

Wellington Bowling Club

Minutes of General Meeting held on Wednesday 12th September at the Clubhouse
The meeting commenced at 9.30am

Members

Role	Name	Initials	Role	Name	Initials
President	Roland Bath	RB	Mixed Captain	Ian Thomson	IT
Chairman	Geoff Stamp	GS	Ladies Captain	Yvonne Abbott	YA
Secretary	Clive Manning	CM	Indoor Sec.	John Cherry	JC
Asst. Secretary	Brian Wombwell	BW	Bar Steward	Steve Lovell	SL
Treasurer	Tony Gibson	TG	Green keeper	Paul Kelly	PK
Asst. Treasurer	Bill Warnett	WW	Publicity Officer	Di Dagg	DD
Dev. Officer	Richard Manning	RM	Catering Manager	Liz Bowrah	LB
Membership Sec.	Chris Williams	CW	Ladies Admin	Ann Cowling	AC
Fixture Secretary	Jay Merrell	JM	Men's Captain	Position Vacant	
Estates Manager	Vic Horne	VC			

1) Apologies for Absence

Geoff Stamp, Roland Bath, Jay Merrell, Steve Lovell, Di Dagg, Vic Horne

2) Chairman

There was no chairman's report as Geoff was on holiday.
In Geoff's absence Paul Kelly took the Chair.

3) Minutes of Last Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted and approved.

4) Matters Arising

There were no matters arising

5) Secretary Report

1. Chris Williams has put together a proposal outlining the criteria and basis of how we calculate numbers for Membership capping (agreed previously at the Gen. Comm. Meeting) and this has since been "signed off" by the Executive.
2. The Indoor Registration process is almost complete.
3. Work on the H&S Review continues. A new door closer has been fitted to the Ladies Changing room, a break glass hammer installed in the kitchen and quotes being obtained to repair/replace the fence. There have also been various meetings with Derek Vile/Vic Horne about the outside wall.
4. The SBA June membership declaration has been sent to the SBA and receipt acknowledged by them.
5. The Solar panels have been repaired and appear to be working properly. Brian has been asked to supply regular readings to Brendon who will check against outputs on other installations in the area that we are now OK.
6. The arrangements for teas have gone relatively smoothly but people seem to have lost interest near the end of the season. We had 8 matches where we needed help. An email was sent out to try and get this sorted and the matter now seems to have been resolved.
7. The AGM papers have all been done and are now on the notice board. Job titles have been changed to match those in the Constitution. This is an ongoing process until we have the AGM.
8. The SBA Form 1 has been sent out to all members with closing date of 30/9 for County Competitions and various SBA Circulars have been sent out to all members in the last two months.
9. Had various correspondence and conversations about daytime security with members following the recent spate of burglaries
10. Along with Tony Gibson, attended the first Social Meeting (as invited by Alan May) to act as points of reference, if necessary.

11. Would like to thank all those who worked so well together in putting on an excellent "Triples" Competition. Seems to have been enjoyed by everyone and format will be repeated next year.
12. Indoor Jacks have been ordered and will be here before the Indoor Season starts.
13. New mats have been ordered (16). They are standard Drakes Pride black mats at £10 each

6) Treasurers Report

Bill presented the monthly financial report and it was accepted.

7) Ladies Administrator's Report

- 1 A letter has been sent to all Lady Members requesting that they attend a "get together" evening. The aim of the meeting is to introduce the new ladies to the other members, to establish lines of communication, and encourage them to integrate into club activities.
- 2 A Ladies lunch and a separate Ladies Meeting have both been arranged in October
- 3 Ann asked if the problems with the heating system in the Indoor Rink have been resolved as we had many complaints last year due to the system not switching on automatically. Richard Manning replied that the problems last year were due entirely due to members interfering with the control system. The control system has been checked and reset and a cage has been fitted over the temperature thermostat to stop interference. We will monitor the system over the next few weeks to see if the system is working effectively.

