

THURROCK & DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION



FOUNDED 1946

President: R Clark; Gen. Secretary: A Gray; Treasurer: M Bonson;
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 & M Maxwell.

Minutes of Thurrock & District Bowling Association Executive & Delegates Meeting held at Thurrock Bowls Club on Wednesday 31 October 2018

Minutes

Chair: R Clark

1. Roll Call

Executives

Present: A.Gray; R.Cornwell; M.Coulson; M.Bonson; T.French and R.Brewer

Delegates

Present: Aveley; Corringham; Drums; Fobbing and District; Ford Sports; Grays Town; Orsett; Pitsea; South Ockendon; Thurrock; United Services and VCA Riverview

Absent: Thames Sport and Gloucester Park & Murrayfield

2. Apologies

Executives

D.Haworth and G.Chegwidden

3. Welfare

Obituaries:

Alf Wood (Corringham) and John Parmenter (Orsett)

4. Approval of Minutes

The meeting unanimously approved the minutes of the Executives and Delegates Meeting held on Wednesday 7 March (ExDM2018-03).

5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Terry Mizen referred to the agreement at the previous meeting *“that a letter from the Association would be sent directly to Councillors in whose wards the Clubs were located and would be Cc’d to MPs”* and asked whether this had been done and what response had been received. Alan Gray confirmed the letter had been written but the only response from either Councillors or MPs had been an acknowledgement of receipt. He also confirmed that neither Corringham nor the newly renamed Fobbing & District Clubs had been required to pay for Season tickets.

6. General Secretary Report & Correspondence

Alan Gray reported that he:

Received Official notice of the closure of New Phoenix BC.

Received a letter from Chadwell thanking for help with fixtures and the other clubs for their cooperation in scheduling games.

Received a notice of change of secretary for GP-Murrayfield

Received a Letter asking that the 2017 Champion of Champions match be played as a T&DBA match in 2019. (There was no objection from the Executive Committee).

Received a request from Blackshots Senior Citizens BC to join T&DBA. It was agreed they would be invited to attend the next Executives and Delegates Meeting and the AGM. The Committee agreed that they will be allowed to enter T&DBA competitions only as they have insufficient numbers for a league team.

Has received official notification that Chadwell St Mary will, in future, be known as ‘Fobbing and District BC’.

He finished by saying that he had also received numerous Emails regarding the state of Corringham’s Green and greens inspections. (See **Attachment 1** to these Minutes).

7. Treasurers Report

Mick Bonson reported that there would be 160 attending the Presentation Dinner but final ticket numbers were still to be received. He went on to say that although the accounts appear to show a profit of over £1,800.00, it is approaching that time of year for most expenses, namely trophy engraving and honoraria payments. He also noted that the Association are holding £768.00 in advance payments for the Presentation Dance. (A resume of accounts are at **Attachment 2** to these Minutes).

He finished by saying that the Association celebrates its 75 year anniversary in 2021 and it is necessary to decide how this should be celebrated so early planning can take place as soon as possible. Roger Cornwell said he would undertake to contact Essex County with a view to possible arrangements for the day.

A query was raised from the floor with regard to waiving Season ticket fees for under-16’s where the parent was already paying the same. It was agreed this should be further investigated on a formal basis as they would need to be registered with the various Associations in order for them to be eligible to play in league matches.

8. League Secretary Report

Robbie Clark reported that the 2018 season had gone very well. In the Premier Division all matches were played except for the games between Springhouse 'A' versus Grays Town 'A' and Aveley 'A' versus Orsett 'A' these clubs deciding as the results would not affect the final league table positions there was little point in playing the matches. In Divisions 1 and 2 all matches were completed. He went on to express his thanks and appreciation to all the Clubs, and their respective league captains, for the excellent co-operation they gave in helping to cope with what was a difficult season due to the non-availability of the Corringham and Chadwell greens.

He congratulated all the league winners and runners up as follows:

Premier Division Winners	Grays Town 'A'
Premier Division Runners Up	Drums
Division One Winners	United Services
Division One Runners Up	Thurrock 'A'
Division Two Winners	Grays Town 'B'
Division Two Runners Up	South Ockendon

As per the association league rules at least one team must be promoted and relegated from each division per season. For the 2019 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 the structure of the Leagues for the 2019 season are known. This, of course, is totally reliant on how many entries are received and all clubs must inform the league secretary by the T&DBA AGM, which is in early December, how many teams they intend to enter for the 2019 season. All Clubs intending to enter two teams are urged to give serious thought as to whether they will be able to fulfil their fixtures.

Robbie then apologised in his capacity as League Secretary for invoking the 'Three Triples' rule used in Division 2 for Division 1 teams last Season. He now realised that this had been a mistake and would not be repeated for Division 1 in future.

He finished by saying that this completes his report for the 2018 season, one which he had enjoyed immensely working with the current Association Committee and Association members

9. Competition Secretary Report

Dave Haworth sent his apologies for not attending tonight's meeting due to a bout of laryngitis. Hopefully normal service will be resumed shortly and look forward to seeing many of you at this year's presentation evening.

Robbie Clark then read out his report to the Meeting:

“This season’s competitions were completed with hardly any issues that required my input. The final’s day was very successful with some very entertaining bowling and one or two surprising results. Congratulations to all those who took part. Many thanks to the Springhouse for providing the bacon sarnies followed by the buffet and allowing us full use of their facilities. Will delegates please pass on my thanks to all those club members who entered and took part in 2018 competitions.

