



# Wymondham Dell Bowls Club

## Management Committee Meeting

14<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at 10.00am

**Members:** Glenda Adcock (Club President), Lewis Betts (Committee), Bill Blackburn (Hon. Club Treasurer), Alan Coombe (Chair & Trustee), Tony Dunton (Committee), Barry Platt (Committee), Maureen Hardy (Hon. Assistant Club Treasurer), Peter Harlow (Hon. Assistant Club Secretary), Rosemary Leeder (Committee), Terry Leeder (Hon. Club Secretary), Alan Tubby (Committee), Jean Webb (Hon. Bowls Secretary, Vice-Chair & Trustee).

### 1) Appointment of Chairperson & Vice-Chairperson

No action as Alan Coombe (Chair) and Jean Webb (Vice-Chair) elected at last meeting.

### 2) Recruitment presentation

Harry thanked all who helped to organise the Open Day; Ali for designing the poster and all members who distributed the posters far and wide.

On the day of the event attendees will be asked where they heard about it to identify the effectiveness of the campaign, they will also be given a voucher for free coaching sessions which will not have an expiry date to encourage future use. If successful it is hoped to repeat again in the future.

Secretary's note: attached is a copy of who distributed the posters and where included so all members aware of the effort put in to advertise the event.

### 3) Apologies received from John Ottaway (Trustee)

### 4) Confirmation of appointment of Hon Club Secretary

Alan Coombe welcomed the new Club Secretary.

- 5) Minutes of last Management Meeting held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>. June 2025 were approved and signed by the chair of the meeting proposed by B Flatt seconded by R Leeder.
- 6) Matters Arising.  
No matters arising from last meeting.
- 7) Club Affairs  
Dealt with under Secretary's report.
- 8) Hon. Club Secretary's Report (Terry Leeder).

Chiropractic clinic asked for two extra spaces on a Thursday and Friday to accommodate the number of staff on duty those days; secretary and treasurer discussed and agreed the request because they wanted it to start immediately.

Treasurer has amended their contract and they have been asked to park at the top end of the car park.

The agreement to allow 6<sup>th</sup> form students from the high school to use our car park is to be reviewed by the Club secretary and Treasurer as we have had hardly any payments from the school.

Terry has emailed the school asking for a meeting before the start of the new school year and is waiting for a reply.

Two members have asked if they can register grand children as social members of the club whilst they attend the 6<sup>th</sup> form; the committee agreed that this wasn't appropriate use of the social membership.

- 9) Hon. Club Treasurer's Report (Bill Blackburn).

Treasurer's report is attached.

Matters arising from the report:-

9.1 Unplayed Games – there are a few members who still haven't paid fees due for games not played. Treasurer asked to write to them again requesting payment also asking for reasons why they feel they shouldn't pay; these will then be passed to management committee to decide.

9.2 Saxon Bowls Club have requested if they can use our outdoor green next season as their home green for matches due to low membership and difficulties in maintaining the green.

Agreed in principle – Treasurer, bowls secretary and club secretary to investigate.

10) Hon. Bowl's Secretary Report (Jean Webb).

Report attached.

11) Sub-Committee Reports: –

a) Premises – Peter Harlow

Work carried out: - hedges cut; bar lights changed; hygiene inspection of all kitchens carried out and flint wall has been repaired.

Peter has been looking into changing the lights in the bowls hall to LED as we can't get replacement tubes, a lighting engineer is coming to advise and quote for the work.

b) Outdoor Green & Grounds – Tony Dunton

Colliers are to produce a schedule of work for the green hopefully for the next bowling green committee meeting.

c) Social.

Rosemary produced a poster inviting ideas for social events from the members.

It was approved for display.

She also suggested asking Richard Harvey to organise another darts/snooker evening as these had been popular in the past.

d) Recruitment

A table showing the number of members compared to previous year was handed to committee members- copy attached.

12) Any other Business.

It was reported that the hand drier in the ladies toilets upstairs was not working – agreed to replace it.

Date of the Next Meeting – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 10am.

There being no further the Chair closed the meeting, time not recorded.

Chairperson (print):..... Signed:.....

Date:.....

## 2.1 Poster/Flyer Distribution

Area/Village	Distributor	Place (if known)
Wymondham	Peter Harlow	co-op
	Alan Tubby	Notice board in carpark
	Lewis Betts	Central Hall
	Diane Collins	Leisure Centre
	Bryan Allen	IJ3A Group
		Ex-Serviceman Club
		Archway Café
		Library
	Rosemary Leeder	Co-Op x 4 posters
		Lime Tree Ave
Morrisons		
Library		
Silfield	Peter Harlow	Ketts Park notice board
		Rugby Club
Attleborough	Pat Benefer	co-op
		Petrol Stations x 2
	Vape Shop	
	Tony Perkins (Butchers)	
	Woody's Fish Shop	
	Factory Shop	
	Each Charity Shop	
	Me to You Card Shop	
	Peter Beales	
	Dodds Road Post Office	
	Sainsburys	
	Myhills Pet & Garden	
	Store	
	Toms Fish Shop	

	Bryan Allen	Library
Barnham Broom	David Keating	
Bracon Ash	Rod Warnes	
B unwell	Rosemary Sheehan	
Carbrooke	Alan Wilier	3 x posters
Eccles	David Hunt	
Hethersett	Ali Stevenson	co-op
	Alan Tubby	Kin Café
		Posts x 10
	Rosemary Leeder	Library
Hingham	Peter Harlow	Co-Op
Mulbarton	Rod Warnes	
New Buckingham	Trevor Thompson	
Watton	David Turner	Notice board

## 9.1 Treasurer's Report to Management Committee, Thursday 14 August 2025

### a) Unplayed Games, 2024-25 Indoor Season

Letters were sent to 20 members requesting payments totalling E254.60, being the amount outstanding on 28<sup>th</sup> May. To date, E 133 has been recovered in the form of tokens, cash, cheque, card and direct payment into the Club bank account. As of 12<sup>th</sup> August the amount still outstanding is E 121.60, owed by 8 members, for whom I would suggest that renewal of membership is conditional on the payment of these arrears.