8) Development Officer

A copy of the Development Officers report is attached

- 1 The committee were pleased to learn that TDBC has agreed to give us a grant up to £600 towards the cost of the upgrading to the front door access system.
- 2 Richard said that he was concerned that Smokers Arbour may not be stable in high winds and suggest that it should be secured to the concrete base with angle brackets. The committee agreed that this should be done as soon as possible as winter is almost upon us.
- 3 Richard also suggested that Solar Foot Lights should be installed alongside the path leading from the clubhouse to the back gate. The committee agreed that this should be done sooner rather than later as the nights are drawing in.

9) Membership Secretary

The Membership Secretary's report is attached.

- 1 Chris reported that at the end of the Outdoor Season we had a total of 135 Full Members. Richard Manning commented that in the past we had always lost members who do not renew in April for various reasons and although on paper we are showing only 5 vacancies this would rise and we must continue our recruiting and Open Day next Spring.
- 2 The "Indoor" membership currently stands at 140 but this is likely to increase as some members have not yet paid their membership fee.

10) Men's Captain Position

No report received.

11) Lady's Captain

The Lady's Captain report is attached.

- 1 Yvonne stated that this will be her last report as she is not standing again.
- 2 Yvonne asked if the problem regarding paper plates had been resolved. It was reported that the paper plates were available but had been relocated.

12) Mixed Captain's Report

Ian Thomson gave a verbal report:

- 1 We have had an excellent season and everyone has had their fair share of the Mixed Matches.
- 2 We have had a problem in that many more clubs are now wanting to play triples rather than rinks because of falling membership but we are the opposite because we have more members wanting to play in these matches. We have tried to overcome this by rationing games but doing selection is complicated as it is essential that we have experienced members in each team to guide new members, we must give the opposing team some opposition and we also have to select some people who are prepared to drive.

13) Fixture Secretary's Report

Jay was not in attendance due to work commitments but had submitted a report which was read to the committee. A copy of the report is attached.

14) Outdoor Competition Secretary's Report

Brian commented that all outdoor activities had ceased following the closure of the green. The competitions had all been successful and everyone appeared to be satisfied. There had been a few problems with some of the games going beyond the date notified but the offenders were warned and the games were then played promptly.

15) Indoor Secretary's Report

A copy of the Indoor Secretary's Report is attached.

The winter program has been completed and all the league information has been posted on the Indoor Green notice board.

16) Bar Secretary's Report

No report received.

17) Think Tank Report

A copy of the report is attached.

Outdoor competitions - It was agreed that the rule regarding competitions "played by dates" should be made quite clear next season.

Outside Competitions Rule 10 was changed last season to mimic the rule which was adopted in 2017 for the Indoor Rink. It was decided that the rule is not to be changed.

Front Door - The fob system is due to be installed soon, possibly the 1st October and we are obtaining a quote for a monitor to be installed in the bar with a door release button, so that bar staff can let people in and also another quote for a door release button in the kitchen, as any visitors can be seen through the window. In both instances visitors will still need to use the doorbell.

On no account is the front door to be left open. This is a security issue.

Social Events - The committee are extremely pleased that the social committee has been reformed.

Life membership - The Executive Committee have considered this matter and ruled that the club should not have more than five Life Members and there will be no exceptions.

18) Social Team Report

1 The new Social Team had their first meeting on 21st August which was attended by 16 members. Alan May Chaired the meeting and reports that the meeting was very productive.

2 Dates for Bingo and Quiz Nights have been arranged and the first event will be the 'Closing of the Green' of 22nd September. Alan asked members to donate raffle prizes which should be given to him.

19) Green Representatives Report

1 The sprinkler system failed recently and Paul thanked Tony Woolard for installing a new programmer. The system is now functioning properly. It is estimated that the water bill for the green will increase by about £500 this year due to the exceptionally hot summer.

2 The ditches around the green need new liners which are deeper in order to protect bowls from damage when they fall into the ditch. Paul is looking into alternatives that could be used instead of the existing liners.

3 Top dressing has been ordered and remedial work will be started on the green, as soon as convenient, after the green has been officially closed.

20) Building Representatives Report

Vic is on holiday so there is no report.

