

West Moors Memorial Bowls Club

Management Committee Meeting

Date	22/01/2026
Time	7:00pm
Venue	WMMBC clubhouse
Present	David Rose (President), John Rawlinson (H & S), Carolyn Dearlove (Vice President), Trevor Brown (Men's Captain), Keith James (Short mat Captain), Kim Best (Membership Secretary), David Oakes (Treasurer), Rob Matthews (Facilities) Mike Dorman (Club Secretary), Karen Oakes (Ladies Captain), Gerry Clark (Trustee)
Item	Description
<p>Minutes of the last meeting:</p> <p>No minutes taken of previous 2 meetings (September and November). Secretary absent for both. Club Constitution discussed in September and AGM in November.</p>	
<p>Facilities:</p> <p>Rob Matthews attended as a guest today to discuss proposals and priorities re facilities.</p> <p>It was agreed replacement flooring for the Gents / Ladies / and Bar area was a priority. We have had previous quotes, which will be passed on to Rob.</p> <p>Rob proposed removing the 'coffins' from the clubhouse. One to be moved for storage to a shed, which is to be cleared/sorted. The other coffin to be disposed of. David Oakes expressed some reservations and asked to be involved with any decision making, regarding items removed from the shed. He agreed to meet with Rob to talk this through.</p> <p>It was suggested that we required a grit bucket outside, for icy weather, this was agreed and will be put in place shortly.</p> <p>It was proposed that we have a day (ideally Friday) on which we target jobs that requiring doing in and around the clubhouse and invite volunteers to assist.</p> <p>David Rose suggested the lighting around the bar area could be improved and agreed to look at how this could be accomplished.</p> <p>A plumber will be required for the Ladies cloakroom radiator.</p> <p>We now have a list of keyholders.</p> <p>David Rose will investigate who has access to the surveillance system and how we can amend who has access.</p>	

Submitted Officer Reports:

A report was submitted by the Short mat Captain, see appendix.

Members Liaison:

- A query had been received regarding the display of minutes in the clubhouse. Mike agreed to update ASAP. The current set of minutes appear further out of date than they appear, due to the lack of minutes for the last 2 meetings.
- A request was requested for a further demonstration of the defibrillator. It was agreed to ask Martyn if this could be done during a Saturday lunchtime session.
- It was suggested that further first aiders were trained. It was felt that we could not do this in house, as if incorrect training was given, we may open ourselves to legal comeback. Additionally, due to the cost/benefit of contracting external training, it was agreed we would not pursue this.
- A member was concerned about her email address had been shared. The club do not share details to external sources. We cannot prevent individuals passing on details, although we do not wish this to happen and should be discouraged.
- There was some discussion around membership of some individuals.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED:

- Refresh of Cloakrooms:

It was agreed that we should try to accomplish this ourselves, without an outside contractor. No definitive plans were agreed. Rob will be asked to coordinate.

- Patio furniture replacement was discussed; we agreed this would be welcomed however priorities were elsewhere at present.
- Indoor furniture (tables), it was suggested that these could be replaced. David O and David R will look at the possibility of this.
- Pothole repairs, David O pointed out that there were several that need attention.
- Disabled toilet, it was accepted that the access route requires tidying.
- Office: agreed that this requires tidying / reorganising.

Diary Dates:

- Discussed how to accommodate friendlies with Pelhams and Fordingbridge.
- Westival, a decision of this year's participation was deferred, if we participate will the emphasis be on recruitment or PR.
- Friday Night Triples, the MC liked last year's structure, with teams taking turns to work in the kitchen was a success and hoped it could be replicated this year. Karen emphasised that the structure of the year's competition has yet to be decided, and will be dependant on a number of factors.

Internal Competition Proposals:

Proposals from The Competition Secretary were accepted, with a few suggestions, e.g. starting the Aussies Pairs competition later to relieve rink congestion early in the season, or holding early rounds on a set day.

<p>Kitchen Inspection</p> <p>This is due imminently (3/2/26); it was acknowledged a great deal of work has been put into getting the kitchen ready. A fly screen needs repairing, this is in hand and should be fixed prior to the inspection.</p>
<p>Constitution:</p> <p>Redrafting the new constitution to accommodate amendments that have been suggested has now been completed. A redrafted constitution will be put before this year's AGM. This will not be a 'new' constitution. This is an exercise to eliminate drafting errors in the constitution accepted by last year's AGM.</p>
<p>Update on lease agreement</p> <p>Finalisation is still pending. An agreement has been negotiated The Memorial Hall have still to sort some minor legal issues, in regard to their legal status, before it can be signed off.</p>
<p>Glow Bowls</p> <p>This was suggested by Dave R, who talked about the concept. No decision were made.</p>
<p>Objectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New members • Revive the Junior section • Refresh the Club website (Carolyn to lead).
<p>Any other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuation of allowing U3A a short mat session next winter, this was agreed.
<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>February 19th 7pm club house.</p>

Appendix

Short Mat Report – Jan 2026

Leagues

The three leagues we now have in the Dorset Short Mat Afternoon and Evening leagues are certainly proving a challenge regarding the selection process with constant changes but so far we have been able to field teams for all matches.

The Wizards are doing very well and currently showing as top of their league with the Weavers 4th. The Wanderers are currently bottom of the evening league but they have games in hand and DSMBA are not very good at keeping the website up to date. We will not really know how each team has done until further in to the year.

Internal Competitions

Again, quite a challenge due to the low numbers of women entering the mixed pairs but a system was worked out where some of the ladies were 're-used' if they lost their first round match to accommodate the men without a partner. Some of the players are arranging their games towards the end of the cut off which has a knock on effect but this should hopefully all be sorted as we get nearer the finals.

General Sessions

All in all the sessions have been well attended with good numbers, one or two new members have come forward recently which we hope will help as we have one or two players that have dropped off. The U3A seems to be all running well and we are hoping that we may pick up perhaps an odd member or two.