TOTNES BOWLING CLUB

MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON THURSDAY 17th OCTOBER 2024 AT 10.30AM

PRESENT. Tudor Joseph, Lynda Joseph, Mike Hannaford, Graham Sowerby, Paddy Harris, Lydia Stocks, Ken Law, John Derbyshire, John Shepherd, Paul Eames

1. APOLOGIES. Fred Martin, Michael Greaves

2. Minutes of meeting held on 25 July 2024

I assume the minutes of this meeting were agreed.

3. Matters arising

I assume that any discussions held here were covered in the minutes below

4. Treasurer's report

Michael Greaves supplied a copy of the Annual accounts.
Michael will not be standing as treasurer next year.
A replacement will be needed for this role, following which one or more members may volunteer to help them.

5. Playing section matters

The 2024 season has now been completed.
The ladies' team were successful in returning to SDL 2 for the 2025 season. They also had successful runs in both the interclub and the 4,3,2,1, competition reaching a semi-final and a final.
The men's 'A' team have returned to MDL 3 from where they were promoted last season.
The men's 'B' team remain in MDL 4 having finished mid table at the end of the season
Our Over 55's team had a successful season finishing in mid table.

For the 2025 season the dates for MDL3 matches are all agreed, and for MDL4 they are nearly finished.
The SDL matches are also almost complete with the TCBC match awaiting confirmation.

The Summers Trophy matches are arranged together with some friendly matches.
So far we have 10 friendly matches arranged. Now that the MDL & SDL matches are almost complete John S. can arrange the remaining friendly matches.
Two tourist matches are in the diary for 2025 from TLH leisure, together with enquiries being made from other clubs.

The AGM Report will cover the number of Friendly matches, Tourist matches, MDL matches, SDL matches and Over 55's matches. It will also cover our outcomes in the Top Club, County Trophy and Foxlands where the club teams performed well getting through several round to semi-finals and finals.

6. Recruitment 2025

It was agreed that a recruitment drive similar to last year will take place.

The club will also be taking part for 1 day in the Bowls Big Weekend.
The retention of those new members recruited each year is another matter that needs addressing.
At the AGM, Simon will propose that the colour for the men's trousers should be changed to blue. The ladies have asked if they can play in all whites, and this was approved.
Ken was thanked for introducing new members into the friendly matches.
Mike H will send out some information about the next steps for new members.

7. Centenary celebrations 2025

On Tuesday 13th May, Bowls England has accepted our proposal for our centenary season and will be sending some representatives to the club. Mike H will be contacting Harry Goodwin and Sam Tolchard to ask if they would like to join us on that day. Mike H will contact Bowls England to ask what type of refreshments they would like on the day.
Graham provided an outline proposal of the type of refreshments that could be provided.

A mixed triples match will take place, hopefully against one of the Dawlish sides as they were the club's first ever opponents. This could be played on either Sunday 11th May, or an earlier date in April.

8. Bar / Catering Matters

Ray has contacted a carpenter and a plumber who will make the changes to the bar layout.
Cliff will move the electrical cables.
Chris has said he would re-decorate the inside of the club.
Tudor will chase the plumber.

9. Green Maintenance

The green maintenance has all been done for the year.
A number of volunteers came and worked well. It was a long day.
Spraying will be done on Sunday. Aeration of the lawn will be done on Monday.
Simon and Dan have become permanent volunteers.
Some maintenance will be needed over the winter.
The committee agreed to the disposal of the broken Flymo.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 John Derbyshire said that Ernie Knight's family have requested that Ernie's ashes be deposited on the green in a private family ceremony. John will try and discourage them from spreading all of the ashes, but possibly a small amount could be sprinkled on the green.

10.2 Lydia said that Dartington Cricket Club have asked to play a match against us next year. Lydia will give John S. their details so that he can arrange this.

10.3 Lynda asked if another stock take of the bar had been carried out and suggested that this should be done monthly.

10.4 Mike H has received a request from Mike Parry to put an advertising banner on our fence. The fee for this would be negotiated. We would want to see a proof of the proposed banner. Otherwise the committee agreed to the proposal.

10.5 A Euchre beginner's session was held at the club last night. The light in the lounge was very poor for this activity. John S. said he would get some more powerful bulbs.

10.6 Graham suggested having a Spider match before tourist matches in order to raise money for the club's chosen charity. The committee rejected this idea, and saying they should be held on an occasional basis such as charity days.

10.7 Lydia has received some money through grants. It was agreed that the money would be used to make a new banner to replace the old one which looks shabby.

10.8 Dates

Coaching will start on Saturday 26th April.

Markers session on Saturday 17th May starting at 1 pm

The 19th and 20th July will be for the Triples matches

Sunday 27th July will be the Captain's day

Charity Day will be on Sunday 31st August and this will be a Bowls for Fun day

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING.

The date of the next committee meeting will be announced when it is required.

The AGM will be held on Saturday 26th October at 10.00.

There being no further business the chairman closed the meeting.

Signed by the Chairman Date