### b) Employers NIC

The threshold for 'Employer's Contribution' to commence is when an employee earns E417 per month. A flat rate of 15% is then applied to everything in excess of this. Potential implications during the Indoor season could be quite significant. Based on four hours opening per shift, an employee working two shifts per week (eight per month) could accrue 32 hours earning E408 at current rate, in which case no liability would ensue. One working three shifts would earn E612 for 48 hours (E 195 excess) and one working four shifts E816 for 64 hours (E816 excess). Employer's liability would then be E29.25 and E59.85 respectively.

c) NBA Howden

To date the Club has benefited by E 75 from the deal between NBA and Howden Insurance Brokers, whereby Howden pay E25 to a member's club when the member takes out a new insurance policy.

d) Water leak claim

The Loss Adjusters QuestGates appear to be 'dragging their feet' in respect of the claim for loss of metered water. Emails requesting an update on progress have, in some instances, not been forwarded to the designated agent. QuestGates also requested additional invoices for periods prior to the leak and then claimed not to have them on file, so these had to be re-sent. e) The Bar

The Bar made a surplus of 2546 in June, followed by a loss of £263 in July. The trend mentioned in the last report i.e. a slight fall in income and a larger fall in expenditure compared with last year, has continued. Whilst Income is likely to fall further in August with the decision to close the Bar when there are no scheduled bowls fixtures, some items of Expenditure cannot be reduced, e.g. gas cylinder rental costs, leading to the probability of a monthly loss and subsequent fall in the YTD balance which currently stands at £1,323.

f) Income / Expenditure Summary

June recorded a net credit of E 1,513 but this was followed in July by a net loss of E5,295. June's figure, compared with May, was influenced by higher income from rink fees, token sales and the Bar and further boosted by a VAT refund and FiT payment. In contrast, July witnessed some heavy one-off expenditure in the form of Insurance premium, repairs and maintenance, quarterly Tax/NIC and quarterly water rates, whilst Income halved compared with June. As a consequence, the YTD figure worsened from a deficit of £9,042 in May to £12,824 at July end. However, this still compares well with the same period last year when the July deficit was £20,338.

The Bank Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> July, allowing for payments pending and adjusted to include final income for the month, credited to the account on 4<sup>th</sup> August, was £17,426.85.

**WJB**

13.08.25

## 10.1 Bowls Secretary's Report to Management Committee — 14/08/2025

The Bowls Committee last met on 24<sup>th</sup> June. At this meeting the following was agreed:

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To support most proposals and motions put forward at this year's AGM of the Norfolk County Indoor Association except, a) to play all County League Premier games on a Friday evening and b) schedule the fixtures in two blocks of 7 consecutive weeks.

Guidelines for the Indoor Captains to follow regarding the use of players from other teams.

With the agreement of the Management Committee, it is proposed by the Bowls

Committee to: -

- 1) Merge the byelaw 1a) male and 1b) female dress code under one rule 1a).
- 2) To amend the byelaw 1d) to 1c). Delete the session times to read: -  
Smart casual dress can be worn indoors for casual bowling and roll-ups (not league games). If there is a league playing, members can wear casual dress on the casual bowling rinks only.

The Committee's next meeting is on 9<sup>th</sup> September.

### Outdoor Bowls

At the conclusion of the County League the 'A' team won the Central 1 zone and our 'B' team finished a respectable 4<sup>th</sup>. The 'A' team went on to play in the WP Baker cup which they won and gained promotion back to the Premier League.

Barry Flatt and Gary Goodrum reached the final of the Men's County Pairs and now play in the National Finals at Royal Leamington spa on 25<sup>th</sup> August.

The Age UK team have won their division and will play in the finals against the other divisional winners in September. The team remain in the knockout cup and play Bintree on 18<sup>th</sup> August.

The Ashill team play their last game next Tuesday and need a good win to retain 2<sup>nd</sup> place behind league winners Mundford BC.

On 21<sup>st</sup> August the North Countrymen tour side will hold a competition in the morning before playing our members in the afternoon and on 23<sup>rd</sup> August we are hosting the County's Hansell Cup finals.

## Indoor Bowls

Domestic League Fixtures have been put live for the upcoming season and are accessible in the member's portal on the club website. Paper copies will be available soon.

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### 11.1 Membership Figures Annual Comparison

Membership as at 24/07/2024

Full	220	94	314
Life	4	4	8
Hon. Life	4	1	5
U25	1		1
Total	<u>229</u>	99	<u>328</u>
Social	37	45	82
Total Membership	<u>266</u>	<u>144</u>	<u>410</u>

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Membership figures as at 13/08/2025

Membership Type	Male	Female	Total	
Full	197	79	276	- 38
Life	3	4	7	- 1
Hon. Life	3	1	4	- 1
U25	1	1	2	+1
Total	<u>204</u>	85	<u>289</u>	-39
Social	29	22	51	- 31
Total Membership	<u>233</u>	<u>107</u>	<u>340</u>	-70