



Wymondham Dell Bowls Club

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Bowls Section

These minutes have not yet been ratified

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 27th March 2024

Present: Jean Webb (Hon. Bowls Secretary & Trustee), Tony Dunton (Hon. Ass. Bowls Secretary), Jamie Austin-Mills (Hon. Competition Secretary), Peter Harlow & Cynthia Lansdell (Elected members) & Alan Coombe (Chair & Trustee).

Not present: Keith Richards (Hon. League Secretary), Barry Flatt & Averyl Richards (Elected members) & John Ottaway (Trustee).

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Keith, Averyl, Barry & John.
2. **The minutes of previous meeting held on Wednesday 24th January 2024** were approved and signed as a true record by the Chair of the meeting (proposed Tony Dunton, seconded Peter Harlow) All in favour.
3. **Matters arising –**
 - Item 8 a) - £1.00 entry fee per player for summer leagues and £2.00 for winter leagues.
 - Item 8 c) – To advertise new league and display list for teams to enter.
 - Item 8 d) – Arrangements finalised, see notice board for details.
 - Item 8 e) – Typo should read entry fee £4.00 per **player**.
4. **Correspondence –** Due to the high volume, correspondence is logged and available to see on request.
 - a) Invite received from S Curtis to enter the Ladies Norwich Nine League. Declined due to insufficient players.
 - b) Email received from C Taylor (NCIBA) seeking support to nominate D Perry for the EIBA Service of Merit award. Replied supporting the nomination.
 - c) Email from the NBA advising that the position of County Administrator is up for re-election. J George currently holds this position and is willing to continue – All supported this appointment.
5. **Hon. Bowls Secretary's Report (Jean Webb) –**
 - a) Report**
 - Indoor Season 2023/24
 - Men's County League (NCIBA) - As at 23rd March the 'A' team lay one from the bottom of division one, 1.5pts above Roundwood 'A'. Both teams still have to play two games against Acle 'A' and County Arts 'A'.
 - At the conclusion of division three, the 'B' team finished in 3rd place with 52.5pts, 1.5pts behind Acle 'C'.
 - The latest league table is displayed on the Men's notice board.
 - Men's County O60 Double Rink Competition (NCIBA) - After playing 6 games winning 2 and losing 4, the team finished 5th in the South group ahead of Diss and Acle 'B'. The teams that went through to the semi-finals were Acle 'A' and County Arts from South group and Lynnsport 'A' and Gallow 'A' from North group. Lynnsport 'A' being crowned the 060's Double Rink champions with a 40-35 win over Gallow 'A' in the final.
 - Ladies County League (NCWIBA) - At the conclusion of the league the team finished one from bottom of the Premier division, 19.5pts above Acle 'B'. Unfortunately due to the decision to

equalise the two divisions next season and should no new teams enter, the team will be relegated.

National Indoor Competitions (EIBA) - The Men's O60 Double Rink 'A' team made it through to the last 16 then lost 20-38 to Falcon 'A' from Chelmsford.

Friendly Game - The game against the Buckinghamshire Vice Presidents was well supported and the Dell came out on top 104-87. Our best winning rink went to Ian Wallace, Gordon Roberts and Glenda Adcock.

Outdoor Season 2024

Green Opening - The green will be open from Monday 22nd April at 11.00am.

Men's County League (NBA) - The player nomination sheet has been on the notice board since 6th March, to date only 13 members have registered an interest in playing, not enough to run two teams.

County Team Competitions (NBA) - The Men's team competitions start with the Bales Cup on Friday 10th May away to either Long Stratton or Harling Rec. The Jermy Cup is against Downham Market at home on Sunday 19th May and the Lord Fermoy Cup starts on Thursday 23rd May with the 'A' team against Long Stratton and the 'B' team against Shipdham.

The ladies play Thorpe Rec. in the Webb Trophy on Thursday 27th June.

The men's first individual competitions involving our members start with the fours on Tuesday 7th May. Draws are available on the NBA website.

Other External Leagues - 15 Members have registered an interest in playing in the Ashill & District Mixed Triples League and 5 members in the Age Concern League.

The first Age Concern game is at home on the 2nd May against Whinburgh and the Ashill league starts on 14th May away to Aldiss Park Magpies.

National Competitions (Bowls England) - Draws will be published on the 1st April.

Indoor Season 2024/25

Club Teams - The player nomination sheets for the Ladies County League, Men's County League and O60 Double Rink Competition are on the notice boards and members are already putting their names forward to play.

Miscellaneous

Norfolk County Indoor Bowling Assoc. - President David Perry was admitted to the NNUH with a major chest infection. His treatment is progressing well, and the outlook is positive for a full recovery subject to a period of rest and recuperation.

Norfolk reached the final of the Liberty Trophy and played Essex on Saturday 23rd March. After a hard fought match, Essex were the eventual winners by four shots 120-124.

