

THURROCK & DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION



FOUNDED 1946

Gen. Secretary: R Brewer; Treasurer: A.Gray; League Secretary: R Clark; Competition Secretary: D Haworth; Match Secretary: R Cornwell; Asst. Match Secretary: D Jago; Delegates' Representatives: T Mizen; Delegate to Sports Council: P Bainton

Thurrock & District Bowling Association Executive and Delegates Meeting **held at** **Thurrock Bowls Club on Wednesday 12 April 2023**

Minutes

Chairman

Robbie Clark opened the meeting by welcoming all there and thanking them for their attendance.

1. Present

Executives

Present: R.Clark; A.Gray; D.Haworth; R Brewer; T Mizen; P Bainton and D Jago

Delegates

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

2. Apologies for Absence

Executives

R.Cornwell

Delegates

None

3. Absent

Gloucester Park

4. Welfare

Obituaries

The roll call for those of our members who had sadly passed away during the course of the year would be held at this year's AGM.

5. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the previous Executives and Delegates Meeting held on 19 October 2022 (ExDM2022-10) were passed unanimously.

6. Matters Arising

The following matters arising from the previous meeting were dealt with as follows:
Greens testing for 2023 - resolved by Group 9
Reducing Executive & Delegates Meetings to 2 per year – resolved at AGM
Competition Secretary (Various issues) - resolved at the AGM

7. General Secretary's Report

Rob Brewer reported that he had received a phone call from Terry French informing him he was no longer able to carry on a permanent role as Assistant Match Secretary. Dave Jago has volunteered to step into the post and will carry out those duties until the end of the 2023 season, after which he will be invited to stand for formal election at the 2023 AGM should he wish.

8. Treasurer's Report

Alan Gray reported that as previously stated at the AGM the overall excess expenditure on the current account in 2022 has now been covered by a transfer of cash from the Building Society resulting in the following balances:

Building Society - £3885.90
Current Account - £3337.61
Total - £7223.51

He had also paid the insurance for the Trophies and the fee for our entry in the Bowls England handbook.

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 2023 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 2023 Season and suggested that displaying a copy of these changes on Club noticeboards would be useful.

Regarding the **TDBA BOWLS** Website he has had to password protect two documents on the site due to data protection rules, 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. Anyone requiring confirmation of the password should contact the League Secretary.

He ended by wishing all clubs good fortune for the 2023 season and hoped that they would enjoy their bowls.

10. Competition Secretary's Report

Dave Haworth reported that he wished to thank all Clubs for their support for the competitions, there were 242 entries, slightly down on last year by 5.74% or 14 entries. He hoped that the competition draws would be published by the end of April at the latest. The most up to date rules will be included along with the draw to ensure that everyone is aware of them and, hopefully, reduce any issues arising to a minimum. To this end, it cannot be overstressed how important it is that all those participating are fully cognisant with them.

11. Match Secretary's Report

Roger Cornwell was not able to attend the Meeting due to ill health but informed Rob Brewer they had had a very good indoor season winning over 50% of the games. A total of 21 fixtures had been arranged of which 17 were played and 4 were cancelled. Essex County were defeated in the final match by 15 shots, with our winning rink comprising Terry French, Paul Wingham, Dave Jago and Ron Dixie. Next season's indoor fixtures are all booked with 22 games, which will be published in July. The first outdoor game is against Horton Kirby in May and entry forms can be downloaded from the website, so names please.

12. Any Other Business

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.15 p.m.

13. Future Meetings

The end of season Executives and Delegates Meeting will be on a date to be confirmed in October 2023.

Minutes: Rob Brewer

Chairman: