



Wymondham Dell Bowls Club

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Bowls Section

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 19th March 2025

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), Cynthia Lansdell & Alistair Stevenson (Elected members).

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

Jean invited Glenda Adcock (Vice-President) to observe the proceedings.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Barry Flatt, Peter Harlow, John Ottaway and Keith Richards.
2. **The minutes of previous meeting held on Monday 27th January 2025** were approved and signed as a true record by the Chair of the meeting (proposed Bob Smith, seconded Jamie Austin-Mills). **All in favour.**
3. **Matters arising –**
 - Item 5c) – No response was given to the question put forward.
 - Item 8a) – Notices have been posted on the notice boards.
 - Item 8d) – Rule displayed on notice boards.
 - Item 8e) – Website near to completion. Instructions will be sent to members.
4. **Correspondence –** Due to the high volume received, all correspondence is logged and available to see on request.
5. **Hon. Bowls Secretary (Jean Webb) –**
 - a) **Report –**
Indoor Season 2024/25
Men's County League (NCIBA) - 'A' Team (Division 1) – Played 10 games out of 12, won 5 and lost 5 and lay in third place with 37 points, 5.5 points behind second place Gallow 'A' and 4.5 points ahead of Acle 'A'.
'B' Team (Division 3) – Played 11 games, won 9 and lost 2 and lay top of the division with 54 points, 1.5 points ahead of Acle 'C'. All to play for with one game to play.
'C' Team (Division 4) – Played 13 games, won 6 and lost 7 and lay middle of the division with 41 points, 11.5 points behind Lynnsport 'B' and 4 points ahead of Shotford 'B'. Let's hang on in there with one game to play.
League tables are displayed weekly on the Men's notice board.

Men's County O60 Double Rink Competition (NCIBA) - Dell 'A' team reached the final by beating Lynnsport 44 shots to 26 in the semi. In the final played at Dereham IBC on 12th March beat Acle 'A' 43 shots to 31.
Congratulations to the 'A' team players for a successful competition.

Ladies County League (NCWIBA) - In division one the ladies have played 11 games, won 8 and lost 3 and with one game still to play have gained promotion up to the premier division next season.

Congratulations to all those who played in the team throughout the season.

Member's Individual Achievements - In the Men's County Fours Championship Richard Haydon's team beat G. Adams from Dereham IBC then went on to lose in the semi-finals to S. Winter from Lynnsport 17 shots to 12.

Club Friendly - The game against NCIBA Presidents Invitation team played on 19th February. It was a close-fought match with Wymondham snatching the win 96 shots to 94, our best rink went to Margaret Clayton, Barry Harley, Paul Groom and Bryan Allen.

Last Sunday we played the Norfolk Past Presidents and again we came out the winners 123 shots to 79. We had two top rinks on the day Tom Hewkin, John Nash, Alan Coombe and Stephen Ramsbottom, Barry Layton and June Meadows.

Outdoor Season 2025

Green Opening - The outdoor green will be open on Tuesday 22nd April.

External leagues & Team Competitions - Player nomination sheets for members to register their interest in playing are on the noticeboards in the outdoor pavilion.

County Competitions (NBA) - The men's individual competitions involving players from the club start with the pairs on 19th May. Draws are available on the NBA website.

National Competitions (Bowls England) - The draws will be published on 31st March.

Bowls Bash - With Alistair's help we intend to introduce this new and exciting shortened game internally to our members. For this to succeed volunteers are key.

Club Friendlies - Tony has arranged home and away fixtures with Cromer Marrams, Priory Gardens and Hethersett social.

Details along with sheets for members to register their interest in playing will be displayed on the noticeboard.

Miscellaneous

Management Committee - At a recent Management meeting the following was agreed:

- Request 3 brown bins from SNC for the green waste.
- Investigate into the feasibility of playing short mat bowls in the dining room.
- Outdoor rink fees – Leagues & competitions (competitive play) £3.80 per player and roll-ups & social bowls (non-competitive play) £2.00 per player.
- Investigate into changing the bowls hall lights.
- Replace the guttering and fascia boards running alongside the dining room.
- Accept offer for the club's old lawn mower.
- Register the club to participate in the Big Bowls Weekend.

Members Information - On 5th March an email was sent to the members detailing our plan for the summer season.

Summer fixture booklets will soon be available.

- b) **Bowls Section AGM** – No motions have been received from the members. Jean read out the nominations put forward. No nominees had been put forward for the role of Club Vice-President, Welfare Officers, Men's County Delegates, Ladies Indoor Captain, Friendlies Captain for Indoor & Outdoor and Outdoor National & County Mixed Competitions Captain. A vote conducted by paper ballot will take place for the positions with more than the required number of nominees.

— Dress worn during play to be discussed in open forum at the AGM in April.

- c) **Women and Men's County League team entries for 2025/26 Indoor season** – It was proposed by Jean Webb, seconded by Cynthia Lansdell to enter one team into the Ladies County League, three teams into the Men's County League and two teams into the Men's O60 County Inter-Club Competition. **All in favour.**

- d) **Date for Presentation Evening 2025** – Friday 24th October 2025 was agreed.
Arrangements to include music + food + raffle.

6. **Hon. League Secretary's Report (Keith Richards)** – The following written report was read out by Bob Smith:

As we are drawing to the end of this season, the leagues have played well with very few problems. The usual problem remains with 7 teams who have 25 games to catch up so we can finish within the playing season. Forms for the next season 2025/26 will be available by the end of March. Please return them by the end of June.

Any team not entering or player not competing in the league they were in 2024/25 season please let us know, this is especially important for those in the Vets league. I have already been informed that three players or one team is probably going to withdraw which will mean you cannot work out who you will be with next season.

- Updated list of un-played games to be displayed on notice board.
- One iPad has been tampered with again, to re-build the system is a time-consuming procedure. These iPads are only set up and used for league score input. It was suggested maybe a frame could protect the buttons.
- It was agreed that members need to adhere to the rules regarding un-played games and registered reserves and these are to be implemented from next season.

7. **Hon. Competition Secretary's Report (Jamie Austin-Mills)** – Competitions progressing nicely. Only one Men's Pairs game not completed due to the Potters week. Lynda Warnes won the final of the Ladies singles. Carter's Shield went very well, and everyone seemed happy with the format.

Easter Aussie Pairs Tournament is on Monday 21st April and the sheet to enter is on the notice board. Entry fee is £4.00 per person.

8. **Any Other Business –**

- a) Big Bowls Weekend – The Club will be open on Saturday 24th May 2025 from 11am to 3pm. Volunteers already to come forward are Tony Dunton, Peter Harlow, Alistair Stevenson and Louis Hubbard.
- b) Winter Leagues – Games in the Aussie Pairs and Evening Pairs were infrequent and could it be possible to have more regular games next season?
 - This will be looked at for next season.
- c) Recruitment – Ideas on how to attract new members.
 - No ideas were put forward at this meeting.
- d) Team Nomination Lists - Could the outdoor signing up sheets go on the indoor notice boards?
 - No, past experience has shown that it is best to segregate the paperwork for the seasons to avoid members signing up for the wrong leagues.
- e) Junior Bowlers – Louis Hubbard's daughter is now a junior member, and Louis would like to discuss the possibility of attracting juniors to the club.
 - Matter to be referred to the Club Secretary and Management.

9. **Date of next meeting -** AGM on Wednesday 9th April 2025 after Club AGM starting 7.00pm
Monday 28th April 2025 @ 10.00am.

There being no further business the meeting closed. Time not recorded.

Chair (print) Signed..... Date