

**MINUTES OF THE AUTUMN COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT OLD BASING
BOWLING CLUB ON THURSDAY 10th OCTOBER 2025 AT 2PM**

1. **PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS**

President, Anji Smith opened the meeting at 2.03pm, welcoming those present and thanking Old Basing for the use of their facilities.

2. **APOLOGIES**

Carol Scott (BT), Jenny Brindley (FU), Diane Timms.

3. **MINUTES**

The minutes of the Spring Council Meeting dated 14.03.2025 were sent out with the agenda prior to this meeting. It was agreed that the President should sign them.

Proposed: Edith Edgar (F)

Seconded: Alice Atwell (AS)

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

None.

5. **CORRESPONDENCE**

E-mails to secretaries and delegates on numerous occasions.

E-mail to the Basingstoke Hotel with the menu choices for the Annual Luncheon & Prizegiving.

Diane Timms has sent sympathy, congratulations and get-well cards on behalf of the Association.

Our thoughts go out to the family and friends of Claire Celand (BT) who passed away last week.

6. **REPORTS**

TREASURER: Elaine Bennett

President Anji, committee members and ladies, good afternoon.

This report covers the period from the Spring Council Meeting to the end of February to the end of September. The full annual report will be presented at the AGM next month.

Income: (This includes affiliations & competition fees received at, or after, the Spring meeting).

Affiliations	£280
Comps	821
Friendlylies	130
Shirts	101
Luncheon (Advance)	140
Bank Interest	53

Raffles	75	
Donation	<u>32</u>	1632

Expenditure

Hotel Deposit	£342	
Website	36	
Coach	535	
Admin	79	
Umpire Fees	191	
Bank Charges	26	
Refunds	<u>28</u>	<u>1237</u>

Surplus £395

At the close of business on 30th September the bank accounts showed a healthy position:

Community (formerly Treasure's) account	£ 353.34
Savings	6879.28
Cash	<u>629.40</u>
	<u>£7862.02</u>

COMPETITION SECRETARY: Carol Eichen

President Anji, Fellow Officers and Ladies good afternoon. I am not going to list all the competition winners as I name all the victors at the AGM, and I'm sure you do not want to hear them twice.

The Dolly Anstey was played at Aldershot Underwood BC on Friday 6th June 2025 with 31 competitors playing from the original 36 entries. If your club would like to host this event on a Saturday in June (not Friday as stated in the agenda) please contact me.

The Kath McFauld was played at Alton BC on Saturday 28th June 2025 with only 19 competitors playing from the original 24 entries, which was a little disappointing as we usually have many more ladies enter this pairs competition. If your club would like to host this event mid-week in June (not Saturday as stated in the agenda) please contact me.

The Champion of Champions was played on Saturday 5th July at Howard Park BC. There were 11 entries with only 9 ladies who took part. It does surprise me that 16 clubs entered the NHWBA competitions but so few put their Singles Champion forward for this game.

On these three competitions it is very disappointing when I receive notification that you would rather play in the league, or you are away on holiday. Of course, I understand if you have an injury/hospital appointment, but it has always been understood that a County game takes precedence, but all other competitions come before a league match. The play-on dates are published before the start of the season, so if you are going to book a holiday within the competition season, please do not enter as it is unfair to the ladies that you may have knocked out earlier.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Aldershot Underwood BC, Alton BC, Howard Park BC, Hook BC and Yateley BC who hosted the competitions. We were made very welcome at each venue and were very well looked after. Also, a big thank you to all the Ladies and Gentlemen

who so kindly gave their time to mark individual games and of course to Fred from Yateley BC who umpired all our matches.

As you will appreciate it is very difficult to fix all the play on dates so early for the competitions as I try my hardest to avoid County dates which are published so much later. So, these dates will hopefully be available at the Spring Council Meeting.

I have been approached several times on how many ends can constitute a game and predominately in the past extreme weather has been directed towards rain/heat etc. After much discussion within the committee the following will be added to the Bye-laws ready for the next season.

To appear as follows under 10 – Management of Competitions

b. **EXTREME Weather**

- (i) In the event of extreme weather, whether it be torrential rain or temperatures in excess of 29.5 degrees an 18 end game may be reduced to 12 ends and still constitute a full game with the score at 12 ends being the final result. However, BOTH skips must agree BEFORE the commencement of trial ends that they will finish at 12 ends. This reduction of ends will only be accepted by the Competition Secretary for the reason of Extreme Weather and no other reason.
- (ii) Should a game be abandoned beyond 12 ends, due to extreme weather as above, and is not able to be resumed within 30 minutes, then the game will be deemed to have been played as more than 12 ends have been completed.
- (iii) Should it be necessary to abandon a game due to extreme weather as above, and 12 ends have not been completed then the game must be resumed at the same point and played before the due date of the next round.

Finally, thank you for the kindness and support I received from all you Ladies throughout the season, it is always very much appreciated.

MATCH SECRETARY:

President Anji, Vice President Carol, fellow officers and committee members, ladies...

Our summer season went well enough, we won two games and lost two. The game against West Surrey Ladies has been discontinued due to a lack of interest on their part; I have contacted several clubs to see if we can organise a friendly with them – West End Ladies; Farnborough Gate and Andover.

