

BIIBC News 11th May 2021.

The Annual General Meeting of the BIIBC was held via Zoom on Tuesday 27th April 2021.

The following Officers were elected for the 2021 – 2022 season.

President	Jane Type MBE	Wales
Senior Vice President	Rod Coleman	Ireland
Junior Vice President	Kim Watt	Scotland
Immediate Past President	Maurice Mayes	England
Chief Executive Officer	David Phillips	Wales

Age Limit Increased

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic which resulted in no competitions or international matches taking place during the 2020 -2021 season it was agreed to increase the “age” related internationals to Under 19 instead of Under 18 and Under 26 instead of Under 25. This will ensure that no player would miss out on the opportunity to represent their Country because they may have passed the age limit. This will apply for 1 year only.

Venues and dates for the International Series were agreed as follows:

Ladies Junior Under 26 International Series	Newport IBC, Wales	12 th & 13 th February 2022
Men’s Junior Under 26 International Series	Ffrith IBC, Wales	19 th & 20 th February 2022
Mixed Junior Under 19 International Series	Ballybrakes IBC, Ireland	4 th – 6 th March 2022.
Ladies International Series	Belfast IBC, Ireland	11 th – 13 th March 2022
BIIBC Championships	Belfast IBC, Ireland	14 th -16 th March 2022
Men’s International Series	Belfast IBC, Ireland	17 th – 19 th March 2022.

Warner Leisure Hotels End Sponsorship.

It is with regret that we report that Warner’s Leisure Hotels have ended their sponsorship of the BIIBC Senior Over 50’s International Series after 22 years, this is due to a combination of restructuring within the organisation and need to utilise their bowls halls for alternative usage to accommodate social distancing etc. The BIIBC would like to thank Warner’s for the support they have given to the BIIBC and bowls over this period.

It was agreed for this coming season not to hold the Senior Over 50’s International Series, however it is hoped to reintroduce the series when the full financial impact of Covid 19 is known.

Life Membership Awarded

Life Membership of the BIIBC was bestowed on Maurice Mayes (England) for services to the BIIBC, Maurice will be presented with his Life Membership Certificate at a suitable venue in the coming season.

Alison Merrien MBE Steps Down as Secretary.

After nine years as Secretary of Guernsey IBC Alison Merrien MBE has decided to step down from the position. The BIIBC would like to thank Alison for the work she has done for both Guernsey IBC and the BIIBC, I am assured that although stepping aside from her administrative duties she intends to continue playing at the highest levels for many years to come. She is succeeded by Catherin Snell , and we wish Catherin every success.