

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 10 April 2019

Minutes

Chair: R Clark

1. Roll Call

Executives

Present: A.Gray; R.Cornwell; M.Coulson; M.Bonson 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 Fobbing & District

2. Apologies

Executives

D.Haworth; T French and G.Chegwidden

3. Welfare

Obituaries:

Marie and Les Taylor (Tilbury indoor, Clacton);), Len Feeney (Aveley, Grays Town), Dennis Johnson (Essex County, Essex official)

4. Approval of Minutes

The meeting unanimously approved the minutes of the Executives and Delegates Meeting held on Wednesday 31 October 2018 (ExDM2018-10).

5. Matters Arising from Previous Minutes

Nil

6. General Secretary Report & Correspondence

Alan Gray started by giving a general update regarding receipt of new Email addresses for Club post holders and finished by saying that the Association was now listed in the Bowls England handbook at an annual cost of £30

7. Treasurers Report

Mick Bonson reported that there is a current deficit of £380 in the accounts but is covered by outlays of £200 deposit for Presentation Night, £100 for trophy insurance and sundry costs such as the Bowls England subscription. Very quiet at the moment until affiliation and other fees start coming in at the start of the season. He has printed season tickets but because of the reluctance of some Clubs to pay the fees because of the state of their greens he had not yet received any requests for them. This then promoted general discussion regarding the Council's lack of clarity on greens upkeep and leases. A copy of the financial statement is at **Attachment 1** to these Minutes.

8. League Secretary Report

Robbie Clark stated that all the fixtures for the coming season have been arranged and are available to view and print from the Website, before handing out league result cards for the 2019 season. Terry Mizen reported that all Grays Town 'A' home fixtures would be played on the Thurrock green and to accommodate this Thurrock 'B' and Grays Town 'B' fixtures would be played away. This has been caused by the season long closure of the Grays Town green. Robbie finished by wishing all clubs good fortune for the 2019 season and urged everyone to enjoy their bowling.

9. Competition Secretary Report

Dave Haworth was unable to attend the meeting but in his absence his report to the Executive Committee Meeting in February is reproduced for the information of the Clubs. So far the entries received represented a 40% drop over last year but the situation was likely to improve as more entries came in prior to the end of February deadline. The move of a number of Murrayfield players from Gloucester Park had obviously had an impact but this might be offset with increased entries from Clubs to which they had migrated such as Drums and Pitsea. The issue of Finals Day was raised by Robbie Clark including an option to amalgamate with TALBA which was decided against. After some discussion it was agreed that Finals Day would be Sunday 15 September 2019 to be held at Springhouse with the knock-out finals being held on 8 September 2019, provisionally at Aveley, providing the Club agreed.

10. Match Secretary Report

Roger Cornwell stated that the Association are having a successful season this winter, having won 50% of games against good clubs. The support this season has

been a lot better with new players coming in to the teams. The fixtures for the outdoor season are posted on the T&DBA Website and he hoped the support will be as good as for the indoor season. The outdoor games are starting at the end of May and he thanked everyone in advance for their support.

11. Greens Working Party

Alan Gray stated that the Greens Inspections took place on Wednesday 3 April 2019. The main point to come out of the meeting with James Gatton was the intention to outsource maintenance of Council Greens to Roots2Shoots with effect from October 2019, this was likely to result in a rise to season tickets. A lengthy discussion regarding the company and its working methods then ensued but remains unrecorded as their employment, at this time, is not an issue directly involving the Association. Terry Mizen said the issue was to be discussed at a meeting with the Council on 11 April, which he would attend. Further general discussions regarding the Council and its performance generally, regarding this issue then ensued. As an addendum to the inspection Mick Coulson reported it had been established that the thatch problem, which had been identified two years ago as being the main problem, has still not been resolved. Details of inspections are at **Attachment 2** to these Minutes.

12. Any Other Business

Mick Coulson raised the issue of Ford Sports' future but Paul West responded that at the moment everything was still speculation and no firm decisions had been made.

13. Date and Time of Future Meetings

AGM to be held on a Wednesday to be decided in September 2019

Meeting closed at 1945 hours.

Minutes. R Brewer

Approved / / 2019

Chairman

Attachment 1

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR DELEGATES MEETING ON 10/4 719

As can be seen from the figures below there has been very little activity since the A.G.M. Although the accounts currently show a loss , affiliation, league and competition fees have yet to be included.

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Match fees	2060.50	Club Fees	1657.50
		Coach hire	453.00
		Deposit to T.C.T.C.	200.00
		Bowls England	30.00
		<u>Insurance</u>	<u>100.86</u>
TOTAL	2060.50	TOTAL	2441.36
			<u>2060.50</u>
		LOSS	380.86
OPENING BALANCE IN BANKA/C		1097.94	
	LESS LOSS	<u>380.86</u>	
	TOTAL	717.08	

Mick Bonson Treasurer

Attachment 2

GWP 2019-04 Wednesday 3rd April 2019
Greens Inspection with James Gatton from Thurrock Council
A Beesley, P Bainton, M Coulson, A Gray

James announced that the Council have plans for 'Roots2Shoots'
Too take over the maintenance of council greens in October, there would be a resultant rise in season tickets to be discussed.

Corringham, Fobbing & District, 9.00 am (9.10) Mick Coulson, John Francis Hedges much improved, grass surrounds to be cut, Andy being moved away. Club to maintain the garden area. Keys for garage to be provided. JF reported some missing materials and James will investigate.

Sprinkler system has been checked out.

Elm Horticulture being responsible for the green, James was unable to make any specific comments but like me thought it looked worse than the last time we saw it.

Large areas of moss, believe it has now been treated. Poor grass growth. The Club will be playing on it whatever happens.

United Services 9.30 (9.40) am – My email address had not been updated. Lady members were having a meeting Captain Maureen present. Much better than it was at the end of last season with grass growing on the North and East edge rinks. Should be playable. Not brilliant.

Orsett 10.00 (10.13) (Green keeper Michael leaving) D Brice, C Warner
Treatment with lime killed a lot of worms, still a lot present. Bare areas around the edges. Still needs a lot of work before the season starts.

Blackshots 10.30 (10.25) P Madgewick

North green (Drums) has an ant infestation being treated. Small bare areas should be playable for the season. Not brilliant.

No second watering tank.

South Green (Grays Town) Uneven, Thin covering of grass, condemned as unfit.

The green is not to be used and it is hoped to be re-turfed in October.
(Grays Town home League games, five to be played at Aveley, providing there are no County matches)

Sth Ockendon 11.20 (11.17) R Brewer.

Seen it better, thin grass in some areas, bare patches along the edges.
Workable.

Aveley

Quick visit – looking very good.