

TOTNES BOWLING CLUB
MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON SATURDAY 25TH JANUARY AT 10.30AM

Before the committee meeting an update regarding the changes to the bar was given by Ray Eatock.

The glass washer has now been moved and a plumber is coming on Wednesday 29th January to complete the installation. Whilst the plumber is at the clubhouse, if he has the time, he will install a manually operated flush to the gents urinals, and investigate the slow filling of the toilet cisterns in the ladies changing rooms.

Ray passed around a sample of a 40mm Speckle Stone worktop, to replace the existing bar top. The cost of this including a sink and tap will be approximately £600. This was approved by the committee.

Ray will be bringing in some different pots of paint so a colour scheme could be approved.

There was a discussion regarding the replacement of the carpet in the bar area, conservatory and the passages which includes the entrance hall. The original quote was for about £5K. There was a discussion regarding the different types of carpet piles and Ray brought in the colour samples. Gary Hooper said that we could buy carpet from Trago Mills and employ a fitter. Gary knew a carpet fitter, he has used before, and said he would ask him for a quote for fitting.

PRESENT

Tudor Joseph, Mike Hannaford, John Shepherd, Paddy Harris, Lynda Joseph, Lydia Stocks, Ken Law, John Derbyshire

APOLOGIES

Graham Webb, Paul Eames

MINUTES of the committee meeting held on 14th November 2024

Were approved

MATTERS ARISING

Date of 2025 club competitions draw is Sunday 4th May 2025

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mike gave an update on the club's finances, and the balance at the bank account is £4007.90. There is also £10K in a deposit account that is earning interest.

Ruth Hughes is helping by dealing with cash and banking. Totnes Taxis and Churchills will be sponsors again in 2025, and we are awaiting a reply regarding possible sponsorship by Bakers Estates.

Mike also asked for the committee's thoughts and a decision regarding the POS Lite system by Sumup. This would have analysed the bar sales and kept a stock inventory. The committee said no leave it as it is.

PLAYING SECTION MATTERS

Gary spoke about the club competitions for 2025

The Ernie Knight Trophy to change to an open singles 4 wood knockout competition. This was agreed.

Also with the Novice Cup, Gary said that it is unfair for established bowlers e.g. A team players, and members who had won other cups, to compete with new bowlers that the competition was designed for. This was agreed by the committee.

Trophy presentation should have a group photograph. Gary also said that some members, when they have won a cup, just leave it in their lockers. This seemed pointless and perhaps we should consider a glass fronted cabinet to display them.

Gary also spoke about the club strip, and at the AGM he had brought it up and it was agreed to have a referendum to see what the consensus of opinion is amongst the members.

John gave a report on the fixtures as follows:-

As far as the 2025 season is concerned, matters for all matches MDL3, MDL4, SDLBL, Over 55s W League, Over 55s Y League, and the Riviera mixed are complete. Riviera is sometimes on a Monday or Friday.

We have 21 Friendly matches, 3 Centenary Friendly matches arranged. This makes a total of 24 matches, Ten of the matches are away fixtures with the remainder being at home.

We already have 4 Tourist matches in the diary for 2025 from TLH together with enquiries being made from other clubs.

The sign-up sheets for all the matches have been prepared and will be put in the folders before the Spring Meeting. There will not be any from the Men's A Team, the Ladies team or the Over 55s W division.

Each of the team organisers will be provided with a matrix of all their matches with contact details for their various opponents.

There remains some small concern about the volume of fixtures in the early part of the season due to our Centenary matches. In particular the weeks of 5th, 12th, and 19th May 2025. There is a very crowded diary which will need all of our members to pitch to make our Centenary and other matches a success.

We have one Interclub booked which will require an umpire and the provision of Teas/Coffees.

A new version of the rink sheet has been prepared and sent to John Derbyshire who will be completing these. A copy of the fixtures diary will be forwarded to John Derbyshire.

Fixtures Secretary is planning to visit Veasey's Printers next week re the diary.

Regarding the Visit of Bowls England on Tuesday 13th May, the committee decided to cancel this visit because of the meals the club was expected to provide. The club was expected to provide a buffet lunch for the 30 or so visitors, an up market raffle, and a hot knife and fork meal plus cold dessert. It was supposed to be our centenary day, but it was felt that we would have to spend the day providing catering for the visitors. We had expected the same sort of day as we have with visiting tourists, where we provide tea/coffee and biscuits during the match and a cream tea after. The club secretary was instructed to cancel the visit from Bowls England.

The recruitment team have a day booked outside Morrisons on 9th May. Lydia wanted to buy a rubber stamp and pad which was agreed. John Roberts is ordering a new banner.

Lydia reported that the recruitment team were suggesting an easy payment scheme by direct debit for new bowlers subscriptions in their first full membership year. Gary pointed out that lots of existing members would want this as well, and this would make it a huge administration job. It was decided to leave subscription payments as they are.

BAR/CATERING MATTERS

Lynda reported that the profit on pasties and sausage rolls last season was £431.03.

GREEN MAINTENANCE

All the normal winter work is being done as usual.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no extra items to discuss.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

A date was not set for the next meeting.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting

Signed by the Chairman

Date