

TOTNES BOWLING CLUB
MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON SATURDAY 19th April 2025 AT 10.30 AM

1 PRESENT.

Tudor Joseph, Mike Hannaford, Lynda Joseph, Ken Law, John Derbyshire. John Shepherd, Paul Eames, Paddy Harris, Gary Hooper

2 APOLOGIES.

Graham Sowerby, Ray Eatock, Lydia Stocks

3 MINUTES OF MEETING OF 25th JANUARY

These were accepted although not discussed, neither were matters arising.

4 TREASURERS REPORT

4.1 Report

Mike reported that the club has £5,675 in the current account. £1,900 is paid to the ground contractor.

There is £10,097 in the club's deposit account, £97 of which is in interest.

The bar made a profit of £2,000 last year.

The subscriptions this year amounted to £6,477.

Maintenance of the green cost £5,199

The contractor for this work received £7,058

The interior changes to the club have cost £3,983

Income from the bar has been £781 since September.

The profit from the Christmas dinner was £3.12p.

4.2 Play Bowls Website

Bowls England have a new website. They are trying to encourage people to drop in to clubs to "have a go." Some clubs have already indicated that they would not charge visitors for this, and the committee agreed that we would do the same.

5 PLAYING SECTION MATTERS

We have one additional tourist fixture arranged for the end of the season on Wednesday 24th September 2025 @ 1.45 pm. against Gloucester County Presidents. The format is 6 mixed rinks and 18 ends. Tea/Biscuits at half way. Bar open before and after. The Gloucester players will be met at Totnes station on the Plymouth bound side.

There have been a number of communications regarding amendments to various match schedules mainly from the over 55's and the Riviera League. All these have been checked and have not impacted on any of the fixtures in the diary. These were planned date changes which are in the diary.

6 BAR / CATERING MATTERS, FOOD HYGIENE INSPECTION

The food hygiene inspection went without incident.

However, the club is now required to keep a record for every event held at the club. Details required include:- the date, time, temperature of the fridge, etc. Mike will buy a book to record these details.

7 GREEN MAINTENANCE

The watering system is still causing problems; chief among these was the unknown location of the water pipes. The council will be responsible for part of the maintenance, up to the stop cock. The club may be responsible for everything within the grounds.

John Derbyshire has been talking to two men, Olly and Gerry about this.

Ivybridge have a 3,500 litre tank with a pump underneath, and it has an electricity supply. Gary will take photos of the setup there.

John Derbyshire will find out the cost from Gerry.

8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 A new floor covering

3 companies have been approached, and two have been investigated in detail.

1 = Carpetwise – Gary brought in some samples of the type of carpet that we might use. The company can supply a twist style carpet for £25 to 30 per sq. metre. The company have quoted for a loop carpet, which is prone to fraying. A twist carpet can be easily joined but will quickly show signs of wear, with compacted areas visible.

2 = Ivybridge – No samples are available, therefore it will require a visit to see the options available. It was agreed that Ray and Lynda would make the trip to view the carpets and report back to the committee. A commercial type carpet is available from them at £12 per sq. metre. This carpet is waterproof. The bar area needs a vinyl covering. The company can supply and fit the carpet for £2,400 but removal of the old carpet would be extra. It was agreed that a small working party of club members could remove the old carpet to keep the cost as low as possible. It would take Ivybridge half a day to fit.

Both companies would fit hard wearing mats at the main entrances/exits at both ends of the building where there will be most wear and tear.

The new carpet will not be done in time for the centenary.

8.2 Possible Grants

John Shepherd has been looking into a variety of options to apply for grants towards the funds for a replacement floor covering.

Some examples include:

Totnes Town Council

National Lottery Community Fund

Tesco Community Grants

Poundland Foundation

Queens Platinum Jubilee Activity Fund

Cash4Clubs

Foyle Foundation Small Business Grants Scheme

Primary Club

John now has the two quotes from Gary and has been preparing a script for inclusion in any application. John will circulate this to committee members before sending it out.

We don't know if any application will be successful, but if we don't ask we won't get anything.

8.3 Club Centenary Match

8.3.1 Ron Coish

Ron has said he will be available to play in the match. He has not joined as a playing member this year, but the committee agreed that he could play.

8.3.2 Refreshments

A cream tea will be provided for the match against Dawlish. Paddy's wife could provide scones (if asked nicely.) ☺

Gary will buy some Prosecco for the occasion, and John Shepherd will supply some glasses.

8.4 Club competitions

The closing date for entering the club competitions is Saturday 26th April.

The draw will take place on May 4th.

Mike will send out an email reminding members of the closing date.

Lynda was asked to encourage the lady members to enter, Graham the new members and Gary all other members.

8.5 Rink fees

For home matches, playing members will pay £2 per person.

It was suggested that having tea during the match slows up the game and should be saved until the end. The ladies have already agreed to do this. However visiting teams may still wish to have tea half way through as usual.

8.6 Survey for TLH

Please can someone remind me what this was about?

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

No date was set.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting.

Signed by the Chairman

Date