The Executive meeting held on Monday 5th February was attended by our Club representative Tony Dunton. Brief summary:

- Results of County Surveys – Clear indication that the current County League format is the preferred structure and there is support for considering the introduction of a County League Cup. Also there was a wide range of topics on alternative options, travel etc. There is a preference to retain the current approach of qualification as club champions with the playoffs in the following season.
From the number of responses received the significant majority support the design for the new shirt.
The number of responses to the surveys was disappointing.
- Potential AGM proposals – Introduce the use of re-spots in all competitions.
Introduce a new sets-based singles competition open to all male members.
Permit black trousers to be worn in addition to grey.
Introduction of a County League Cup.

Copy of the minutes are displayed on the notice board.

The County Competition finals are to be held at County Arts BC on Sunday 21st April.

Norfolk County Women's Indoor Bowling Assoc. - Norfolk have reached the final of the Atherley Trophy, they play Surrey on Saturday 6th April at Nottingham and I wish Wendy Bryant along with the rest of the team the best of luck.

Norfolk Bowls Assoc. (Men) - Harry Geary has been appointed Executive Officer, he will hold this position for a period of 3 years from March 2023 until March 2026.

Bowls England - At the recent Bowls England AGM a number of motions were put forward by Bowls England and the County Associations to change National Competitions from 2025, a summary of the results can be found on the notice board and in the playing member's area on the Club's website.

The club has again registered for the Big Bowls Weekend this year for one day on Sunday 26th May.

Management Committee - The committee have met 3 times since our last meeting and the following was agreed:

- To keep league entry fees at £1.00 for summer leagues and £2.00 for winter leagues.
- Sell on the old indoor green ditch mats to an outside club.
- Place a quarter page advert in the Wymondham guide.
- Committee members to be vigilant as some indoor bowlers may not be wearing flat bottomed bowl shoes.
- Advertise for volunteers to come forward to become a Green Liaison Officer, a member of a greens committee or help with the maintenance of the outdoor green.

The minutes are available to view on the Club website.

Members Information - I have prepared an outdoor fixture booklet and I will soon update the Google calendar on the Club's website.

- Jean clarified the system for 2024/25 winter indoor league entries.
 1. Check the league & team members on the pink list, located on the league result notice board.
 2. If team correct put fee in an envelope clearly mark with league & team leader & post in office box.
 3. Any changes to the team, fill in a yellow form and with fee post in office box.
 4. New teams register on a yellow form and with fee post in office box.

b) Bowls Section AGM – No motions have been received from members.

Jean read out the nominations. Only nomination received for non-committee positions is Ladies Welfare Officer. Most captain positions have nominations except for the Outdoor Age Concern team and Indoor Men's 'A' team, also Friendlies for both Outdoor and Indoor. No nominations received for County Delegates.

- It was agreed for these roles to be fulfilled by Bowls Secretary and Bowls Assistant Secretary (proposed Peter Harlow, seconded Cynthia Lansdell).
- Agenda will be displayed today 27th March.

c) Women & Men's County Team entries for 2024/25 Indoor Season – It was agreed to enter one team in the Ladies County League, three teams in the Men's County League and two teams in the Men's O60 County Inter-club competition (proposed Jean Webb, seconded Cynthia Lansdell). All in favour.

d) Men's NBA Clubs Meeting – Meeting on Sunday 7th April, Tony Dunton will attend as our representative.

- There are no matters to raise at the meeting.

e) Club Kit – Jean explained that looking into this is very time consuming for her and Tony who have other priorities and what is required is a dedicated person to run the project. Jamie offered to take over the project.

- Everyone agreed that this is the best way forward.

f) Presentation Evening 2024 – The date was agreed for Friday 25th October 2024.

- To be raised in the AGM open forum, to gauge member's opinion on holding a presentation evening.

6. Hon. League Secretary's Report (Keith Richards) – No Report.

7. **Hon. Competition Secretary's Report (Jamie Austin-Mills)** – The competitions are progressing well and running to schedule.
The Easter Tournament has 18 entries and is ready to go. The Bar will be open from 9.30am and rolls will be available to purchase over the bar.
8. **Any Other Business –**
- a) **Wymondham Short Mat B.C.** - Alan Coombe gave a brief explanation. More research is to be done before presenting a proposal to both Committee's.
 - b) **Taster Session** - Troy Overton would like to come with 3 friends to have a taster session.
 - It was suggested that this should be referred to our Coach G. Batley.
 - c) **Coffee mornings** - Commence again in September 2024.
 - d) **Re-spots** – Use of re-spots in the Indoor domestic leagues from 2024/25.
 - To be raised in the AGM open forum.
 - e) **Summer Indoor bowls** – Would members like more indoor bowls during the summer months?
 - To be raised in the AGM open forum.
 - f) **Committee Meetings** – It may be necessary to have the occasional meeting in the evening.
9. **Date of next meeting -** AGM on Wednesday 10th April 2024 @ 7.00 pm.
Committee meeting to be arranged after AGM.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.17am

Chair (print) Signed..... Date