



# Wymondham Dell Bowls Club

54B, Norwich Rd, Wymondham. NR18 ONT

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2024

	<p><b>Present</b> Bill Blackburn (Hon. Club Treasurer), Alan Coombe (President &amp; Trustee), Diane Gibbins (Committee), Peter Harlow (Hon. Assistant Club Secretary), Rosemary Leeder (Committee), Jean Webb (Hon. Bowls Secretary &amp; Trustee) &amp; Stephen Williams (Chair &amp; Hon. Club Secretary).</p>
1.	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b> were received from Tony Dunton (Committee), Barry Flatt (Committee), Gary Goodrum (Committee), Maureen Hardy (Hon. Assistant Club Treasurer) &amp; John Ottaway (Trustee).</p>
2.	<p><b>Minutes of the meeting for Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024</b> were approved and signed as a true record by the chair of the meeting proposed Peter Harlow, seconded Alan Coombe. <b>All in favour.</b></p>
3.	<p><b>Matters Arising –</b> Item 9.4 - Ongoing</p>
4.	<p><b>Club Secretary's Report – Stephen Williams</b></p>
4.1	Telephone is now working in the office. Answering service/voicemail needs to be sorted.
4.2	Membership renewals are now being taken in the office.
4.3	Thanks to Peter Harlow for watering the bowls green.
5.	<p><b>Treasurer's Report – Bill Blackburn</b></p>
5.1	<p><b>a) Student Parking</b> A Contract has been drawn up to allow up to twelve parking spaces to be allocated to students of Wymondham High Academy. The charge as recorded in the minutes for 16<sup>th</sup> July has been amended to £25 per permit per term.</p>
5.2	<p><b>b) The Bar</b> Net Sales in July, at £2,606 were £80 more than in June. Unfortunately, Expenditure was £525 more, at £2,537. Even so, a profit of £68.97 was recorded. The YTD now shows a credit of £242. A major contribution to this limited return to solvency has been the reduction in employment costs arising from the decision to close the Bar on evenings when there were no scheduled bowls fixtures and by volunteer manning (chiefly by Club Secretary Steve), when staff were on holiday.</p>
5.3	<p><b>c) Credit / Debit Summary</b> In contrast to the Bar, the Income/Expenditure for July recorded a net deficit of £5,467, caused almost entirely by two items of expenditure. The main insurance policy cost £2,811 (an increase of £252 over last year) and the balance payment of £2,159 for the new mower. The YTD now shows a deficit of £20,338.</p>
5.4	<p>The Bank Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> July, allowing for payments pending and adjusted to include final income for the month, credited to the account on 2<sup>nd</sup> August, was £6,811.27.</p>
5.5	<p><b>Rink Fees</b> – The Treasurer presented a discussion paper on increasing the present rink fee of £3.50 per person for a single session from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Alan Coombe proposed an increase of 8.57pct to £3.80, seconded by Jean Webb.</li> <li>– Diane Gibbins amended the proposal to £4.00, an increase of 14.29pct, no seconder came forward.</li> <li>– A vote was taken on the original proposal, increasing the rink fee to £3.80 per player for a single session to take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2024. <b>All in favour.</b></li> <li>– Bill Blackburn to display notices in the club of the increase.</li> </ul>

6.	<b>Bowls Secretary's Report – Jean Webb</b>
6.1	<b>Bowls Committee</b> The Bowls Committee has not met since our last Management meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September.
6.2	<b>Outdoor Bowls</b> The Men's County league came to an end with sadly the 'A' team being relegated from the Premier division. The 'B' team stay in division South One, finishing ahead of Harling Rec and Connaught 'B'. Club team successes as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graves Cup - Winners.</li> <li>• Lord Fermoy Cup – Runners up.</li> <li>• Age Concern League – First place region west. Finals day against 3 other regional winners on 11<sup>th</sup> September at Horsford.</li> </ul> There were no successes this year in the Men's or Ladies' County Championships. In the Ashill & District Mixed Triples league the team are top of division one with one game to play, closely followed by Connaught Oak and Mundford both with a game in hand. All the arranged friendlies by one were played. Unfortunately our home leg against Cromer was postponed due to them having a competition final, then the rearranged fixture was cancelled by mutual agreement.
6.3	<b>Indoor Bowls</b> All the Internal leagues are finalised and live on the Bowlr system. Copies of the league fixtures can be obtained on the concourse. The leagues start on Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September with the Afternoon Mixed Triples and Evening Pairs. Muddles will run on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday lunch time and Sunday evening. Both the Men and Ladies County leagues start early in October and National Team competitions begin in October. Copy of the club fixtures are available on the concourse.
6.4	<b>New Club Registered Shirts</b> An order for 48 shirts was submitted yesterday. Expected delivery will be 4-5 weeks. 3 shirts have not been ordered due to non-payment. I have added these to the new order list on the notice board.
6.5	<b>Coach Bowls Ltd</b> A level one coaching course is being run for this area and the practical sessions are being held here at the club on 30th November and 1st February.
7.	<b>Sub-Committee Reports: –</b>
7.1	<b>Premises – Peter Harlow</b>
7.1.1	Light bulbs used in the bar area are to be discontinued. A decision is needed to seek alternative solutions.
7.1.2	Waiting for the engineer to arrange a date to service the boiler.
7.1.3	Fire and intruder alarms serviced in August. This needs to be carried out twice yearly.
7.1.4	Pot holes in carpark to be filled, waiting for date from contractor.
7.1.5	Carpets to be stretched on 3 <sup>rd</sup> September at 12noon.
7.1.6	Obtaining quotes for cutting the boundary hedges.
7.1.7	Thanks to Paul Groom for helping with the grounds maintenance.
7.2	<b>Outdoor Green &amp; Grounds – Tony Dunton</b> No report received.
7.2.1	The Club Secretary needs to be kept informed of developments and of the yearly plan set by Colliers.
7.2.2	Thanks to Peter Roseblade for the work that he has carried out on the outdoor green.
7.3	<b>Social – Stephen Williams</b>
7.3.1	Thanks to Diane Gibbins and Sandy Hinton for helping on the 60's night.
7.3.2	An email from Geoff Batley regarding music nights was read out to the Committee. A husband and wife have approached the club to take over running the music nights. They are willing to make a donation for the use of the function room and promote the evenings themselves.

	– Steve is to meet with them and speak to Geoff.
8.	<b>Any Other Business</b>
8.1	<b>Notices</b> - It has been noted that some notices on the boards are being defaced. – It was agreed to display a notice telling members not to tamper with official notices/sheets.
8.2	<b>Dining Room</b> – Hanging cables and wires are to be tidied up.
8.3	<b>First aid kits</b> – All replenished.
8.4	<b>Advertising</b> – Morrison's and Lidl's supermarkets have been approached to have an advertising board for a year. Still to contact Waitrose.
8.5	<b>Sponsorship</b> – Refer to Gary Goodrum at next meeting.
9.	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b> – Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 10am.

There being no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 11.30am

Chairperson (print):..... Signed:..... Date:.....