

THURROCK & DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION



FOUNDED 1946

President: R Clark; Gen. Secretary: A Gray; Acting Treasurer: R Brewer; Match Secretary: R Cornwell; Competition Secretary: D Haworth; League Secretary: R Clark; Minute Secretary: R Brewer; Asst. Match Secretary: T French; Delegates' Representatives: M Coulson & P Bainton

Thurrock & District Bowling Association Annual General Meeting
Held at Thurrock Bowls Club on Wednesday 11 December 2019
Minutes

Chair: Robbie Clark

1. Roll Call

Executives Present: Robbie Clark; Alan Gray; Mick Coulson; Terry French; Dave Haworth; Roger Cornwell and Rob Brewer

Delegates Present: Aveley; Fobbing and District; Fords Sports; GP Murrayfield; Grays Town; Orsett; Pitsea; South Ockendon; The Springhouse; Thurrock and VCA Riverview.

2. Apologies

Executives: Gordon Chegwidden

3. Absentees

Delegates: United Services

4. Welfare

Obituaries: Bill Hubbard (Aveley); Mick Bonson (New Phoenix and Drums); Kevin Birch (Aveley and London Parks); 'Red' Ken Osbourne (Orsett); Tony Cass (Thames Sports) and John Goodwin (Thurrock and South Ockendon)

5. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 12 December 2018 (T&DBA AGM 2018) were passed unanimously.

6. Matters arising from previous minutes

None

7. Chairman's Opening Remarks

Robbie Clark thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for the help provided by the various delegates during the season and also the Clubs who hosted Grays and Thurrock teams during the season due to the closure of Grays green.

8. Treasurers' Report

Rob Brewer reported that as at 30 November 2019, the Association is in profit to the sum of £27,434.15. However, there is a substantial payment to be made to Thurrock Council of £18,030 in respect of Season Tickets for 2019. I am still unaware of the cost of Season Tickets for 2020 but suspect the rise will be in the order of between 2% and 3%, which will make the likely cost for Clubs' planning purposes:

Full Members £170

Over 60's £133

Benefits £80

Hopefully, the new Treasurer will be able to have the information before the Delegates meeting in March/April 2020.

A copy of the Accounts for the period 1 August to 30 November 2019 is at Attachment 1.

9. Account Examiners' Report.

Not yet carried out.

10. Gen. Secretary and Correspondence

Alan Gray reported that he has now received notification of changes to a number of club Officers and stressed that it was essential that Clubs kept this information up to date. He has also retrieved a large proportion of Mick Bonson's paperwork which has been passed on to Rob Brewer and subsequently to Dave Haworth for auditing purposes. He finished by saying that despite having Emailed Club Secretaries and Delegates, regarding need for a member to stand for the post of Treasurer for the association, he has not received any replies.

11. League Secretary's Report

The 2019 season went really well, in the Premier Division all matches were played except the game between Springhouse A and Orsett A the clubs deciding it would not affect the league positions so decided not to play that game, in Division 1 The Corringham club conceded 2 games and played with 2 rinks once they have informed me that they will not be entering a team in the league for 2020 but hope as do I that this will only be a temporary situation. Ford Sports played 2 rinks once, Pitsea A played with 2 rinks twice. In division 2 Orsett B did not show up for a game against Thames Sport, Thurrock B conceded 1 game and played with 2 rinks once. So out of a possible 138 fixtures over the 3 leagues there were 11 defaults which means 8% of the fixtures being incomplete. I do realise that we are in difficult times and it is not easy to attract players but I urge clubs to before entering the league to ensure that they have a sufficient number of players to get through the season otherwise it makes a mockery of the league.

I would like to congratulate all the league winners and runners up which were as follows.