1 A quotation has been obtained for replacing the fence panels totalling £1,440 plus VAT on Coram's Lane. The price includes for concrete posts and panels to match the existing. This includes taking out the wooden posts and panels and disposing of them. It was decided that we should place the order and get the job done before the old panels blow down.

2 A suggestion was made that the hedge behind the fence should be cut down but it was decided that the hedge adds to the security of our building and grounds. However, if possible, it should be cut back on the fence side.

21) Catering Officers Report

No report

22) Publicity Officer's Report

Nothing to report.

23) Any other Business

Club Telephone

Clive reported that this debate has been going on for some time with no decision being made. The cost of having a Pay Phone would be about £500 with an ongoing line cost of £240. The Executive Committee had debated this matter and decided to refer it to the General Committee for consideration. There was a great deal of discussion but the majority of members present felt that the cost did not justify the means. Many of our members use mobile phones which can be used in cases of emergency. It was decided that we retain the existing telephone which accepts incoming calls but that the phone is repositioned away from the numbers machine and a sign installed indicating that the telephone plug should not be removed.

Management Structure

This matter has also been discussed by the Executive Committee and has been passed to the General Committee. This idea proposes that the General Committee is split into two separate committees. One committee would consider all items relating to the 'Outside' activities and facilities. The other committee would consider all other matters other than those dealt with by the Executive Committee. The general feeling of the committee was that the General Committee works very well because there is a good cross fertilization of ideas and information and this would be lost in two separate committees. It was agreed that the general Committee should not be split.

There was concern that the General meetings take too long and this could be remedied if each verbal report was strictly limited to ten minutes with no limit on the written reports. This was agreed and, if possible, a suitable timer should be obtained.

It was also agreed that if a member wanted to recommend a particular issue it be should be raised under AOB

West Somerset Lottery

Henry Richbell had proposed that we should ask members to join this lottery and recommend that they nominate our club as their chosen good cause. We would receive 50% of all stakes in our name. It was decided to put up a notice to find out how many members are interested.

Short Mat Bowling

It has been proposed that the short mat should be rolled out in the clubroom during the winter months so that members have the opportunity to play when the Indoor Rink is being used. It was agreed that there is not enough room, it would intrude on the access and use of the room by other members. It could not be left out as it would present a trip hazard and it would be susceptible to damage.

The meeting closed at 11.30am

Date of next meeting Wednesday 21st November 2018

Venue - The clubhouse at 9.30am

Signed

Date.....

Geoff Stamp (Chairman)

DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS REPORT

From: Richard Manning richard.jmanning@btinternet.com
Subject: General committee meeting 12/9/2018
Date: 11 Sep 2018 at 20:31:31
To: brenda.hellings@btinternet.com

Grants :

1) An application was made to WTC in May 2018 for a £1000.00 to support the implementation of front door Access control System which was rejected.

Recently, application to TDBC for financial support for Access control was approved for up to £600.00

2) BDA has agreed to support coaching expense to the sum of £250.00 (x4 year of financial support = > £1000)

Recruitment :

All venues completed, a necessity when over > 20 members from 2017 did not renew their membership for several reasons.

Coaching:

Nearly completed, so far 14 ladies and 10 men =24 have completed their six weeks and become paid up members.

Retention: making sure the new members continue their bowling into the Winter session.

Ladies x5 signed up for the Friday night friendly league.
x 10 in roll-up sessions.

Men's. x6 in league teams.
x6 In roll-up sessions.

Suggestion that Thursday evenings become a roll-up slot for the new and existing members who work

Matters that requiring attention.

Plumber, Steve Pinder servicing of boilers ready for Oct.

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Extension and internal building

Two separate builders have submitted Quotes of £47k
Including vat for the implementation of Phase 1 & 2.

Social Team:

- 1) Arbour has been felted by a roofing contractor and the blinds implemented in the indoor rink. Cost debited against the social fund
- 2) concerned about the arbours stability in high winds. Suggesting securing frame to the concrete with angle brackets.
- 3) Social would like to implement solar foot lights along the exit to the exit gate and install a pir external light fitting to the shed.
- 4) Social have agreed to organise the New Year party.

RJM 11th Sept 2018.

