

WELLINGTON (SOMERSET) BOWLING CLUB

Executive Committee Meeting to be held at 9.30am on Friday 12th July 2024
in the clubhouse.

AGENDA

1 Members:

Role	Name	Initials	Role	Name	Initials
President	Ann Cowling	AC	Admin Co-ordinator	Jay Merrell	JCM
Chair	Paul Kelly	PK	Bowls Co-ordinator	Graham Brown	GB
Treasurer	Phil Ellis	PE	Asset Co-ordinator	Alan Moore	AM
Asst. Treasurer	Derek Alford	DA			
Functions Co-ordinator	Steve Lovell	SL	Admin. Assistant	Vacant	

2 **Apologies.** Phil Ellis, Steve Lovell, Alan Moore, Derrick Alford

3 **Acceptance of the minutes** of the previous meeting held on 14th June 2024

4 **Matters arising from the minutes** (not included elsewhere on the agenda)- Nil

5 a) Chair's Report (Paul Kelly)

The June members Q&A session was well attended with some interesting points raised. A request was made to turn the men's indoor midweek league into an open competition. It has been decided to leave it as a men's league. It was agreed, for a trial period, to move outdoor club night from Monday/Tuesday to Friday. The first Friday club night will be on Friday 26th July, or Friday 2nd August if the Ladies have a Fear Plate match on the evening of Friday 26th July. Two rinks will be left free on Bowlr for members to book if they wish to play a club competition on a Friday evening. It is hoped we can arrange some informal matches to include both new and experienced players with a view to demonstrating match play to new members. Please note during the winter indoor season club night will remain on a Monday.

b) Club President's Report (Ann Cowling)- NTR

6 **Admin Coordinator's Report** (Jay Merrell).

a) We agreed that notices for the November AGM will be posted soon. There are a number of vacancies that currently need filling with some more becoming vacant in November. There vacancies are-
Functions Coordinator (from November)

Fixture Secretary

Indoor Secretary

Catering Officer

Safeguarding Officer (from November)

Admin Assistant

Social team

Paul highlighted the fact that if we cannot fill these important positions with club volunteers then the club cannot function as it currently does.

b) **Admin Assistant** – Position remains vacant.

c) **Club Sponsorship**- Easyfunding website has raised £184.00 so far. AMC True Crime campaign poster has been hung by the bar.

d) **Club Trustees**- The deed of appointment document is being signed and witnessed.

e) **Webmaster** (Jay Merrell)- NTR

- f) **Publicity Officer** (Martin Speakman)- Plenty of positive feedback for the work Martin is putting in publicising club activities.
- g) **Membership Secretary** (Lynda Manning)- NTR
- h) **Welfare Officer** (Steve Lovell)- NTR
- i) **Safeguarding Officer** (Henry Richbell)- Henry reports he will be standing down in November.

7 Bowls Coordinator's Report

Subgroup members report the following month's activities.