Premier Division Winners	Drums
Premier Division Runners Up	Grays Town A
Division One Winners	Pitsea \A
Division One Runners Up	Grays Town B
Division Two Winners	Aveley B
Division Two Runners Up	Springhouse B

As per the association league rules at least one team must be promoted and relegated from each division per season. For the 2020 season 1 team at least will be promoted from divisions 1 and 2 and one team at least will be relegated from the Premier Division and Division 1

The remaining promotion and relegation places in all divisions will be decided when I know the structure of the leagues for the 2020 season, this of course totally relies on how many entries we get in the leagues, all clubs must inform the league secretary by the T&dba AGM.

I have given the league structure for 2020 some thought, in 2019 there were 22 teams in the 3 Leagues 7 in the premier 7 in the first division and 8 in the second division.

For the season 2020 we have lost at 2 teams and maybe 3, the loss of 2 teams leaves us with 20 teams if this is the case, I suggest 7 teams in the Premier resulting in 12 fixtures for each team, 7 teams in division 1 also resulting in 12 fixtures for each team and 6 teams in division 2. For division 2 I suggest that they play each other 3 times resulting in 15 fixtures for each team in that division. The same format could be applied if we only have 19 teams with 5 teams in division 2 also playing each other 3 times this would give them 12 fixtures the same as per the Premier League and division 1.

This is my suggestion but I would welcome any further input perhaps at the end of this meeting

This completes my report for the 2019 season one I have enjoyed immensely; I would like to thank the association committee the delegates and the club team captains for their help in the past year.

12. Competition Secretary's Report

Dave Haworth reported that initially it looked like competition entries would be down considerably on the 2018 figures which would have been in line with County and Group entries. Fortunately these rallied at the death and for 2019 we were only 1% down on the previous season

He asked delegates to please congratulate all their participants in the competitions from their clubs as, although whilst it is nice to win, the taking part is far more important, as it is this which sustains the competitions and makes them viable. He also asked them to convey his thanks to all those entrants who diligently phoned, e-mailed and posted on their results on time, which makes the competition secretary's job that much easier.

He urged all club delegates to continue to positively promote and encourage their club members to support these competitions to ensure their future viability. Competitions ran smoothly throughout the season and there were no major issues that required his intervention, although the planning of finals day gave him the biggest headache yet.

He echoed his thanks and that of the Association to Aveley B.C. who again hosted finals day and to all their members who helped provide refreshments, bacon rolls and a buffet during the day and also Colin Whitear for officiating on the day. Entry forms for next season will be ready to send out immediately after Xmas and must be returned to the competition secretary no later than the 28th Feb

He went on to thank his fellow Executive committee members and delegates for the help and support they have given during the year and for all the hard work they have put in both during and outside of the outdoor season. Please remember, we all may play in competitions, leagues and association matches, but the association can only function with a full complement of officers. Without individual's participation and commitment the association cannot exist. I don't think I need to elaborate on what this means for all bowlers in Thurrock if there is no association. A special thank you is in order to Rob Brewer who came forward and took on the responsibility as caretaker treasurer after the sad death of Mick Bonson early in the season. Rob's caretaker role ends here tonight and must be filled to allow the association to continue its business.

Finally, he thanked Robbie Clark, as league secretary, for not only organising and running the T&DBA leagues but also for maintaining our the web site and who this year gave me extra support when I needed it in preparation for the presentation evening.

13. Match Secretary's Report

Roger Cornwell stated that the outdoor fixtures went quite well with us having won about 50% of our games and against some good Clubs. There has also been a good response from Clubs to providing players and a number of new ones have also joined in. This is probably largely due to the fact that most of the games are now mixed. Next year's outdoor fixtures are now complete and can be found on the website. The current indoor season is ongoing and has been well supported so far. He ended by saying thank you to all those Clubs who encourage their members to participate and lastly to fellow committee members without whom the Association would not flourish and he appealed to delegates to urge their members to volunteer for vacant committee positions as failure to do so will mean the end of the Association, its Leagues and Competitions.

14. Greens Working Party

Alan Gray stated that he was finding it difficult to get information out of the council with regard to future plans for maintenance of greens for the maintained clubs.