Sent from my iPad

MEMBERSHIP REPORT September 12th 2018

OUTDOOR (Full) MEMBERSHIP for the season just ending is 135. If all renew by May 2019 we will have 5 vacancies for new Outdoor members.

INDOOR MEMBERSHIP for the coming season has so far increased to 140, due to increased membership in general and the new tighter system of registration. Indoor figures to date are –

	Outdoor Members Playing Indoors	Indoor Members only	TOTALS
Gents	70	17	87
Ladies	34	15	49
Life Members	1		1
Juniors	2	1	3
TOTALS	107	33	140

Ladies Captain's Report

This is my last Ladies Captains report. I will not be standing again. I only agreed to stand to make sure there was a lady representative on the general committee. I have achieved what I set out to do while on this committee, and if both committees do what is right; and within the law, things should be better in the future for not just the ladies, but all members.

The Ladies finished 8th out of 10 in the league; but this does not reflect how hard the ladies tried this summer, remembering that for some it was the first time they had played in league games.

I also want to thank the ladies who have put their names down week after week, and; although sometimes it has been a border line regarding numbers; every match we had enough players, plus a reserve or two. Next year should be even better.

My thanks must also go to Thelma, our Vice Captain, Gill, our selector, and Ann (Administrator) for their help.

May I ask Brian what has happen about the paper plates problem, has it been sorted? Anything bought by the club for meals etc should be available to all members serving teas.

Yvonne Abbott
Ladies Captain.

Fixture Secretary's Report 12th September 2018

Please register my apologies as I am working.

1. A 6 rink men's friendly versus Bowls Wiltshire men has been organised for Sat 14th September 2019. We have Friends of English Bowls on July 20th but, despite advertising our services via Twitter, no other tour matches next season (yet).
2. The 2019 fixture list is being prepared. I've been asked to organize more mixed friendlies next season. I've arranged a second fixture versus Tiverton Park. Two mixed friendlies v Ilminster and Wyrral Park have stated they will play us in a mixed friendly if a date can be found. We will obviously lose the two fixtures v Dunkeswell and, sadly, other clubs don't have such a thriving membership as ourselves which has resulted in one or two club's (e.g. Merriott) reducing 4 mixed rinks to 4 mixed triples. Ottery St Mary have requested a friendly. Previously Ottery have declined my approaches for a friendly but, it appears, our first-class green (and free parking) has persuaded them to reconsider.
3. It has been agreed that we can enter a men's team into the national Bowls England Top Club competition next season. BE run a similar competition for Ladies, but very few local clubs enter this meaning, were we to enter, significant distances might need to be driven were we drawn away. I have explained this to our Ladies and placed an expression of interest form in the Ladies changing room. There are currently no names on this list. We need 10 players in the Ladies team (11 in the men's), a decision will be required before mid-November.
4. As reported at the last meeting the East of Exe AGM will be held at Honiton BC on Sunday 21st October (10am). I am currently waiting for advice on this but usually each club sends a male and female representative. If necessary I could attend this meeting but I would like to ask for volunteers. Perhaps one of the couples who put their names down would like to attend on the club's behalf? It should be stressed that agreeing to attend this meeting would not, necessarily, involve any further commitment.
5. Paul Kelly represented the club at the West Somerset Bowls League AGM at North Petherton on the 7th September. Also, in attendance were Roland Bath, league chairman, Bill Warnett, league treasurer, and Jay Merrell, acting secretary. I'm sure the other 10 clubs in the league are grateful that virtually all the of the league's administration is conducted by Wellington BC members?
6. Mike Groves has volunteered to attend the Exeter and District Over 60s triples league AGM on Wednesday 3rd October at the Isca centre in Exeter.
7. As promised I will try and secure some more Ladies friendlies. Hemyock, Uffculme and Cullompton have been suggested. It should be noted I have tried all of these club's before with no success.
8. The Standing Chair and Events Director of the Taunton Deane Triathlon has confirmed next season's Triathlon will be held weekend 11th/12th May. He invited us to take part in a Wellington Sports weekend. The Executive have directed me to decline this offer.
9. I propose next season's main Open Day is held on Sunday 19th May. Do we keep the start time at 11.00am, or make it 2.00pm (or another time)? Whether we programme a second open day in early July will need to be decided before the fixture list is printed next March.
10. Ann and Gill have asked me to reserve, in the fixture list, one evening per week for an internal club ladies' triples league. I propose Wednesday evenings with the season to coincide with the Exeter league so as not to clash with mixed friendlies. Should I reserve 3 or 4 rinks? I presume remaining rinks will still be available for club competitions or roll-ups?

