

THURROCK & DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION



FOUNDED 1946

President: G Smith; Gen. Secretary: R Brewer; Treasurer: A.Gray; League Secretary: R Clark; Competition Secretary: D Haworth;
Match Secretary: R Cornwell; Asst. Match Secretary: T French; Delegates' Representatives: M Coulson; Delegate to Sports
Council: P Bainton

Thurrock & District Bowling Association Executive and Delegates Meeting **held at** **Thurrock Bowls Club on Wednesday 27 April 2022**

Minutes

Chairman

Graham Smith opened the meeting by welcoming all there and thanking them for their attendance.

1. Present

Executives

Present: G Smith; R.Clark; A.Gray; M.Coulson; D.Haworth; R Brewer and P Bainton

Delegates

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

2. Apologies for Absence

Executives

R.Cornwell

Delegates

Orsett

3. Absent

Gloucester Park and Thames Sports

4. Welfare

Graham Smith informed the Meeting that the Executive Committee had decided that, in future, the roll call for those of our members who had sadly passed away during the course of the year would be remembered at that year's AGM. Rob Brewer would be asking delegates for that information at the Executives and Delegates Meeting preceding the AGM.

5. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the previous Executives and Delegates Meeting held on 13 October 2021 (ExDM2021-13) were passed unanimously.

6. Matters Arising

Nil

7. General Secretary's Report

Rob Brewer stated that he had nothing to report.

8. Treasurer's Report

Alan Gray reported that at this time the Association had a credit balance of £7805.41 held in its Current A/c (£1503.92) and the Mansfield Building Society (£6301.49).

9. League Secretary's Report

Robbie Clark started by handing out envelopes to those attending containing the result cards, fixture list, rule changes for the 2022 Season and a list of nominated 'A' team players for those Clubs with 'A' and 'B' Teams. He asked that results be phoned in to him by 10.00 p.m. on the night of the match in order for a speedy updating of League Tables on the Website. He also reminded delegates of the importance of keeping score cards for matches that could not be completed so that the situation is as near as possible the same when the match is re-convened at a later date. He went on to point out that there are rule changes that apply to the 2022 Season only, namely the change of ends to 18 (+ 2 Trial ends), Division 2 now comprising Teams of two rinks of four (8 players) and, a late addition, that in the Premier and Division 1 Leagues, teams would be allowed to field two rinks of triples instead of one. The usual penalties for doing so would apply to each rink fielding the triple. Division 2 would continue to be allowed to field both their rinks as triples. He suggested that displaying a copy of these changes on Club noticeboards might be useful. He also emphasised that the provision of refreshments was solely at the discretion of the Home team and that there was no league requirement for them to do so.

He carried on by saying that regarding the **TDBA BOWLS** Website and due to data protection rules he has had to password protect two documents on the site, these are the **Affiliated Clubs and Officers** link at the top right-hand corner of the Home Page and the **Competitors Contact List** on the left-hand side of the Competition page. The password to access these pages is available on your club notice board.

He ended by wishing all clubs good fortune for the 2020 season and hoped that they would enjoy their bowls.

10. Competition Secretary's Report

Dave Haworth started by asking all delegates to extend his thanks to their Clubs for the support shown by them in the number of entries he had received, 253 in total, 24% up on last year but 9% down on the last 'normal' year in 2019. However, overall, the situation remains quite healthy. He confirmed that the Finals would be played at Orsett over the entire weekend 10 and 11 September 2022. If there are clashes because of finalist's participation in multiple events, an alternative date will be fixed and announced nearer the time when the situation is clarified. Competition rules as already laid down will be in force including no reduction in ends to be played. He also stressed that 2 wood pairs are decided on 21 shots **not** 21 ends.

11. Match Secretary's Report

Roger Cornwell was not able to attend the Meeting due to ill health but forwarded the following report through Rob Brewer:

"Last indoor season went very well with full teams every time, I would to thank all members for their support and not forgetting guests.

The outdoor season is just going to start all games are listed on web with printable form to fill in so please don't wait get them up in your clubs

Next seasons fixtures are nearly all done but not published yet.

Thank for your support and look forward to seeing you at the games".

Graham Smith, in his capacity as Chairman, asked that a vote of thanks to Roger for all his hard work be recorded in these Minutes.

12. Any Other Business

Terry Mizen raised the issue of the spiralling rise in the cost of fertiliser for those Clubs maintaining their own greens and wondered if there was any appetite for forming a co-operative to buy in bulk to help reduce those costs. After some lengthy discussions regarding shelf life, storage and different requirements in the type of products used amongst other things; the idea would be taken back to those Clubs involved but it was likely that the 'cons' would very likely outweigh the 'pros'.

Dave Haworth reported that he had now been able to audit the accounts for the previous year and that all was in order. The situation regarding the issue of auditing accounts in time for the AGM was likely to be ongoing because of availability of bank statements. However, after some further discussions it was tentatively agreed that an on-line statement as at 30 November could be printed off thus giving Dave Haworth a fighting chance of auditing the accounts in time. Dave pointed out this will require the accounting period to be changed and will necessitate December transactions for the year being carried over into the next year. A final decision will be made at a meeting prior to the AGM.

The issue of eligibility for entry to the Champion of Champions competition was raised and the rules as stated in the T&DBA Constitution and Rules and copied below will remain in force:

10 CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS COMPETITION.

This competition is open to all club champions of the previous season plus the Holder.

Delegates were advised that the Group 9 programme for Green Inspections were available on their Website.

Addendum

Below these Minutes is a poster advertising the Annual TDBA Dance and Presentation Night. Last year's function involved a change in format to a buffet instead of a limited set meal offering and a different style of entertainment provision. Both were heralded as major improvements and the evening proved very successful. Could I just stress that this evening isn't just about presenting prizes, it is a social occasion designed to bring members of all the Association's Clubs together. All of you already own six tickets as part of your affiliation to the T&DBA and it costs nothing to, if necessary, present these to your members as 'freebies'. Therefore, I would ask you to print off a copy of the poster, display it on the Club noticeboard and encourage your members, winners or not, to attend.

13. Future Meetings

To be advised.

The meeting closed at 7.28 p.m.

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Invite you to the ANNUAL PRESENTATION DANCE



With Music by Bill Sach

at

Tilbury Community Centre Civic Square, Tilbury
Friday 11th. November 2022 7.30 pm (Bar closes at 11pm)

Buffet:

Tickets £8.00

Please will you let me have orders for Tickets, along with payment
by cheque made payable to 'Thurrock & District Bowling
Association' as soon as possible and no later than 30th. October
2022

Post to Alan Gray, 28, Ward Avenue, Grays, Essex RM17 5RE

Tel- 01375 372058 or email alan.gray1@talktalk.net
Tickets may also be obtained from Robbie Clark 01375-407432