

WELLINGTON (SOMERSET) BOWLING CLUB

**Executive Committee Meeting held at 9.30am on Thursday 31st October 2024
in the clubhouse.**

REPORT

1 Members:

Role	Name	Initials	Role	Name	Initials
President	Ann Cowling	AC	Admin Co-ordinator	Henry Richbell	HR
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. Paul Kelly

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)-

Two items for discussion in my absence.

1. Membership fees for 2025. My view is to leave the same. We have a sufficient cash reserve to fund our one-off items of refurbishment.

2 Question to ask members at AGM renewal of Green Edging boards. Renew like for like with Tanalised timber, last replacements sections failed at 5 years. Renew with recycled plastic timber planks life expectancy 25 years plus.

Like for like Timber cost 100mm x 30mm £2.80 per metre x 80m (one side of green)
£224.0 £1000 to replace all edges.

Plastic Timber 100mm x 30mm £7.00 per meter x 80m £560.00 £2240 to replace all edges.

Plan would be to replace two edges in year one and two in year two whichever material is chosen.

The plastic planks while dearer in the first instance is cheaper over 25 years as you would expect to replace the timber at least four times. While installation is free as undertaken by the green team replacing once over 25 years is a significant time saving and work effort.

Either option has the additional cost of Astro turf facing material which is currently £200.

You may wish for the exec to support one option and put it to the members.

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

It is very sad to hear that Monica Spalding, John Mullen, Bert Gamlin and Richard Sanders (ex-member) have passed away. My sincere condolences and thoughts are with their families at such a sad time. In respect and remembrance, the club's flag is now flying at half-mast.

Remembrance Sunday 10th November 2024

As President, I will represent the Club to lay our wreath at the Memorial which is held in Wellington Park. Brian Wombwell advised me that the wreath is an ongoing order and he will collect and leave it at the club for me to pick up.

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** (Henry Richbell)- NTR.

7 Bowls Coordinator's Report (Graham Brown)

Subgroup members report the following month's activities.

Men's Captain (Eddie Dilley)

- No report.

Ladies' Captain (Brenda Wilson)

- No report

Friendlies Captain (Ian Hollingsworth)

- Nothing to report.

Indoor Secretary (Jay Merrell)

- Indoor leagues and competitions have started and appear to be running smoothly.
- Availability sheets have been posted on the indoor rink noticeboard for away indoor fixtures during November.

Fixtures Secretary (Jay Merrell)

- Apart from East of Exe and Ladies County leagues all 2025 league fixtures have been received.
- Members wishing to enter 2025 County outdoor competitions should note that entries are now open on the SBA website. National entries are yet to be opened on the BE site.

Competitions Secretary (Janet Moore)

- Arrangements for the rearranged Awards Evening / AGM on Monday 11th November are complete. Trophies have been engraved.
- The club will be funding a repeat of last year's formalities by providing a free drink for all attending.
- Response for the "Bring & Share" has been low and a decision needs to be made whether to proceed. **Action: Exec decision** needed.

Bowls Co Ordinator (Graham Brown)

- Nothing extra.

Coaches /Selection (Graham Brown)

Nothing to report. **Selection (Graham Brown)** - NTR

8 Asset Coordinator's Report (Alan Moore) NTR

9 Functions Coordinator's Report (Steve Lovell) - NTR

10 Greenkeeper's Report - NTR

11 Matters requiring attention Nov/Dec

- a) Club Registration will need to be completed
- b) Bowls England and County will need to be informed of any changes following the AGM.

12 Any Other Business

- a) Our first Gold sponsorship had been received. This is from Omoda & Jaecoo Wellington,
- b) Hopefully new honours boards will be with us in time for the AGM
- c) A list will be prepared with contact details for all activities at the club both internal and external. This is still ongoing.

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 12th December 2024