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INDOOR SECRETARY'S REPORT

Winter Indoor Programme for 2018-19

1. All league team and roll up group secretaries, named players and the fixture dates for indoor matches this coming winter will, be posted on the indoor rink notice boards over the next 10 days. The new indoor rink weekly sessions allocation formats will also be displayed (before competitions start and after).
2. The first League matches take place on:- Men's League - Tuesday 2nd Oct.
Ladies League - Thursday 4th Oct.
Ladies Friday Triples - Friday 5th Oct.
Afternoon League - Monday 1st Oct./ Weekend Triples - Saturday 29th Sept.
3. Organised roll ups will begin after closure of the outdoor green, as determined by the Roll Up Secretaries. Note: Completion of the changing rooms repainting is due then before October so the few members effected will need to manage as best they can.

Score Cards

4. All five League Secretaries will require a goodly supply of match score cards to prepare and provide to the indoor rink ahead of their teams matches (about 500 each). Indoor Secretary will need yet more for the Indoor Competitions to be run later (total 1000). **We need stocks behind the bar for this!**

TOUR 2019 - Torquay

5. A total of 39 members are set to go in April 2019, including 4 non bowling partners. All members deposits have been paid to TLH (receipt awaited) and the detailed planning will take place now, as per the previous tour.

WELLINGTON BOWLING CLUB

GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING - 12/09/18 THINK TANK REPORT

1. Last Think Tank (TT) meeting was held on 21/08/18, attended by Mike Connor, Ed Norris, Alan & Liz May, Bernard Barnes, Ian Stewart and John Cherry. Apologies received from Phil Brigden and Barry Vile.

ONGOING ISSUES^[TT]_[SEP] 2. **Changing Rooms Painting** - Remaining “freshen up” painting of the changing rooms will be undertaken after the outdoor green closure and before 1st October. It is hoped that the few roll up sessions due then can go ahead with minimal inconvenience.

3. **Shelving for Metal Garage Store** - Having been approved to go ahead it has not yet been actioned as first thought, but will now do so as soon as possible.

OTHER ISSUES^[TT]_[SEP] 4. **Outdoor Competitions (MC)** - Do members fully understand the system where the 1st named player must offer 3 alternate match dates to the other player and what happens when none are acceptable to the other player? Incidents have occurred suggesting not. **TT recommends the correct rule is emphasized for next year.**

5. Also, Rule 10 should be made fairer. If the winner of a competition stage cannot play the next planned leg (holidays, illness, etc.) they should be deemed the loser of that next leg, meaning the next leg player gets a bye. **Going back to the previous match and allowing that loser to play the next leg as stand-in is not considered appropriate.**

6. **Club Front Door (MC)** - The rule whereby the front door cannot be held open by rope under any circumstances seems excessive. **It should be permitted for visiting teams arriving between 1.45pm and 2.30pm providing there is at least one Wellington Club member present to remove the rope later?**

7. **Social Events Planning (AM)** - Pending appointment of a new Social Committee, Alan & Liz May are meeting interested members on 23/10 to see what can be planned now. **Feedback and any proposals will be referred back to the GC.**

8. **Life Memberships** - TT feel that {*Name Held*} qualifies for life membership under the agreed criteria and recommends this goes to the Executive Committee for approval.

9. **Trophy Presentation Night** - Set for **Saturday 20th October**. MC/JC to meet and determine prizes & trophy engravings for both this year’s outdoor competitions and last year’s indoor competitions.

10. Next TT meet is set for Wednesday 3rd October 2018.

John Cherry^[TT]_[SEP] Indoor Secretary (TT Liaison)

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