

WELLINGTON (SOMERSET) BOWLING CLUB

**Executive Committee Meeting held at 9.30am on Thursday 12th December 2024
in the clubhouse.**

REPORT

1 Members:

Role	Name	Initials	Role	Name	Initials
President	Mike Groves	MG	Admin Co-ordinator	Henry Richbell	HR
Chair	Paul Kelly	PK	Bowls Co-ordinator	Graham Brown	GB
Treasurer	Phil Ellis	PE	Asset Co-ordinator	Tony Woppard	TW
Asst. Treasurer	Derek Alford	DA			
Functions Co-ordinator			Admin. Assistant	Vacant	

2 Apologies. Mike Groves

3 Acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10th October 2024- Agreed.

4 Matters arising from the minutes (not included elsewhere on the agenda).

5 a) Chair's Report (Paul Kelly)- NTR

b) Club President's Report (Mike Groves)- Nothing to report

6 Admin Coordinator's Report. (Henry Richbell)

- a) Webmaster (Jay Merrell)- NTR
- b) Publicity Officer (Vacant)
- c) Membership Secretary (Lynda Manning)- NTR
- d) Welfare Officer (Steve Lovell)- NTR
- e) Safeguarding Officer (Tracey Richbell)- NTR.

7 Bowls Coordinator's Report (Graham Brown)

Subgroup members report the following month's activities.

Men's Captain (Graham Brown)

- Nothing to report.

Ladies' Captain (Brenda Wilson)

- Ladies held an enjoyable Christmas Lunch at the Beambridge and wish all members an enjoyable and happy Christmas

Friendlies Captain (Ian Hollingsworth)

- Nothing to report.

Indoor Secretary (Jay Merrell)

- At the AGM Ian Stewart asked that we review the rule regarding indoor league games being cancelled due to a team not having enough players. Henry, the Acting Chair, asked me to conduct this review. I have spoken with Ian Hollingsworth, mid-week open league secretary and Alan May, weekend triples league secretary. They both share my view (indoors and also mid-week men's league secretary) that the existing rules not allowing matches to be rearranged for this reason should be retained. I have also been approached by at least two senior club members who were present at the AGM expressing their concern that we might be considering a change. Having said that, I know several senior lady members are so dismayed by the new rule that they no longer play indoors. I haven't yet spoken with Monica Carter who is secretary for both ladies' indoor leagues, I hope to do this soon.
- Otherwise, the indoor competitions are progressing well.

- I have been delighted by the response of members expressing an interest in playing in our away matches. With most members now responding using Bowlr which is encouraging and matches so far being well over-subscribed.

Fixtures Secretary (Jay Merrell)

- Mike and Gill Groves have checked the league fixtures and a couple of corrections have been made. I have received the dates for the 2025 inter-club competitions and entered them on the draft fixture list. I have forwarded the draft to my fellow fixture secretaries for a final check. A copy of the draft is on the website and will soon be posted on the noticeboard. Please be aware there are still likely to be changes before the start of next season.

Competitions Secretary (Janet Moore)

- For the 2025 season I would suggest we do not issue Competition Entry Forms with membership packs. In place I would like to place entry lists on the Competition Noticeboard for each competition.
- My reasons for this change:
- Lists for each competition are easier to transfer to Bowlr and also means there is less risk of members being omitted from Competitions
- The Club will save the cost of printing and time taken to place in membership packs.

Bowls Co Ordinator (Graham Brown)

- Nothing extra.

Coaches /Selection (Graham Brown) – NTR

8 Asset Coordinator's Report (Tony Woolland)

Boilers serviced, indoor rink awaiting repair but safe to use

Check that "Total Energy" is our electricity supplier (Jay confirmed after meeting)

Check proposed position of sponsorship sign. Will fit as soon as possible

Check that grounds team to arrange fence repairs

Report on internet and phone problems:- Fault with "Open Reach" connections outside of property. Supplier aware of problem and service came back during meeting but has failed again since. I am awaiting further report from "Plusnet".

9 Functions Coordinator's Report (Vacant) - NTR

10 Greenkeeper's Report - NTR

11 Matters requiring attention Jan/Feb

- Club Registration will need to be completed
- Bowls England and County will need to be informed of any changes following the AGM.
- Insurance is due in January

12 Any Other Business

- Our first Gold sponsorship had been received. This is from Omoda & Jaecoo Wellington, Advertising sign now up in Indoor Rink.
- New honours boards have been delivered and have been installed
- A list will be prepared with contact details for all activities at the club both internal and external. This is still ongoing.
- Quotes are being obtained for the replacement of the double gates at the end of the green.
- We need to get a role description for kitchen workers
- A list of key holders and days they lock up needs to be made available so that if another key holder is on site they can contact them to save them turning up unnecessarily.

13 Membership applications. Nil

14 Reserved Business

- a) Treasurer's Report- In members area of website.
- b) Safeguarding – Safeguarding Officer- Nil
- c) Confidential matters- Nil

15 Date of Next Executive Meeting Thursday 9th January 2025