With the presentation evening now approaching, it gives me the opportunity to raise an issue that is become increasingly more difficult to resolve - the issue of individual trophies. Whilst there is mixed views on the awarding of these, the Association has continued the tradition. However, this year more so than in previous years, it has been extremely difficult to select trophies that reflect the achievements of competition finalists, as well as being something that one is happy to receive. Whilst it has not been easy, until this year I have normally managed to select the required number of awards without too much difficulty from what has been on offer. However this year I cannot say the same. Having browsed five catalogues I have struggled to find 9 sets of trophies to award for this season. For the future, after discussion with and approval of the Executive Committee, I would like to propose that the Association be given the option of awarding appropriate gift vouchers to finalists as an alternative to trophies. This will provide a very useful backstop should the Competition Secretary be faced with the same problem in subsequent years”.

Terry Mizen stated that he did not agree with the proposal and felt suitable alternative suppliers are available. It was agreed that Delegates would seek the opinions of their Clubs and would report back at the AGM.

10. Match Secretary Report

Roger Cornwell stated that the outdoor fixtures are nearly finished and half the indoor fixtures for next season were complete. The current indoor season was ongoing and was well supported but so far only one game has been won out of three fixtures. Outdoors this year 10 out of 11 fixtures were fulfilled with one being cancelled due to a lack of players due County and Group 9 commitments. He finished off by asking for continued support and wishing all players a good indoor season.

11. Greens Working Party

Alan Gray stated that the Greens Inspections took place on Wednesday, 26 September 2018. Due to taking less time than expected at Corringham, then team had arrived at a number of Greens earlier than anticipated for which he apologised. However, he had been encouraged by the work being done and that which was scheduled and with the hope for good grass seed germination the prospects for 2019 looked promising. (Details of inspections are at **Attachment 1** to these Minutes)

12. Any Other Business

Terry Mizen stated that he had been informed that two Clubs, Orsett and GP Murrayfield, had not registered with Essex County and that the cut-off date was tonight (31 October) and if they fail to do so they will not be eligible to take part in any League or other Competitions for the coming season. It was agreed that Alan

Gray would make last ditch attempts to contact either the Secretaries or some representative from those Clubs.

13. Date and Time of Future Meetings

AGM to be held on Wednesday, 12 December 2018

Meeting closed at 1950 hours.

Minutes. R Brewer

Approved / / 2018

Chairman

Attachment 1

GWP 2018-09 Wednesday 26th September 2018
Greens Inspection Alan Gray Mick Coulson, Alf Beesley and Peter Bainton with James Gatton from Thurrock Council

Corringham, Chadwell St Mary, 9.00 am Mick Coulson, John Francis 'Horticulture' have been employed to manage the green over the winter.

They have heavily scarified etc. applied some dressing and soil and seed.

The result is miraculous. No rye grass to be seen, there are some large areas without grass but, provided the grass seed takes, I can see no reason why this green will not be usable next season.

A company is to cut the hedge to 2 mts. The main building work outstanding is to relaying the path around the Club house. The car park area nearly finished, surface is looking good.

United Services 9.50 (9.30) am - Brian Purkiss

North and East rink still not growing - Collier turf to spray. The same contractor as Corringham to cut down the Leylandii hedge. Bare patches to be scarified etc. and slow fertiliser to be applied. Sprinkler head noted not to be sitting properly. to be checked.

James was informed of a problem in the car park with large numbers of potholes - he will pass on this report to the appropriate section.

Orsett 10.20 (10.00) nobody from the club present

Green keeper Michael

'Lawn Services' are to scarify etc for the winter. Some bare areas but hardly visible because of a mass coverage of worm castes.

This is like last February and the areas covered with caste will not grow grass. Must be swished regularly. Over the winter I suggest that somebody from the club comes at least every other day to swish the green, liaise with Lawn Services.

Blackshots 10.50 (10.30)

Peter Madgewick, Terry Chamberlin, Dave Wakefield, Danny Wakeling, Terry Mizen.

Lee has already started scarifying the south green top dressing and seed to come.

Games still to be played on north green. Which will then receive the same treatment.

Council do not have equipment to ease the work, and a request to borrow a spreader and sprayer to be made to Aveley BC - Terry Mizen

Following complaints from neighbours the hedge on the west side has been heavily cut back. James is still hoping to get a second water tank to allow separate watering to the 2 greens.

SthOckendon 11.30(11.20).

Roger Cornwall - we beat Roger to the club.

Looking good - members of committee having play recently saying it played well. After a weekend game work can start on the scarifying and seeding etc.

James was reminded of the ongoing problem of local office staff using the car park - possible no parking before 10 am?

Aveley - Alan Gray

After tea and biscuits (many thanks Roger) James visited Aveley BC where we have started extra scarifying and part top dressing and seed on the bare patches around the edges.

Attachment 2

Treasurers Report for Exec. Meeting 24th October 2018

INCOME

Competition & League entries	744.00
Affiliation fees	400.00
Presentation dance tickets	768.00
Interest	263.16
Season Tickets	28743.50
Match fees & raffles	4614.50
Stock sales	25.00
OrsettB.C.	<u>9.00</u>
TOTAL	35,567.16

EXPENSES

Club fees	3052.00
Coach hire	1359.00
Stock purchase	116.94
Refund to Tye green	100.00
Refunds on season tickets	375.00
Finals day expenses	175.00
Trophy insurance	90.86
Guillotine maintenance	18.00
Season tickets	28368.50
Web site maint.	<u>85.00</u>
TOTAL	33740.30

Excess Of income to expenditure £1826.86