



Wymondham Dell Bowls Club

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Bowls Section

These minutes have not yet been ratified

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Tuesday 29th April 2025

Present: Glenda Adcock (President), Jean Webb (Hon. Bowls Secretary & Trustee), Tony Dunton (Hon. Ass. Bowls Secretary), Bob Smith (Hon. League Secretary), Jamie Austin-Mills (Hon. Competition Secretary), Lewis Betts, Wendy Bryant, Cynthia Lansdell & Alan Tubby (Elected members), Alan Coombe (Trustee).

Not present: John Ottaway (Trustee).

1. Glenda Adcock (Club President) was **duly elected as Chairperson to oversee committee meetings** (proposed Jean Webb, seconded Alan Coombe). **All in favour.**
2. **Apologies for absence** were received from John Ottaway.
3. **The minutes of previous meeting held on Wednesday 19th March 2025** were approved and signed as a true record by the Chair of the meeting (proposed Tony Dunton, seconded Cynthia Lansdell). **All in favour.**
4. **Matters arising** – None.
5. **Correspondence** – Due to the high volume, correspondence is logged and available to see on request.
 - a) Email received from NCIBA inviting us to play the President's Invitation team. Accepted and agreed Thursday 11th December.
6. **Hon. Bowls Secretary (Jean Webb) –**
 - a) **Report -**
Indoor Season 2024/25
Men's County League (NCIBA) - 'A' Team (Division 1) – Played 12 games, won 6, drawn 1 and lost 5 and finished fourth with 46.5pts, 1.5pts behind third place Acle 'A' and 10.5pts ahead of fifth place Beccles 'A'.
'B' Team (Division 3) – Played 12 games, won 10 and lost 2 and finished in first place with 61pts, 1.5pts ahead of Acle 'C' and are promoted to division 2 next season.
'C' Team (Division 4) – Played 14 games, won 6 and lost 8 and finished fifth with 42pts, 11.5pts behind Lynnsport 'B' in fourth place, but 4pts ahead of Shotford 'B'.
Outdoor Season 2025
Outdoor Green - The green opened last week, and members have been practicing. Reports indicate it has greatly improved since last season. Thanks to our volunteer greens committee for their hours of preparation and maintenance on the green.
County League (NBA) - This season 37 members have expressed an interest in playing in this league, the captains have selected their squads and the list is on the pavilion notice board. The first games are tomorrow evening the 30th April with the 'A' team at home to Watton and the 'B' team away at Dereham St Nicholas.
County Team Competitions (NBA) - The Jermy Cup is a mixed triples knockout competition with 3 rinks, scheduled for Sunday, 18th May against Hempton BC.
Three ladies and 8 men have registered an interest in playing in this team.

The Men's Fermoy Cup starts on Thursday 22nd May with the 'A' team playing Acle 'B' and a bye for the 'B' team.

First game in the Men's Bales Cup is away to Swaffham Town on Friday 13th June.

The players for Fermoy and Bales are selected from the men participating in the County League teams.

National Competitions (Bowls England) - These games are scheduled through mutual agreement and must be played before their play by dates. Team captains will arrange the dates.

- Club Two Fours – Home against Wootton Park.
- Men's Top Club – Away against Downham Market
- Tony Allcock O60 Mixed Fours Trophy – Home against Downham Market.

Ashill & District Mixed Triples League - The team consists of 3 rinks of triples with each rink comprising a minimum of one male and one female player. The first game is on Tuesday 27th May away to Connaught Elm. This season, 17 male members want to play, but only 6 female members are interested, which is not enough to run two teams.

Age Concern League - This is an open league for the Over 55's played on 2 rinks of triples. The first game is on Thursday 29th May away to Thorpe Rec. This season 17 members have signed up to play in this team. I will be in regular contact with the captain during this season to monitor the situation and we may need to consider entering two teams into this league next year.

Indoor Season 2025/26

National Indoor Competitions (EIBA) - Members can enter the individual competitions through the competition portal on the EIBA website or by completing an entry form and submitting it to the EIBA headquarters. Closing date for entries is 8th June 2025. Forms are available on the indoor competition notice board.

Men's County League (NCIBA) - The same number of teams (29) have entered for next season and the make up of the Divisions will remain the same with 7 teams in Division's 1,2 & 3 and 8 teams in Division 4.

Shotford have decided to enter only 1 team next season, however Lowestoft Rail have now entered a 'B' team. Lowestoft Rail 'B' will therefore replace Shotford 'B' in Division 4.

Miscellaneous

Norfolk Bowls Assoc. (Ladies) - This year only 6 ladies have registered an interest in playing in the outdoor leagues and competitions. The Norfolk Bowls Association and Bowls England affiliation fees for these players and the club levy have been paid.

