

THURROCK & DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION



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Gen. Secretary: R Brewer; Treasurer: W Coleman; League Secretary: R Clark; Competition Secretary: D Haworth;
Match Secretary: D Jago; Delegates' Representatives: T Mizen;

Thurrock & District Bowling Association Executive Meeting **held at** **Tilbury Community Centre on Wednesday 16 April 2025**

Minutes

Opening Address

Rob Brewer opened the meeting by thanking all those present for attending.

1. Present

Executives

Present: R.Clark; D Haworth; R Brewer; T Mizen and D Jago

Delegates

Present: Aveley; Carreras; Corringham/Fobbing; Ford Sports; Greys Town; Orsett; Pitsea Riverview; South Ockendon; Thames Sports; The Springhouse; Stanford Le Hope and Thurrock

2. Apologies for Absence

Executives

W Coleman

3. Absent

Nil

4. Welfare

Obituaries

As for last year, the roll call for those of our members who sadly pass away during the course of the year will be held at the AGM. Please let Rob Brewer have the details before then.

5. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the previous Executives and Delegates Meeting held on 16 October 2024(ExDM2024-10) were passed unanimously.

6. Matters Arising

Nil

7. General Secretary's Report

Nothing to report.

8. Acting Treasurer's Report

Dave Haworth in his role as Acting Treasure gave the following update to the Associations current financial status:

INCOME		EXPENDITURE
Association Affiliation	£300.00	League card printing
£54.00		
Presentation deposit	£600.00	Trophy Insurance
£134.00		
League entries	£114.00	Competition refund (over-payment)£42.00
Competition entries	£832.50	
Total Income	£1,846.50	Total Expenditure
£230.00		

Current Account balance Dec 2024 CF	£2,831.75
Current Account balance inclusive of income/expenditure (Including cheques on hand of £1,846.50 and uncleared Cheque of £105.86)	£3,942.39
Mansfield BS balance CF	£3,977.49
Total Balance CF	£7919.88

9. League Secretary's Report

Robbie Clark reported that all the fixtures for the coming season have been arranged and are available to view and print from the web site. He had also passed all relevant information and league result cards for the 2025 season to all Club delegates prior to the commencement of tonight's meeting. He strongly advised the clubs to read the information in these letters as it points out changes to the league structure for the 2025 season and advised delegates to please post them on your club notice board.

He asked everyone to note it is no longer necessary to list players on the new result cards so the card can be sent by post if necessary. It is now the responsibility of a Club's 'B' team captain or the captain of Clubs with a single team to check for 'A' team players in the opposing team. This can be done when filling in the rink cards for that evening's game by checking the list of 'A' team players which will be available on the web site to view and print. It is suggested that a copy is posted in your club house. Should it transpire that a registered 'A' team player is in the opposition team please inform the opposition captain and follow the rule regarding this situation.

Regarding the **TDABOWLS** website, it is necessary, due to data protection rules, to password protect two documents on the website. These are the **Affiliated Clubs and Officers** link at the top right-hand corner of the home page and **The Competitors Contact List** which is on the left-hand side of the competition page. Whilst dealing with the website he also brought the meeting up to date with problems he is having regarding an upgrade to a new site. Despite having already paid for this, repeated attempts to contact the person responsible have been to no avail. It is worth pointing out this individual has previously been totally reliable over a number of years in his dealings with the Association regarding the website. It is expected that the current website will keep working until at least November 2025. He would keep chasing the issue but with little hope of any success.

He finished by wishing all clubs good fortune for the 2025 season and hoped they would all enjoy their bowls.

10. Competition Secretary's Report

Dave Haworth gave the following report:

All clubs submitted comp entries and monies were received by myself before 31st March

	-2	2	-1	-1	0	-6	1	-3	-1	3		-14	-5.47%	on 2022
2024	54	29	20	50	31	18	7	17	11	12		249		
	9	-2	-9	4	3	2	-1	3	0	-2		7	2.89%	on 2023
2025	63	35	30	48	27	16	9	17	13	13		271		
	9	6	10	-2	-4	-2	2	0	2	1		22	8.84%	on 2024

Thanks to all entrants for putting their names forward and taking part. Very pleasing to see an increase in the numbers on last season. Finals weekend will take place on 13th & 14th Sept. The venue is yet to be confirmed.

For the 3rd year running, the Interclub Knock Out will be played over the weekend and I will confirm the combining of the TALBA finals with T&DBA for this year once this has been formally agreed.

Contact list will be shared this week. Please ensure that club members entering comps check their individual details. Any errors need to be communicated back to me ASAP. A reminder, any dispute around match arrangement that arises as a result of a contact's details being incorrect, is likely to go against that individual. The file will again be password protected. This will be shared in the mail containing the file.

A reminder to all clubs:

- (i) The mixed 4's is a T&DBA competition and the contact should be a member of an associated club, i.e. NOT a TALBA member !!
- (ii) Full completion of match scorecards which must include the competition, date of match and all the names of those playing (BOTH the challengers and the opposition).

This season's draws will be circulated to Secretaries and delegates by the end of next week and will be made available on the website. Finally, if individuals wish to receive draw updates directly when they are shared, they will need to request this via e-mail. I will then add them to the distribution list and they will receive the updates at the same time as they are shared with individual clubs.

11. Match Secretary's Report

Dave Jago reported the indoor season had, by and large, gone very satisfactorily and Clubs were now getting back to him regarding bookings for next season. As far as the outdoor season is concerned no games other than one friendly and one charity day have been arranged. The reason for the fall off in fixtures is due in no small part to our Clubs being involved in numerous local leagues, which has a detrimental effect on the number of players available to play for the Association. As a result, future emphasis will be on the indoor season and retaining a pool of players available to fulfil our external fixtures.

12. Any Other Business

In answer to a query from Rob Brewer, Terry Mizen confirmed that the Greens Testing schedule had been distributed at the Group 9 meeting the previous evening.

13. Future Meetings

The next meeting will be the end of season Executives and Delegates Meeting at a date to be notified.

The meeting closed at 7.25 p.m.

Minutes: Rob Brewer