- a) **Men's Captain** (Eddie Dilly)- NTR.
- b) **Ladies' Captain** (Brenda Wilson)- After a valiant performance in the Fear Cup our ladies now compete in the Fear Plate. Their next match is on Friday 26 July at home
The County League match on Wednesday 27th July against Taunton Vivary (away) is a 2.30pm start not 10.30am. All lady members have been advised of these changes by email.
Friendlies Captain (Ian Hollingsworth)- Mixed friendlies have been well supported and no games cancelled by Wellington. Broadclyst and Victoria Park cancelled their away fixtures and North Petherton cancelled their home fixture, all presumably due to lack of support.
Up to the end of June there have been 23 completed matches; Wellington have won 12 and lost 11, although this is not the important factor for our club.
The mixed friendlies have been a way of giving those who do not play any / many league games an opportunity to play competitively, including a sizeable number of new members.
Because of the strong interest in playing friendlies, it can sometimes be challenging to give players as many games as they would like, especially as I must ensure that the teams are at least vaguely competitive; finding enough skips can be tricky and those who do skip end up with more games than others. However overall, I think we are around about the optimum number of mixed friendlies.
- c) **Indoor Secretary** (Janet Moore)- Janet has advised that she will not be standing for Indoor Secretary this year coming, to be able to devote more time to coaching and her own bowls game. I would like to thank Janet for the excellent job she has done. If anyone would like to take on this essential position, please contact Graham to discuss.
- d) **Fixtures Secretary** (Vacant)- Position is still unfilled for next season, can anyone interested please make themselves known for this essential role. A decision needs to be finalised on the level of catering the club will be able to offer next season. One tour has already been agreed and Middleton Cup requests will soon be incoming. These are lucrative income generation opportunities for the club.
We are hosting the Bowls England Top Club Area Final (South Somerset) between Ilminster and Taunton on Friday 19 July at 6.00. This will be an opportunity to see some high-quality bowls between two very strong clubs.
A second touring team, Victoria Park, Bideford have just booked a match on their return journey Easter Monday 21 April 2025, 6 mixed rinks.
- e) **Competitions Secretary** (Janet Moore)- Competitions progressing well, now at quarter final stage
- f) **Bowls Coordinator** (Graham Brown)- The trial of emailing most league teams selected is continuing to work well and we will endeavour to maintain the service. Thanks to members who have started to confirm availability online, which helps the selectors make any necessary late changes asap. As previously stated, we will continue to run the manual system in parallel, and members are still required to tick the notice board copy to reaffirm availability.
The prospective new members from the Open Days are progressing through coaching, thanks to Janet and Angie for their ongoing support.
- g) **Coaches**
A steady stream of new bowlers are progressing through initial coaching. Weekly sessions for last season's new members are ongoing.

- h) Selection (Graham Brown)**- Selectors continue to meet on a weekly basis. Availability for most leagues is encouraging, but further players wishing to be considered for the remaining matches this season should add their names to the respective availability sheets. As we progress deeper into the season most of our league teams continue to perform well and are prominently placed in their respective divisions. Thanks to all members who have supported the club, and we hope to maintain this for some impressive end of season final tables.

8 Asset Coordinator's Report (Alan Moore)

Just a few items to report this month.

Painting of the outside of the Indoor Rink

The outside painting has been completed three quarters of the way.

We have just got a small piece to do the other side of the fence into the Rugby Club. We require access to this to complete painting of the far end. When this problem is resolved I can get a team together and finish the work. Many thanks to the following volunteers: Debbie Beesley, Mike Jayes Alan May Alan Every, Steve Bradnam, Will Smith and Phil Wiggins.

Back Gate

The Back gate was jammed yet again and had to be rectified as no one could enter or leave the Club by the back gate. The person who was witnessed jamming the gate was identified as a Pétanque member. I spoke to the Chair of the Pétanque Club, and he will speak to this particular member about closing the gate properly in the future. This is not the first time that the gate has been jammed.

Indoor Carpet

Greengage have advised that Chris will arrive on 22nd July to lift the carpet. When we have completed any work necessary, they will require a week's notice to return and relay the carpet. The Indoor Secretary has advised the Rollup group that the Indoor Rink will be out of use and whilst closed they can play outdoors. I will also put a notice on the door of the Indoor Rink.

Gents Toilets

Yet again the Gents were left in a mess and had to be cleaned. I am looking for a suitable sign!!

9 Functions Coordinator's Report (Steve Lovell)- No report

10 Greenkeeper's Report- No report

11 Matters requiring attention June/July- Nil

12 Any Other Business

- a) **Club Sponsorship**- The sponsorship packages we offer will be reviewed at the next Executive Committee meeting then we will ask CarlyPress to design and print some leaflets with a view to starting.
- b) **Next Q&A session**- Tuesday 13th August 7.00pm
- c) Indoor honours board- Will be made when we update the outdoor honours board.
- d) The **Exeter and District over 60s division three shield** has gone missing. Obviously, this is hugely embarrassing for the club. If any member knows of its whereabouts, please contact a member of the Executive Committee as soon as possible.
- e) **Kit**- Ann has found a supplier of bowls wear. Jay is going to purchase a waterproof jacket by way of a sample.

13 Membership applications- Nil

14 Reserved Business

- a) Treasurer's Report
- b) Safeguarding – Safeguarding Officer
- c) Confidential matters- Nik

15 Date of Next Executive Meeting Friday 9th August 2024