It was lovely to see yet more new ladies playing for the Association this year. Games are good fun, it's lovely to meet new folks and play on different greens - so please keep on encouraging your lady members to give it a go. With any luck, they won't regret it.

We have been issuing badges throughout the year to acknowledge the number of games that our lady members have played on behalf of the Association, it is one way of showing our appreciation of their support over the years.

The indoor programme will get under soon way with a match against Chawton Park IBC followed by Camberley IBC, both 2:15pm starts. We also have games arranged in November against Longmeadow and Loddon Vale IBC; Longmeadow starts at 10 o'clock and Loddon Vale at 10:30am. Longmeadow starts slightly earlier in order to accommodate the ladies of the club who often go on to play in an afternoon league, it means they can have a bit of a break between games. Availability sheets for these games will be circulated shortly.

The indoor schedule for the early part of 2026 is in place, games are arranged between Chawton Park on Tues 3rd February; Camberley on Tuesday, 17th February; Loddon Vale on Wednesday, 11th March and Longmeadow on Tuesday, 24th March.

7. **FEES FOR 2026**

Affiliation Fees	£20.00
Gazette Cup	£10.00
Competition Fees – including Dolly Anstey 2 Wood Singles, Kath McFauld Pairs.	£ 3.00
Champion of Champions	£ 4.00
Friendly Matches	£ No set cost, as varies from club to club
Friendly Matches (Coach)	£20.00
Green Fees – for Dolly Anstey, 2 Wood Singles, Kath McFauld Pairs, Champion of Champions and Semi Finals.	£ 2.50 This money goes to the host clubs.

8. **ANNUAL LUNCHEON AND PRIZEGIVING -**

To be held on Tuesday 4th November 2025 – arriving 12 noon for 12.30pm at The Basingstoke Country Hotel, side entrance to the right of front doors.

Menu:

Starter:

Soup of the day with Fresh Bread Roll– *vegetarian option*
 Chicken Liver Pate with Red Onion Chutney & Toasted Bread
 Prawn Cocktail served on a baby Gem Lettuce

Mains:

Pan Seared Hake with Hasselback Potatoes, Fine Green Beans, Brown Butter & Caper Sauce
 Pan Seared Corn Fed Chicken Breast with a Fondant Potato, seasonal vegetables & a Chicken Jus
 Roasted Vegetable Filo Parcel with Tender Stem Broccoli & Dauphinoise Potatoes with a Rich Tomato Sauce – *vegetarian option*

Dessert:

Raspberry Delice
 Chocolate Brownie with a Chocolate Sauce & Vanilla Ice Cream
 Sorbet: Blackcurrant, Mango, Lemon or Orange – *vegetarian option*
 Ice Cream: Vanilla, Chocolate, Strawberry, Salted Caramel, Honeycomb or Rum & Raisin

Tea, Coffee
 Cost: £28.00

The final date for numbers is 15th October, after which there will be no refund if cancelled.
Could all members please provide a raffle prize.

9. AGM

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Friday 21st November 2025 at Old Basing BC at 2pm.

10. NOMINATIONS FOR

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Position	Nomination	Club	Proposed	Seconded
PRESIDENT	CAROL SCOTT	BASINGSTOKE TOWN		
VICE PRESIDENT	VACANCY			
IP PRESIDENT	ANJI SMITH	HOWARD PARK		
SECRETARY	JACKIE BLOOM	PYESTOCK BC	P COSTER	A GORMAN-
SMITH				
TREASURER	ELAINE BENNETT	HOOK BC	J TATNALL	B WALKER
COMP SECRETARY	CAROL EICHEN	COVE BC	K CRANHAM	C CRANHAM
MATCH SECRETARY	JENNY HARVEY	FLEET UTD BC	D BRINDLEY	C BEALE
4 x COMMITTEE	STELLA HAYDEN	OLD BASING BC	K O'DEA	S SINCLAIR
	MARGARET WOODAGE			
		ODIHAM&NTHWARNB.BC		
			A WEBSTER	J CAVANAGH
	TRACY THOMAS	BASINGSTOKE TOWN	M CHRISTIAN	B THOMPSON
	VACANCY			

DELETE

INSERT

ADD

11. PROPOSITION FROM THE COMMITTEE

RULES AND CONSTITUTION

DELETE

8d. Fifteen members or representatives at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting, shall form a quorum.

INSERT

8d. Seven members or representatives at the Annual General Meeting or at an Extraordinary General Meeting, shall form a quorum.

ADD

18. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

Life membership may be granted by majority vote by the Committee to recognise an individual's service and commitment to the Association. Eligible Ladies will be those who have given long service in a role on the Committee and/or played in a significant number of Friendly matches for the Association. Life membership is NOT an entitlement using any set criteria, but at the discretion of the incumbent Committee. It should be considered a valued award and not granted without due care and consideration.

Life members will be able to continue to play in Friendlies and attend events to which they are invited, even though they may NOT be a member of an associated club or even playing bowls.

Life members not affiliated via a Bowling Club may NOT become Committee members or attend Association Council or AGM meetings.

12 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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President Anji once again thanked Old Basing for the use of their facilities, thanked everyone for attending and wished them a safe journey home.

The meeting closed at 2.35pm.

President

Date