# TOTNES BOWLING CLUB
# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SATURDAY 26th OCTOBER 2024
# 10.00 AM. AT THE CLUBHOUSE

## MINUTES

1. **OBITUARY**
   A minutes silence was held to remember Rose O'Brien and Laurie Anderson who passed away this year.
2. **APOLOGIES**
   14 members had sent their apologies
   29 members were present
3. **MINUTES OF AGM 2023**
   Were agreed as a true record.
   Matters arising:
   1. Carrying of hot water to the tables outside the clubhouse has been done this year.
   2. The replacement of the carpet has not been done as it is too expensive.
   3. It was good to know that Jim Mitchell has received a warm welcome upon joining the club.
4. **PRESIDENTS ADDRESS**
   John Derbyshire read out the President's Address as the President was unable to attend.
   Among the items included was the trip to the Royal Household in Windsor,
   The 23 new members who have joined the club thanks to the efforts of Graham and Kate Sowerby and their team.
   Thanks are due to Simon and Dan who have joined the Green Maintenance team.
   Playing matters will be covered by the Club Match Secretary below.
   Thanks were expressed to the ladies who have been running the bar.
   And 2025 will be the clubs' centenary and members were asked to support the events.

5. **REPORTS**
   **CLUB SECRETARY**
   At the start of the season there were 40 men and 20 women members.
   By the end of the season there were 52 men and 31 women
   See the Secretary's report.
   **CLUB TREASURER**
   The club treasurer could not attend this meeting but submitted his summary of the years' finances
   **CLUB CAPTAIN**
   Fred thanked everyone who had supported him this season.
   Fred will be standing down next year.
   John proposed a vote of thanks to Fred for all his hard work over the years. This was unanimously agreed by all those present
   **CLUB MATCH SECRETARY**
   The secretary provided a detailed report on all playing matters for the season.
   **CLUB COACH AND SAFEGUARDING OFFICER**
   There was nothing to report on Safeguarding, except that it would be a good idea to have a ladies Safeguarding officer as well.
   40 new people showed an interest in joining the club as a result of the hard work of the recruitment team this year.
   Ken and Fred have been working on the retention of the new members by picking them to play in friendly matches.

The New Members Day will be repeated in 2025.
Coaching sessions will resume on 26 April 2025, and this will be carried out by a rotation of helpers. Wednesday evening coaching sessions will be held if there is sufficient demand.
A markers awareness session will be held on Saturday 17 May.

**CLUB GREEN MAINTENANCE MANAGER**

John Derbyshire expressed his thanks to all members who turned up on Saturday 5 October to take part in a maintenance session.
Owing to the failure of the irrigation system, the green has had to be watered by hand.
John thanked members for their careful delivery of woods, meaning there were very few divots this year.
Thanks to Dan and Simon who have joined the green team of helpers.
John reminded members that if they walk past the green and notice dew on the surface, then it would be very useful if they could sweep the green, to prevent the sun burning it.

**LADIES SECTION**

Lynda was unable to attend the meeting. Details of the Ladies' very successful season, are also included in the Club Match Secretary's report.

**MEN'S SECTION**

Gary added to the Club Match Secretary's report by saying that the same people played on the same rinks for A Team games which has proved beneficial. He thanked the B Team members and the ladies for making teas and running the bar for A team games.
There were 205 entries into the competitions this year, but owing to a lack of numbers, some competitions were not run this year, e.g. one of the ladies major competitions. Gary said it was important to run these to show members from other clubs that these events are supported every year, as well as knowing the winners, many of whom will be known to members of other clubs.
Trophies were presented to the winners at the end of the finals matches, and this has proved popular.
The novice cup entrants will be restricted next season, so that experienced A team and B team members do not enter.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2024/25**

Unless stated otherwise, the current postholders said that they were willing to continue

**Current postholders**

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| President | Tudor Joseph | Re-elected |
| Club Secretary | Mike Hannaford | Re-elected |
| | This will be Mike's 8th year | |
| Club Treasurer | Michael Greaves | |
| | Michael is standing down following the AGM. Unless a volunteer comes forward, Mike Hannaford will make sure all payments are made. Ruth Hughes volunteered to help as did Lydia and Tudor. Mike H will contact Mark Willetts with a view to re-designing the program that Mark created previously but wasn't used | |
| Club Match Secretary | John Shepherd | Re-elected |
| Competition Secretary | Gary Hooper | Re-elected |
| Club Captain | Fred Martin | |
| | Fred will be standing down next year, although he might be able to run the Derwent matches. Therefore a new member is needed to fulfil this role. Mike H will send out an email to all members to ask if someone would be prepared to take on this role. It was agreed that a job description is needed. It would be good to have a vice captain too. Paddy and Ken will continue to choose the teams next year. | |

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| Catering Manager | Vacant | |
| Bar Manager | Vacant | |
| Greens Manager | John Derbyshire | Re-elected |
| Membership Secretary | Graham Sowerby/Mike Hannaford | Re-elected |
| Safeguarding Officer | Graham Sowerby | Re-elected |
| | Graham pointed out that the safeguarding officer should not be the coach as well. Gary said that he would take on this role if no ladies came forward. Every 3 years checks are required for people carrying out this role. | |
| Press Officer | John Shepherd | Re-elected |
| Minutes Secretary | Paul Eames | Re-elected |

In addition there are 4 Committee Members, Two from each of men`s and ladies Sections. Currently these are :- Lydia Stocks, Lynda Joseph, Ken Law, and Paul Eames

There are also 2 delegates for Bowls Devon Section 6 Re-elected

Currently Lydia Stocks & Mike Hannaford Re-elected

6. **DATE OF NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** - Saturday 25th October 2025
7. **OPEN FORUM**
   - **7.1 The Christmas raffle –** will be on Saturday 7th December at 12.00. Members are requested to donate raffle prizes
   - **7.2 Ladies not getting enough games –** Andy suggested the club entered a mixed triples league, e.g. Riviera or Torbay. Andy will find out the relevant contacts and find out if it is possible to enter a team for next season.
   - **7.3 Thanks to volunteers –** Maureen and Marilyn for their work in the kitchen; Wendy for stocking the bar and Caroline for making scones.
   - **7.4 Club colours –** The president suggested a change from grey trousers to shorts or trousers of royal blue. This would need to be strictly enforced. Some clubs wear their own club's colours. The ladies have said that they want to wear all whites. Ken suggested that whites would be a good alternative to royal blue as everyone has them already. Graham said that the Bowls England approach is for teams to wear their club colours. Bowls Devon will have to approve the colours chosen. Dartmouth paid for half the cost of the clothing with the other half being paid by members. Simon suggested that our club could pay 100% of the costs. Concerns were expressed over the costs involved, particularly for new members who have only just paid out for their club kit. Gary said he would send an email to all members to ask their opinions.
   - **7.5 Members clothing –** Wendy said that she had left behind her club shirt in the changing room and somebody had put it into the rubbish bin. This had caused some upset. Also there are a significant number of bowling shoes at the club. Many of these had been given to new members. Gary said he would retain one pair in each size and the rest be discarded. The number of old woods needs to be addressed as well.
   - **7.6 Proposed trip to either South Wales or Portugal –** The approximate likely costs would be around £600 for Wales and £1,100 for Portugal. If either of these is chosen, a single volunteer would be required to arrange the whole trip.

**8. CLOSE OF MEETING – 11.35**