



Wymondham Dell Bowls Club

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Bowls Section

These minutes have not yet been ratified

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday 12th September 2024

Present: Alan Coombe (President/Chair & Trustee), Jean Webb (Hon. Bowls Secretary & Trustee), Tony Dunton (Hon. Ass. Bowls Secretary), Jamie Austin-Mills (Hon. Competition Secretary), Bob Smith (co-opted member), Barry Flatt, Peter Harlow & Alistair Stevenson (Elected members).

Not present: Keith Richards (Hon. League Secretary), Cynthia Lansdell (Elected member).

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Keith and Cynthia.
2. **The minutes of previous meeting held on Tuesday 25th June 2024** were approved and signed as a true record by the Chair of the meeting (proposed Tony Dunton, seconded Ali Stevenson). All in favour.
3. **Matters arising** – None.
4. **Correspondence** – Due to the high volume, correspondence is logged and available to see on request.
 - a) Email received from NCIBA withdrawing the AGM proposals to change the dress code to allow the wearing of black shorts/trousers in Competitions, County League and O60 Double rink.
 - b) Email received from Tim Stone asking the Club for rinks to play quarter finals in an Open Triples Event run in conjunction with Bowls TV.
 - c) Email received from I. Turnbull asking to wear bespoke coloured shirts. Reply sent referring to our present bye-law of predominantly white shirts to be worn. This matter has been referred to the Club Secretary.

5. **Hon. Bowls Secretary (Jean Webb) -**

a) **Report.**

Outdoor Season 2024

Men's County League (NBA) - 'A' Team – After playing 14 games, losing 13 and winning 1, the team finished bottom and were sadly relegated from the Premier division.

'B' Team – After playing 16 games, losing 10 and winning 6, the team finished 7th and maintained their position in the South One division.

The final league table is displayed on the Men's notice board.

County Team Competitions (NBA) - The Men's 'A' Team beat Mundford 43-33 in the quarter final of the Fermoy Cup and then went on to beat County Arts 35-20 in the semi-final. They unfortunately lost in the final to Acle A 28-44.

Ashill & District Mixed Triples League - On completion of the league the team finished a respectable 3rd in division one.

The final league table is displayed on the notice board.

Age Concern League - The team finished 1st in the West league and then faced Aldiss Park Woodpeckers (Central), Saxlingham Saxons (South) and Swanton Morley Angels (North) in a

finals' day held yesterday at Horsford BC. To date the captain has not come back with any feedback on the team's progression.

Graves Cup - Congratulations to the team on winning the Graves Cup. After beating Feltwell in the first game the team went on to beat Mundford BC and then Dereham St Nicholas in the final.

Member's Individual Achievements - Members made it through to the Men's County quarter finals in all disciplines except the triples. Results were as follows:

2W Singles	-	Geoff Batley lost 7-17 to I Groves from County Arts.
4W Singles	-	Peter Roseblade lost 14-21 to W Willgress from Norfolk BC.
Pairs	-	Ollie Allen & Richard Haydon won 23-14 to B Starling from Sheringham Morley.
		Carl Walker & Garry Oakley lost 14-17 to V Hudson from Wootton Park.
Fours	-	Ollie Allen, Adrian Fox, Richard Haydon & Gary Goodrum lost 12-20 to W Willgress from Norfolk BC.

In the Pairs Semi-Final Ollie Allen and Richard Haydon lost 11-20 to a pair from Downham Market BC

Glenda Adcock made it through to the Ladies County Semi-final of the Un-badged Singles by beating S Crapnell from Sheringham Morley 21-17 in the quarter finals. In the semi-final Glenda lost to C Palmer from Mundford 18-21, but did get presented with her County Badge.

Club Friendlies - Started off our run of friendlies in June against Essex Vice-Presidents Tour side with a win 112-76. Top rink went to Paula Fuller, Keith Kinsey, Roy Gatehouse and Garry Oakley. They managed to play 18 ends before rain stopped play.

In July we welcomed the Norfolk Past Presidents, unlike the previous game it was one of the hottest days of the year and it was agreed to play only 16 ends. The Dell were the eventual winners in a close fought game 66-62. Top rink went to Geoff Batley, Paul Groom and Alan Coombe.

Other friendlies against Cromer Marrams, Hethersett Social Club and Priory Gardens were supported by the members and enjoyed by those that played in them.

Indoor Season 2024/25

Men's County League (NCIBA) - The fixture list is displayed on the notice board. The 'A' and 'B' teams will play 12 games and the 'C' 14 games.

'A' team's first game is at home on 5th October against County Arts 'A'.

'B' and 'C' team play on 19th October against County Arts 'B' and 'C' respectively.

I will arrange a date to meet with the captains to select the squads, discuss the new club shirts etc.

Men's County O60 Double Rink Competition (NCIBA) - This league is proving to be popular with our male members. 30 plus members have shown an interest in playing.

The first game is on 31st October, Dell 'A' team play Dell 'B' team.

A fixture list is displayed on the notice board.

Ladies County League (NCWIBA) - The ladies first game is on 5th October away to Gallow 'B'. A fixture list is displayed on the notice board.

National Indoor Team Competitions (EIBA) - Men O60 Double Rink – Tuesday 15th October 'A' team vs. Beccles, 'B' team vs. Gallow 'B'.

Men Denny Cup – Saturday 19th October vs. Lynnsport.

Ladies Mason Trophy – Friday 15th November vs. Norfolk BC 'B'.

Draws are available on the EIBA website and will be displayed on the notice board.

