



NEWSLETTER

Budget and More

The Income

This currently relies on membership fees (renewal and new members) and locker fees. The Committee is looking at ways to bring in other income possibly through sponsorship using advertising boards in the Bowls Hall and/or by advertising on the back of scorecards.

The Expenditure

The Committee constantly monitors expenditure against income to ensure we are keeping to our plans or agreeing on necessary additional spend.

42% of our income is made up of Affiliation fees to our Governing Body. These fees are mandatory..

Other planned expenses include:

- competition expenses (28%)
- annual costs to run the Club such as insurance, the website fee, the sound system, stationary etc (16%)
- training requirements (5%)
- Development plan requirements (4%)
- Contingency (5%) - this is part of good budget planning but is planned as a safety margin only.



Budget Planning

When the Committee plan the budget for the forthcoming year, they establish:

1. **Expected Income** (based on current membership numbers and locker fees)
2. **Expected expenditure** (based on last year's figures, known changes and any additional known demands)

In order to keep the Club viable, the Committee closely monitor actual income/expenditure against expected income/expenditure, working hard to ensure we remain on target.

In addition the Committee have to protect the Club, as far as possible, to keep it viable. We therefore try to keep a healthy "reserve" and we have been advised that this should be around £20,000.

Last year's Budget

We are pleased to report that the actual expenditure was £2000 less than the income. This is a fantastic achievement when you remember in 2022/23 we had to use £5000 of our reserve fund.

Membership Renewal

Renewal forms are now available from our website. We would like to encourage you to download them and either complete them electronically or print and handwrite them. Please pay by BACS or cheque (the details are on the form)

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)..... and membership renewal

This year we have had to include a more detailed section on the back of the form to meet the requirements laid down in law by GDPR. Please ensure you tick the box headed "Data Protection" so we can continue to keep you updated by email.

and the membership contact file in the bowls hall

We have had to remove this folder from the Bowls Hall as it directly infringes the requirements of GDPR. If you require anyone's personal contact details please email the Communication Officer or the Membership Secretary or leave a handwritten message in their pigeon holes. Thank you.

The email addresses you need
membershipsecretary-
lifecentrebowls@outlook.com

communicationsr-
lifecentrebowls@outlook.com

Website

Do remember to take look. It is updated regularly.

In-house Competitions

We would really like to encourage as many members as possible to take part in this competitions. They are open to everyone.

This year we have put together a series of dates that, subject to review, will remain the same in future years for the In-House Competitions. That way everyone knows when to expect information and when to play the competitions.

Pre-season meeting: Competition information and application forms available from the website..

20th October: deadline for completed forms to be handed in and payment made (only £2 per person per competition).

27th October: full details published on the website and in the bowls hall.

1st November: Competitions play begins.

15th March: Finals must be completed by this date.

30th March: Secretary receives the results and formally invites the winners and runners up to the presentations at the AGM.

Other information

The cool air system: At the AGM we were able to announce that system will be commissioned again. However, we did say not to hold your breath. Once again, another problem has been found and yet more repairs are required. This will be taken up again at our next meeting with PAL.

The new lighting: We are pleased that the new lighting was installed, and commissioned, to plan. Members will notice that the walkway lighting is dimmer than the greens. The EIBA assure us that this is the usual practice so that the walkway lighting does not distract the bowler.

Carpet stretching: Has been carried out.



DISABILITY BOWLS?

The Mayflower Specials and Babcock set up a fantastic weekend of bowls which was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended including Councillor Pauline Murphy and the Deputy Lord Mayor.