The situation as far as he is concerned is that:

- Blackshots are going to self-maintenance through Roots2Shoots and this has now been confirmed. The South green has been relayed and should be ready for next season.
- Corringham/Fobbing have accepted that Elm Horticulture will be retained by the Council for another twelve months to maintain the Green and a review of the situation will be taken by both Clubs in March 2020.
- Orsett are going to self-management.
- USBC and South Ockendon are continuing as council maintained.
- Gloucester Park & Murrayfield are being re-laid in April 2020.

15. To Consider a Motion

It has been proposed by P. Bainton (Thurrock) and seconded by D. Wakeling (Grays Town) that due to a number of clubs in the Thurrock area becoming short of lady bowlers, and therefore not able to play in the TALBA league, it is proposed that in addition to the existing T&DBA and TALBA Leagues:

The Blackshots Liaison Group (BLG) will act as a Committee to trial a mixed league of up to six Club teams consisting of 3 x 2 wood triples all of which must be mixed but the ratio of men to ladies or vice-versa is immaterial. All matches will be in whites and played over 15 ends on the two Blackshot greens on Saturday mornings, commencing at 1000hrs, beginning July 2020. There is likely to be a small cost of about £30 per team to register and it is likely refreshments, including simple snacks, will be available as well as access to the bars.

After some lengthy discussion it was decided that the BLG should round robin Club secretaries asking for likely participation. Robbie Clark said that if the idea got off the ground he would be willing to format the League for them on the Association website.

16. Election of Officers for 2020 Season

Prior to the election of officers Alan Gray said that both he and Rob Brewer, having their own Club secretary posts to fulfil which often clash with the timetable for T&DBA secretary meetings, will resign as Secretaries. He will then stand as Treasurer, having already helped sort out the Building Society account and also being a cosignatory on the both accounts. Therefore, the proposed list was now as follows:

President	:	Vacant	
Senior Deputy President	:	Vacant	
Junior Deputy President	:	Vacant	
General Secretary	:	Vacant	
Hon Treasurer	:	Alan Gray	
Account Examiners	:	Dave Haworth	
League Secretary	:	Robbie Clark	
Competition Secretary	:	Dave Haworth	
Asst. Competition Secretary	:	Adam Bailey	
Match Secretary	:	Roger Cornwell	
Assist Match Secretary	:	Terry French	
2 Delegates to Executive Committee	:	Mick Coulson and Peter Bainton	
Selection Committee	:	Roger Cornwell Terry French	
Competition Committee	:	Dave Haworth, Robbie Clark, Roger Cornwell and Allan Williams	
Joint working party Greens Delegate to Thurrock	:	General Secretary, Alf Beesley and Peter Bainton	
Sports Council	:	Peter Madgewick	

All Officers were elected without objection. However, in view of the lack of a volunteer for the post of General Secretary, there was little option but to adjourn the meeting as without this post being filled the Association could not function. As a result an EGM would be held on 15 January 2020 at 1900 hours and, if by that time, the post had not been filled, then there would be no Association Leagues or Competitions held in 2020.

17. Date and Time of Future Meetings.

Venue Thurrock Bowls Club

EGM 15 January 2020 at 1900 hours

Meeting ended at 2015 hours

Minutes: Rob Brewer

Approved: / / Chairman

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR T&DBA AGM 2019

Balance Sheet for Period 1 August 2019 to 30 November 2019

Opening Balance

Barclays Bank/Petty Cash **12598.74**

INCOME

Season Tickets 9134.00

Presentation Night Extra Tickets 232.00

Presentation Night Extra Tickets 40.00

TOTAL INCOME 9406.00

EXPENDITURE

Season Ticket Refunds 516.00

Finals Day 125.00

Competition Cash Prizes 475.00

Stationery 31.31

Presentation Night

Flowers 25.00

Raffle Books/Prizes 65.83

Meals 804.80

Entertainment 150.00

League Costs

Card Postage 5.82

Website 43.61

Trophy Engraving 163.00

Petty Cash 250.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURE 2655.3

Closing Profit 6750.63

Opening Balance 12598.74

Mansfield Bldg Soc 8084.78

TOTAL 27434.15