarke, Amy Barnes and Debbie Kellas for updating the test charts and Achievers awards. Thank you also to our junior committee members Rebecca Smith and Jane Nelhams.

Although neither of them are here tonight I would like to say a personal thank you to Laura Hetebrij as our longest serving committee member who is standing down from the committee after over 15 years of service and to Nicki Torrington who joined the committee in 2005. Their length of service, loyalty and support have been much valued and appreciated.

Lesley Brenikov
Chair 2018

Treasurer's report

In the year to 31 July 2018 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 successes of 2017 were celebrated with the club's annual gala which continues to be funded by the club, being free to those attending.

The club provided one camp this year run by Chris Howarth and with a slight increase to entry costs in line with camps provided by other clubs and under the firm hand of Lizz Nelhams this camp made a small profit.

The club ran internal competitions for free and artistic skating.

This year the club did not enter the NTC competition.

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

Thanks to the wonderful organisation of Lesley Brenikov we hosted our Opens competition once again this year and even with the high increase in travel and hotel costs this still made a profit of £1,700.

The Ice Ability section continued to run weekly sessions with coaches supported by volunteers. With the rink taking on the cost of coaching last year the only expenditure for this was £215. This group still has a surplus of £4,000 from previous fundraising efforts and it is hoped to do something for the group with the funds this year.

The Synchro section is now managing to be self sufficient and with the Junior coach moving to mainland UK their coaching expenses should drop and rather than surviving hopefully they will soon start thriving. Their loss this year was just £645.

Overall the general fund of the club increased by £4,000.

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.

Lisa Slyfield