Muddles - These will run on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday lunch time and Sunday evening. On Monday and Wednesday coffee and rolls will be available to purchase before the session.

Club Friendly - On Saturday 28th September at 2pm against Northamptonshire Tourists format of 5 rinks of Triples. List inviting members to play is on the notice board. Captain for this match is Paul Groom.

Miscellaneous

Norfolk County Indoor Bowling Assoc. - Tony and I attended the Annual General Meeting on 7th July. All the motions and proposals were passed except for two, the reduction of ends played in the County League matches from 21 to 18 failed and the proposal to allow the wearing of black trousers for both County Leagues and Competitions was withdrawn.

The changes that directly affect the club's members are as follows:

- The introduction of a new competition, Matchplay Singles, open to all male members.
- All County Competitions to adopt the re-spot in the event of a killed end.
- The right to publicise players names, scores, photos and videos/live streaming on website, social media etc.

Copy of the minutes are displayed on the Men's Indoor notice board.

The draw for this season's Champion's competitions are available on the NCIBA website and a copy will be displayed on the notice board along with an entry list for the Matchplay Singles competition.

Norfolk Bowls Assoc. (Men) - A Clubs meeting is being held on Sunday 6th October. A copy of the agenda is displayed on the Men's Outdoor notice board inviting our members to speak to Tony Dunton (Club Delegate) regarding items they would like to be raised.

New Club Registered Shirts - An order for 48 shirts was submitted on 28th August. 3 shirts were not included due to non-receipt of payment, these have been added on to the next order list. The price has been adjusted to £27.50 to incorporate the delivery charge which was waived on the first order. Expected delivery on the first order is 4-5 weeks.

Coach Bowls Ltd - A level one coaching course has been arranged for this area. The course comprises of 2 'Zoom' meetings in November followed by 2 practical days (in November & February) which will be held at the Club. The Course fee of £150.00 can be covered by the Bowls England & Norfolk Bowls Association Bursaries. Booking of the course is via the Coach Bowls website.

Jack & Bowl Roadshow - Mark Royal is coming to the club on Wednesday 23rd October.

Open Triples Event - Received a request for rinks from Tim Stone who is working in conjunction with Bowls TV to organise an open triples event for all members of clubs within the Norfolk County league and he is looking for 2 clubs to host the last 16 and quarter final stages. The format has a few different rules plus shorter / quicker format so games should be played within 2 hours. Some of the rules include 2 bowl triples 14 ends, re-spots (but sides have the option to nominate to kill max 2 ends), teams can change positions (max 3 times), powerplay (1 per team) to score double shots. Entry fee is £45.00 per triple and a flyer will be sent out to clubs.

Due to this being an outside run event and being live streamed, I sought Management Committee's approval to hold this event on Club premises and their approval was given.

As initially Ali Stevenson was approached by Tim, I would like to suggest that Ali becomes the club contact for this one event.

Management Committee - The Management Committee have met twice since our last meeting at these meetings the following was agreed: -

- 12 parking spaces have been allocated for students. The school will arrange and issue permits.
- The outdoor green is now being maintained by the Greens Committee.
- Permission to live stream a bowls game on the premises will be considered on each request.
- Only alcohol purchased from the club bar can be consumed on the premises.
- Increase rink fees to £3.80 from 1st September.

- b) **Motions for the Men's NBA Ass. & County League AGM 2024** – None.
- c) **Presentation Evening 2024** – On Friday 25th October. It was agreed to ask the Dell Boys to perform. Tony offered to prepare the food for the evening. Jean to speak to the Treasurer regarding catering costs and prize money.
- d) **Dress Code for Club Competition Finals** – Last season there was confusion as to the dress code for Club finals. Jamie explained that traditionally the dress for club finals has been white below the waist. Jean updated the committee on the County rules.
 - It was proposed by John Ottaway and seconded by Tony Dunton that all members in a team must wear the same shirt design (club registered or predominately white shirt) and must wear the same colour (grey, black or white) below the waist. **All in favour.**

6. **Hon. League Secretary's Report (Keith Richards) –**

The summer leagues have almost finished with the final games to be played in the first week of September.

The new winter season 2024/25, due to start September 11, is almost ready only the fixture list for the Mixed Morning Pairs is not available. The delay is due to three teams withdrawing from the league last week. The fixture list will have to be revised and made available a.s.a.p.

An additional new league has been added to the existing format on Friday evenings, a 2 wood 9 ends set format with a 3 end playoff should the game end in a draw.

The Bowls Committee has agreed that the re-spots will be used in all club leagues. Should the jack go out of rink sideways it will be replaced on the nearest re-spot and play continues.

- This season looking closely at un-played games and will enforce the bye laws.
- Season 2025/26 hopefully teams will only play each other 4 times.
- Need to look at new ways of utilising rinks space.

7. **Hon. Competition Secretary's Report (Jamie Austin-Mills) -**

In the process of looking at the winter competitions and entry forms will soon be available.

Need to look at the format of the Carter's Shield to make it more appealing to members. Over the years the number of entries has steadily declined, with only 4 entries last year.

- Suggestions made were: Handicap system and restrict number of 'A' team players per team.
- Jamie to look at and consider other formats.

8. **Any Other Business**

- a) Outside green – Autumn renovations are scheduled for 23rd September.
- b) Indoor rinks – Carpet stretched and running well at 17.5 seconds.
- c) Recruitment - Ideas needed on how to attract new members. No ideas were put forward.

9. **Date of next meeting -** Monday 25th November 2024 @ 10.00am.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.00am.

Chair (print) Signed Date