



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 24th June 2025

Present: Glenda Adcock (President & Chair), 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. **Apologies for absence** received from John Ottaway.
2. **The minutes of previous meeting held on Tuesday 29th April 2025** were approved and signed as a true record by the Chair of the meeting (proposed Bob Smith, seconded Alan Tubby). **All in favour.**
3. **Matters arising -**
 - Item 8 – Outdoor competition play by dates now set.
 - Item 10 b) – Muddle refreshments being organised by Alan Tubby and Lewis Betts.
 - Item 10 d) – A recruitment sub-committee, chaired by Harry Geary, has been established.

Correspondence – All correspondence is logged and available upon request due to high volume.

- a) Email received from Melton Mowbray confirming Presidents Tour match in March 2026.

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

- a) Report -

Outdoor Season 2025

County League (NBA) - Due to technical issues with the County website the league tables are currently not being updated, however Shipdham BC is updating their own unofficial table for the Central league.

After 8 games the 'A' team lay in second place 1.5pts behind Shipdham and the 'B' team are in fourth place 3.5pts behind Mundford.

County Team Competitions (NBA) -

Fermoy Cup - Both the Men's 'A' and 'B' teams remain in the competition with their next games this Thursday evening against County Arts 'A' and Mundford respectively.

Bales Cup – The Men beat Swaffham and will now play in the quarter final against Shipdham at R G Carters on Friday 18th July.

Jermy Cup – Played and beat Hempton in the first round and are now to play Martham away this coming Sunday 29th June.

National Competitions (Bowls England) -

Men's Top Club – Lost first game to Downham Market 42-97.

Club Two Fours – Lost first game to Wootton Park 37-38.

Tony Allcock Trophy – Beat Downham Market in round one, then lost to Norfolk BC 23-42.

Ashill & District Mixed Triples League - The team have played three games, won 2 and lost 1. Two games were postponed due to bad weather and a change in the ladies' County competition schedule.

So far, no league table has been issued.

Age Concern League - As far as I'm aware the team have won all the games played. A league table has not been received.

Member's Individual Achievements - Richard Haydon's team played Shouldham in the Men's Senior Fours quarter finals at Swaffham last Sunday. Unfortunately, they didn't progress on to the semis losing 3-23.

Both Ali Stevenson and Carl Walker are playing in the quarter/semi finals of the 2W Singles at Aldiss Park tonight (24-Jun), next Monday (30-Jun) Richard Haydon's team is playing a team from Upwell in the quarter finals of the Fours and Gary Goodrum's team is playing in the quarter finals of the Pairs on the 3rd July.

This Friday (27-Jun), the area final of the 4W Singles in Group 3 will feature matches between Carl Walker and Ali Stevenson, and between Alan Willer and Peter Roseblade. The winners of these matches will advance to the County quarter finals.

Club Friendlies - We have emailed our members and updated the website to request players for our annual game at Cromer Marrams on Sunday, 6th July.

Miscellaneous

Club Secretary - Terry Leeder has been appointed as Club Secretary. I'm sure you will wish him every success and assist him when and as is necessary.

Norfolk County Women's Indoor Bowling Assoc. - Glenda and I attended the County AGM held on 9th June. Brief summary:

- Rule 26 - Clarified player eligibility.
- From the 2025/26 season, the re-spot will be used on killed ends.
- From 2026 player levy will increase from £1.25 to £1.40.
- The league table to be posted on the NCIBA website.
- Positions of President and Vice-President remain vacant.

The club affiliation fee and the levy for 81 players for the 2025/26 season has been submitted and paid.

National Associations - Received a joint statement from the English Indoor Bowling Association and Bowls England, informing us that they have been granted funding from Sport England to explore the potential of amalgamating as one National Governing Body for flat green bowls.

Management Committee - The Management Committee recently agreed the following:

- As of 1st September 2025, rink fees will increase to £4.00 per session.
- A club sign is to be installed at the entrance of the club car park.

b) Norfolk County Indoor Association AGM Proposals & Nominations – Circulated prior to this meeting. It was agreed to support all of the proposals and motions put forward **except** the proposals put forward by County Arts IBC 1) to play all County League Premier games on a Friday evening and 2) scheduling the fixtures in two blocks of 7 consecutive weeks. It was agreed to support the Officer nominations received.

c) Use of Players within the Teams – With the impending rule changes to the Men's County league player eligibility rules it was agreed that the Men's County League Captains should follow the following guidelines: -

- I. If a team has already been selected and displayed on the notice board a player from that team must not be approached to play for another team unless mutually agreed by both captains. A squad member who is not listed in the team may be used.
- II. Use squad members as reserves before adding others from outside.

d) Dress Code for Internal Leagues – After discussion, it was agreed that current rules are sufficient. However, the committee will recommend the following changes: -

- I. Merge Club byelaw 1a) Male and 1b) Female dress together under one rule, Club Leagues and Competitions.
- II. Club byelaw 1d) Delete session times and allow members to wear smart casual dress for all casual bowling.

(proposed Alan Coombe, seconded Tony Dunton). **Passed by majority vote.**

— Jean will seek ratification at the next Management meeting in August.

5. **Hon. League Secretary's Report (Bob Smith) –**

The Winter 2025/26 League Applications are generally now complete with the possibility of just a few more applications to come. The level of applications is almost the same as last year with some minor adjustments.

The Thursday Open Pairs league may not run as there are only 4 registrations to date. Once we start to put the leagues together, we will be looking more carefully at rink utilisation which may result in consideration of some leagues reducing to one division and/or possibly day/session change.

We will also consider the introduction of different formats of play/league to encourage more players to get involved and improve rink usage.

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

Deadline for outdoor competitions is Sunday and are to be published soon after. So far, every competition except singles has one more entry than last year.

— Discussion on holding outdoor open competitions will take place in the open forum at the next AGM.

7. **Any Other Business –**

- a) Membership numbers are reported and recorded in Management Committee meeting minutes.
- b) Club Website – Revitalised site is up and running. Received positive feedback.

8. **Date of next meeting -** Tuesday 9th September 2025 @ 10.00am

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.41am.

Chair (print) Signed..... Date