

# THURROCK & DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION



FOUNDED 1946

President: G Chegwidden; 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 27 September 2017

**Chair:** G. Chegwidden

### **1. Roll Call**

#### Executives

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

#### Delegates

Present: Aveley; Chadwell St Mary; Corringham; Drums; New Phoenix; Orsett;  
Pitsea; South Ockendon; Springhouse; Thurrock and United Services

Absent: Grays Town; Gloucester Park & Murrayfield; Thames Sport and VCA  
Riverview

### **2. Apologies**

### **3. Welfare**

#### Obituaries:

Phil Lush; Albert (Nobby) Clark; Barry Merchant; Barbara Lawrence and P. Pizani

### **4. Approval of Minutes**

The meeting unanimously approved the minutes of the Executives and Delegates Meeting held on Wednesday 8 March 2017 (ExDM2017-03).

### **5. Matters arising**

Nil.

## **6. General Secretary Report & Correspondence**

Alan Gray reported that he had Emailed clubs regarding the choice of food for the T&DBA Dinner Night but with only one reply the menu would remain as Ham and Chips; also posters for the Dinner Night had now been sent out. The Officers' nomination list has been circulated along with a resume of duties involved for those interested in standing. Nominations should be received in writing by 15 November but from the Committee's point of view the earlier the better. He had also received notification of Secretary and Delegate changes at Ford Sports for which we he was grateful and urged other clubs making changes to inform the Committee as soon as possible.

## **7. Treasurers Report**

Mick Bonson reported that although the accounts appear to show a profit of almost £1800.00, the Association is now approaching the time of year for major outgoings, namely trophy engraving £600.00 and honoraria £500.00. The figure is also inflated by the £768.00 received in advance payments for presentation dance tickets. In regard to that event he asked Clubs for donations of raffle prizes and to let him know in advance what they were.

The Year's Accounts are at **Attachment 1**.

## **8. League Secretary Report**

Robbie Clarke reported that the 2017 season went really well. All matches in the Premier Division were played. In Division 1, Corringham and United Services conceded one match each and Gloucester Park/Murrayfield played with two rinks on one occasion. In Division 2 all matches were played. He went on to say that he would like to thank all the clubs and their respective league captains for the excellent co-operation they gave in what was a difficult season because of the atrocious weather. It was very much appreciated.

Congratulations are due to all the league winners and runners up as follows:

Premier Division Winners	Drums
Premier Division Runners Up	Grays Town "A"
Division One Winners	Aveley "A"
Division One Runners Up	Gloucester Park Murrayfield "B"
Division Two Winners	New Phoenix
Division Two Runners Up	Orsett "B"

As per the association league rules at least one team must be promoted and relegated from each division per season. For the 2018 season one 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 2018 season is known. This of course totally relies on how many entries there are for the leagues, all clubs are reminded that they must inform the League Secretary by the T&DBA

AGM on 6 December 2017 how many teams they intend to enter for the 2018 season. Once again Clubs intending to enter two teams need to give serious thought as to whether they will be able to fulfil their fixtures. He finished by thanking the current Association committee and Association members with whom he had worked during 2017 season which he had enjoyed immensely.

### **9. Competition Secretary Report**

Dave Haworth offered congratulations to all participants in the competitions and gave his thanks and that of the Association to Aveley Bowls Club for hosting the finals for the fourth consecutive year and providing refreshments and food on the day. He also thanked those who had volunteered to act as markers for the various competitions. He confirmed that the format for the two wood singles will follow that laid down for the County two woods, which is **21 ENDS ONLY** and our competition rules will be updated in December 2017 to reflect this. He went on to say that there is still some confusion over the mixed fours where one male and one female sub can be played **but not both** at the same time. Clarification of this rule will also be made in December 2017.

### **10. Match Secretary Report**

Roger Cornwell reported that the Association had a successful season this summer, having won five and lost four with one cancelled. Support has been a lot better with new players coming in to the games, he thought that this might be due, in part, to the introduction of mixed teams and the change of match days. He made special mention of the assistance given by the Drums and Thurrock. The fixtures for the indoor season are posted on the web (tdabowls.co.uk) and it is hoped the support will also be as good. Arrangements for next season's outdoor fixtures are well underway and should be completed by Xmas. He finished by thanking all for their support.

### **11. Greens Working Party**

Alan Gray gave an overview of action taken following protracted dialogue between Thurrock Council and, primarily, Chadwell on their own and Corringham's behalf, regarding the green and buildings maintenance. Briefly, in respect of the green, the problem has been caused by an inch and a half layer of thatch which is preventing water from being distributed properly over the entire green. Remedial action has been agreed by senior members of Thurrock Council and will take place during the close season. This will be closely monitored and reports will be made by the Council to the Clubs. Peter Butler has been contacted regarding an October Inspection and is happy to arrange a date. Alan Gray will liaise further and inform the Clubs involved of the arrangements.

### **12. Any Other Business**

General discussion took place regarding the perennial subject of start times for league matches and tea breaks mid-match. Robbie Clark explained that start times would remain at 6.00 p.m. to allow time for those who were still working to be able to get to the match. He said he couldn't see a problem if both teams agreed to an

earlier start pre-match. As far as tea breaks were concerned most agreed that this was surely a matter of common sense, in as much as if light was failing then the match should be bowled straight through and tea, if required, could surely be delivered to the rinks. However, if Clubs felt strongly enough then a proposal would need to be made for consideration at the AGM in December remembering the need for this to be received by 15 November 2017.

### **13. Date and Time of Future Meetings**

ExM2017-09 on 22 November 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

AGM 20167 on 6 December 2017 at 7.00 p.m.

Meeting closed at 1945 hours.

**Minutes.** R Brewer

Approved / / 2017

Chairman

## Attachment 1

### TREASURERS REPORT FOR DELEGATES MEETING 27/9/17

OPENING BALANCE 1/12/16 £8249.58

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
COMP. FEES	833.00	HALL HIRE DEPOSIT	200.00
AFFILIATION FEES	400.00	STOCK	420.33
DANCE TICKETS	768.00	TROPHY INSURANCE	89.68
MATCH FEES	6387.00	CLUB FEES	4307.50
STOCK	15.00	COACH HIRE	1786.00
INTEREST	377.78	FINALS DAY EXP.	150.00
SEASON TICKETS	<u>38670.00</u>	SEASON TICKET REFUND	<u>122.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>47450.78</u>	TOTAL	<u>7075.51</u>
INCOME	47450.78_	BANKA/C	5730.15
EXPENSE	<u>7075.51</u>	BUILDING SOCIETY	<u>42894.70</u>
TOTAL	<u>40375.27</u>	TOTAL	<u>48624.85</u>
OPENING BALANCE	8249.58		
EXCESS INCOME	<u>40375.27</u>		
TOTAL	<u>48624.85_</u>	TOTAL IN ACCOUNTS	48624.85
DUE TO T.B.C.	<u>38548.00</u>	DUE TO T.B.C.	<u>38548.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>10076.85</u>	TOTAL	<u>10076.85</u>