Management Committee - The Management Committee recently agreed the following:

- Elected Outdoor Green and Grounds sub-committee - Peter Bailey, Tony Dunton, Barry Flatt, Gary Goodrum, Garry Oakley and Alan Willer.
- Elected Premises sub-committee - Stephen Williams, Peter Harlow, Bill Blackburn, Alan Coombe, Tony Dunton and Rosemary Leeder.
- Social sub-committee – Stephen Williams and Rosey Leeder to recruit members to form a committee.
- Club Secretary to arrange defibrillator training and once organise email details to the membership.
- To form a sub-committee to look at recruitment.
- During the summer months the Sunday lunch time bar is to remain open and will only sell bottled beers.

b) **EIBA Team Competition entries 2025/26** – The following national entries were agreed:

- Denny Cup (Men) – one entry.
 - O60 Double Rink (Men) – two entries.
 - Mason Trophy (Ladies) – one entry.
 - Egham Trophy (Mixed) – one entry.
- (proposed Jean Webb, seconded Alan Coombe). **All in favour.**

- c) **AGM Open Forum** – The following items were raised by the committee: -
- I. Q – Opinions sought on Indoor National Team Competition entries.
R – Why do we not enter the Egham Trophy and Top Club (Mixed) competitions?
A - We run a popular domestic league on Sunday mornings which clash.
R – The Men's 'A' Team Captain, Richard Harvey said that he would be happy to run an Egham team with input from the Ladies Captain.
— The committee agreed to enter a team into the Egham Trophy
 - II. Q – Opinions sought on dress code when playing internal leagues.
R – A mixed reaction was received from the floor to this question. The main bone of contention is whether coloured bowls shirts should be allowed and the relaxation of the rule predominately white shirts.
— After a lengthy discussion the committee couldn't reach a decision. This item was deferred to the next meeting.

Questions raised from the floor: -

- III. Some members felt that communication could be improved. The following suggestions were put forward: - Information to be sent by email and a monthly newsletter issued.
— Moving in the right direction with Improvements i.e. designing a new website, regular updates to Facebook page and general circulars being sent out by email.

d) **Motions for the Norfolk County Indoor Bowls Ass. AGM 2025** – None

e) **Vice-President** – It was proposed by Glenda Adcock, seconded Alan Tubby to appoint Alan Willer into the role of Vice-President. **All in favour.**

7. **Hon. League Secretary's Report (Bob Smith) -**

The winter 24/25 leagues will complete at the end of this week and have, in general, gone well. There are still a number of matches that remain unplayed but the majority of outstanding rink fees should be recovered. However, it is a significant improvement on the situation that existed at the end of the season last year. Therefore, we will continue to monitor & report on unplayed matches next season.

The Summer 2025 indoor and outdoor league entries have been disappointing with the result that only one indoor league will run at present. There is a possibility that an outdoor Sunday Morning Triples may run but a few more players are still required.

The Winter 25/26 League Application forms are currently available in the rack in the bowls hall. We have reverted to the system where an application form is required for each team entry. We will prompt members on a regular basis to ensure that all entries are available to allow us sufficient time to organise the league structures.

- In the Tuesday league could the number of games we play each other be reduced next season? Teams to play each other a maximum of 4 times.
- Any idea on the league format for the Thursday night league? Depends on the number of entries received.

8. **Hon. Competition Secretary's Report (Jamie Austin-Mills)** – Indoor competitions are finalised, encountered very few problems along the way. Easter tournament went very well. Would it be possible to start the competitions earlier? Dependent on the league schedule. Do we have dates for the outdoor competitions? No, not yet.

9. The following **appointments were ratified**: -

- Wendy Bryant – Indoor Captain Ladies' County League.
- Geoff Batley – Outdoor Captain Mixed National & County Team Competitions.
- Lin Packer – Ladies' Welfare Officer.
- Gordon Roberts – NCIBA delegate.
- Tony Dunton – NBA (Men's Section) delegate.

(Proposed Alan Coombe, seconded Cynthia Lansdell). **All in favour.**

10. Any Other Business –

- a) Bowls Hall Lights – Heard there is a sourcing problem obtaining the tubes.
— Management have resolved this issue.
- b) Muddle Refreshments – This is going well. Would it be possible for the members to run it themselves?
— Jean to refer to Club Secretary.
- c) Bowls Shoes - Members are still going out with their bowls shoes on.
— Jean to refer to Club Secretary and Management.
- d) Junior Bowler - A junior has joined the club, could we develop.
— A sub-committee has been set up to look at recruitment.
- e) Outdoor Roll-up - Ten people turned up on Monday morning for the outdoor roll-up.
- f) Website – All ready to go live. An email is to be sent to the members to explain what is happening.

11. Date of next meeting - Tuesday 24th June 2025 @ 10.00am.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.36am

Chair (print) Signed..... Date