



## **Wymondham Dell Bowls Club**

Management Committee Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

**Members:** Glenda Adcock (Club President), Lewis Betts (Committee), Bill Blackburn (Hon. Club Treasurer), Alan Coombe (Chair & Trustee), Tony Dunton (Committee), Barry Flatt (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) Apologies received from John Ottaway(Trustee)
- 2) Minutes of the meeting of 16<sup>th</sup> August 2025 were approved and signed by the chair subject to the proposer and seconder being added to item 5.  
Proposed by B. Flatt; seconded by J. Webb.
- 3) A request has been received from Saxon Bowls Club to use the green at Wymondham Dell for the 2026 outdoor season. After discussion the committee agreed to hire the green to Saxon. The club secretary, bowls secretary and treasurer are in talks with Chris Lacey of Saxons to draw up an agreement between the two clubs which will be presented at the next management meeting.
- 4) Club Secretaries report – my time since the start of September has been taken up with new members applying to join the club following our Open day and all the advertising that was done, vetting and showing them round the club collecting subscriptions and selling tokens. Also dealing with any queries that come up.  
We have requests to hire the hall and facilities for two birthday's in March and one for December 2026.
- 5) Treasurers Report

### **Unplayed Games, 2024-25 Indoor Season**

As of 23<sup>rd</sup> October there remains three outstanding arrears totalling £64.60. A letter from S. Shoebridge on behalf of T. Shoebridge advised that Terry had relinquished running his team early in the season due to medical problems. Terry and Sue have not rejoined for 2025-26. Only two arrears remain outstanding.

### **VAT Refund**

There was a VAT refund of £305.85 for Q2 (June-August)

### **FiT Payment**

For the period 7<sup>th</sup> June to 31<sup>st</sup> August the solar panel installation generated 15,077 kWhrs, providing a financial return of £2,688.23. The total received to date (10 years) is just £79.93 short of the Gross installation cost.

### **The Bar**

The Bar made a small overall net loss of £4.31 in September. The YTD figure now stand sat £1,807.

### **Income / Expenditure Summary**

September Income was 50% more than in August, boosted by the receipt of the bulk of subscriptions and significant sales of Rink Fee Tokens.

Registration/Competition Fees together with the FiT payment and VAT refund also contributed to this result. Principal expenditure, other than 'normal' monthly outgoings, included Honoraria and outdoor green materials for Autumn renovation.

The net surplus of Income over Expenditure was £14,130.

The YTD has moved into the black for the first time this year and now stands at £13,316. The Bank Balance at 30<sup>th</sup> September, allowing for payments pending and adjusted to include final income for the month, credited to the account on 2nd October, was £43,214.84.

6) Bowls Secretary's Report – see attached.

7) Sub-committees Reports-

7.1 Premises - the following items have been dealt with:

- Catertech have replaced the valves on the gas bottles outside the kitchen.
- First Connect have serviced fire and smoke alarms and intruder alarms.
- Problem with top boiler not working has been repaired.
- Electrician has fitted 4 led tubes in one fitting on rink 6 to see if they will be suitable, awaiting quote to replace all tubes.
- Chair lift to be serviced as it wasn't working when required recently.

Bar staff to be trained on its use as well as some members to cover morning games.

7.2. Outdoor Green

Work on the outdoor green has been completed adding soil and sowing seed to cover bare patches. Indications so far are that the seed has taken well and is reducing the bare patches.

7.3 Social: the following events have been suggested-

- a Christmas afternoon tea in December
- a racing evening run by Ian Turnbull
- a Beetle drive
- the Quiz night has been moved to 29<sup>th</sup> November owing to low number of teams entered for previous date.
- a Murder Mystery evening run by Jamie, date to be announced.

7.4 Recruitment

We have had several members join following the Open Day, total number not known yet as there are a few still having coaching sessions and have not committed to joining.

8.0 Any Other Business:-

Club Secretary received an email from a member who wished to order a hoodie with a zip down the front from our suppliers ZAPKAM but which was outside sportswear already authorised by the club and which was declined by our contact for the supplier.

The meeting discussed the matter and agreed that the present range of sportswear would not be extended but this would be reviewed in the new year. Club Secretary to reply to member.

The question of members going out to smoke during matches and not using the over shoes provided and bringing small stones and dirt back onto the playing surface was raised.

It was suggested that at the next AGM making the entire site a no smoking area which would include all the buildings and the car park area should be discussed.

An inventory of crockery in the kitchen is to be carried out as some bowls are missing, other areas are to be checked to see if they have been misplaced.

Two new kettles are required for outdoor, Alan said that he had a small electric urn that he would donate for use instead.

There was discussion about the advertising boards in the bowls hall and the Treasurer said that no invoices have been sent out for two years. Club Secretary said that he would send letters to advertisers asking if they were still required.

Meeting closed at 11.45

Date of next meeting: 27<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Bowls Secretary's Report to Management Committee – 23/10/25

### **Bowls Committee**

Since our last meeting the Bowls Committee has met once. At this meeting the following important items were discussed and agreed upon: -

- On-line forms are to be completed for rearranged games, un-played games and instances where score input has been missed.

Utilise free rink space, particularly Wednesday and Friday mornings (ongoing).

The committee will next meet on 26th November.

### **Outdoor Bowls**

The Age Concern team completed the season with the following two successes: -

- Runners up in the league finals day.
- Winners of the knockout Cup.

Looking ahead to the next summer season, the Norfolk Bowls Association has requested that the club provide, by early November, an indication of how many teams it intends to enter into the County League.

### **Indoor Bowls**

All domestic leagues have begun and several games have already been postponed. The reviewing committee will assess these in the next few weeks.

The high number of teams entering the Monday evening Australian Pairs league has proved problematic. To allow completion of the league the 8.30pm session has had to be used on occasions. This is proving to be unpopular with our members, as some are no longer used to playing late games and the 6.30pm session is now required to finish either on the bell or after 16 ends, whichever occurs first. This will be looked at by the Bowls Committee for next year with a view to making improvements.

In recent competitions, the club lost in the preliminary round of the Denny Cup, the Over-60 Men Double Rink, and the Egham Trophy. The men's team will now compete in the Denny Plate.

Received an invoice for £490.25 from the Norfolk County Indoor Bowling Association for the Men's annual subscriptions & fees. This has been passed to the Treasurer for payment. A second invoice will be issued in January for the payment of the second set of County competitions.

Sandy Hinton is organising a coffee morning for members on the last Friday of each month.

Bowls England are reviewing their disciplinary/misconduct regulations 9. They have suggested that Norfolk Bowls Association appoint their own Disciplinary Officer for the cases that are referred to the County.