

TOTNES BOWLING CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY 25TH OCTOBER 2025

10 AM AT THE CLUBHOUSE

MINUTES

1) Obituary

2) Apologies,

Apologies were received from 8 members and there were 41 members present.

3) Minutes of AGM 2024

Were agreed as a true record and there were no matters arising

4) Presidents address.

The President read out his address to the members, which covered most of the issues arising from the season, and thanked everybody who contributed to the club's success. His full address is available and is filed with these minutes.

5) Reports

Club Secretary

The Secretary read out his report that covered all the administration and governance of the club, and this full report is filed with these minutes.

Club Treasurer

The club did not have a treasurer and the secretary carried out these duties. A detailed financial summary was presented and the full report is filed with these minutes.

Club Captain

The Club Captain thanked all the members who had supported him throughout the season, and the volunteers who helped on the bar and in the kitchen.

Club Match Secretary

The Match Secretary read out his report regarding the fixtures during the season, and his full report is filed with these minutes.

Club Competition Secretary

The Competition Secretary was not able to attend the meeting so the club secretary read out his report. The report gave details of numbers of entrants and also mentioned a **proposal to try club colours in the A team**. His full report is filed with

these minutes. There were questions regarding club colours, and the secretary reiterated that it was just a proposal for the A team at this stage.

Club Coach & Safeguarding Officer

The Club Coach & Safeguarding Officer read out both of his reports. He explained the role of a safeguarding officer, and said that the club should also have a female safeguarding officer. Both of his reports are filed with these minutes.

Club Green Maintenance Officer

The Club Green Maintenance Manager read out his report and spoke about the irrigation problem that we have, but he was confident the issue would be resolved before the start of next season. His full report is filed with these minutes.

The **Ladies Captain gave a short report** regarding the successes and failures of the ladies teams during the season, and thanked all the volunteers who ran the bar and kitchen.

The **Men's A team captain's report** was read out by the secretary, and he said that the A team had narrowly missed out on promotion and reached the quarter finals of the interclub competitions. He also thanked all the B team players who stood in when needed in the A team. He also thanked all the ladies who had provided refreshments.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2025/26

CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Tudor Joseph was re-elected as Club President/Chairman

Mike Hannaford was re-elected as Club Secretary

Graham Webb volunteered to be Club Treasurer and was elected.

John Shepherd was re-elected as Club Match Secretary and Press Officer.

Ken Law was re-elected as Club Captain, but in future a "Captain for the match" would be chosen from the selected players in all friendly and tourist matches.

Lydia Stocks and Lynda Joseph were re-elected as the ladies representatives on the management committee.

Paul Eames was re-elected as a Men's representative and Minutes Secretary.

Ray Eatock was also elected as a Men's representative, to fill the position vacated as Graham Webb moved to Club Treasurer.

CLUB OFFICERS

Paddy Harris was re-elected as Clubhouse Manager

John Derbyshire was re-elected as Greens Maintenance Manager

Graham Sowerby was re-elected as Membership Secretary

Gary Hooper was re-elected as Competition Secretary

Graham Sowerby will remain as Safeguarding Officer, but Gary Hooper will take over this role when he has attended the necessary course.

MEN'S PLAYING SECTION

Section6 delegate is Mike Hannaford

A Team Captain is John Leonard

B Team Captain is Andy Bishop

Over 55s Captain John Roberts

LADY'S PLAYING SECTION

Section6 delegate is Velma Smith

Lady's Captain is Lynda Joseph, but the role is selected by the ladies at their Spring Meeting.

Riviera Captain is Wendy Moor.

OPEN FORUM

Before the session was open to the meeting there were two items that needed approval by the membership as follows,

New Subscriptions for 2025/2026

Full adult member £118 to include all affiliation fees

Social Member £15

Junior Member up to 10 years Free

Junior Member 11 to 18 years £10

Junior Member 18 to 2 years, or in full time education £45

New Member Little or no experience £35(first year only)

This was put to the meeting and agreed.

The Club Constitution had been amended and updated and was widely circulated and put on the notice board. The meeting agreed the new updated constitution.

Lynda Joseph gave the date of the Christmas Draw as Saturday 6th December starting at 12 noon.

Jenny Goss said that the **members contact details**, that were in the 2023 fixture booklet, were not in the 2025 booklet and this should be reinstated. The meeting supported this proposal.

Graham Sowerby said that because of Data Protection, we need to say to members

“By renewing your membership you are agreeing for your data to be shown on the membership list”

There was a short discussion regarding **cash taken by the club**, and that with the closure of Lloyds Bank we must cut down on the amount of cash. Members will be asked to use the card machine wherever possible. It was also said that we could use the cash to purchase bar and kitchen stocks, like Jim O’Brien did as Bar Manager.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting.