

# THURROCK & DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION



FOUNDED 1946

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

## **Thurrock & District Bowling Association Executive Meeting** **held at** **Tilbury Community Centre on Tuesday 21 April 2026**

### **Minutes**

#### **Opening Address**

Rob Brewer opened the meeting by thanking all those present for attending and stressed the importance of attendance at both this and the end of season meeting, now that the frequency had dropped from four to two.

#### **1. Present**

##### **Executives**

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

##### **Delegates**

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

#### **2. Apologies for Absence**

##### **Executives**

B. 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 15 October 2025 (ExDM2025-10) were passed unanimously.

## 6. Matters Arising

Nil

## 7. General Secretary's Report

Rob Brewer reported that at the Executives meeting following the 2025 AGM, to discuss a number of issues arising from that meeting, it was decided that it was no longer viable for the Association to continue with friendly matches both indoors and outdoors. This was due to the dwindling number of players available for selection because of their other commitments to County, Group 9, T&DBA and Club competitions. Dave Jago has reported, subsequently, that all indoor fixtures have now been completed and asked for special thanks to be extended to Thames Sports for their help in ensuring there were a sufficient number of players to allow that to happen. The two annual outdoor fixtures T&DBA v TALBA and the RAFA charity event will be the responsibility of interested parties/Clubs.

## 8. Acting Treasurer's Report

Dave Haworth in his role as Acting Treasure reported that:

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Association Affiliation	£300.00	Trophy Insurance	£160.68
Presentation deposit	£600.00		
League entries	£102.00		
Competition entries	£861.00		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>£1,863.00</b>	<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>£160.68</b>
Current Account balance Dec 2025 CF		£2,522.87	
Current balance inclusive of income/expenditure (Including cheques on hand of £1,449.00 and uncleared Cheque of <b>£168.68</b> )		<b>£4225.19</b>	
Mansfield BS balance CF		<b>£3,977.49</b>	
<b>Total Balance CF</b>		<b>£8202.68</b>	

He then went on to address the second item discussed at the Executives meeting following the 2025 AGM relating to arrangements concerning the presentation evening finances, specifically Section 6, item C point 3 headed "Presentation Night", which deals with how this should be managed. This will be updated to include a provision for any event where there may be a sharing of **BOTH** potential profit or *loss* and agreed between the parties involved, for example the TALBA element that has been included over the last 3 years.

In addition, he is also reviewing our rules and constitution to identify any out-dated or legacy content given the recent changes over the last few years. A full list of all proposed changes will be provided in time for them to be circulated and discussed so they can be ratified at the next AGM, bringing our constitution and rules up to date.

## 9. League Secretary's Report

Robbie Clark stated he would not be making a report as such but would be addressing the third item discussed at the Executives meeting following the 2025 AGM relating to the possible future T&DBA league formats. He then provided copies of a document containing a number of options that might be considered. Following an extended discussion of the options presented it was agreed that a digital copy would be sent to all Clubs for their perusal and discussion. The results would then be collated and further discussed at an EGM before a firm decision on the best way forward was made. He reiterated that the list was not exhaustive and any other alternatives from Clubs would be welcome.

**Addendum.** This meeting will be held on Monday 8 June 2026 and this has already been notified to Clubs.

## 10. Competition Secretary's Report

Dave Haworth reported that:

All clubs submitted comp entries and monies were received by myself ahead of 31<sup>st</sup> March deadline

	-2	2	-1	-1	0	0	1	-3	-1	3		-14	-0.41%	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
2026	54	34	33	50	27	20	15	17	12	13		275		
	-9	-1	3	2	0	4	6	0	-1	0		4	1.48%	on 2025

Thanks to all entrants for putting their names forward and taking part. It is encouraging to see, that in spite of a reduction in entries from some clubs and a number of bowlers leaving the outdoor sport for the comfort of the indoor scene, entry numbers remain strong with a small increase of 1.5% on last year's numbers. Finals weekend will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> Sept. The venue for the finals will be at Blackshots on Thurrock BC's green. He thanked Thurrock for making their facilities available and for committing to provide the support needed to host this event. As in the previous 3 years, He will look to include the Interclub Knock Out over the finals weekend unless the eventual results prevent me from doing so. He will confirm the combining of the TALBA finals with T&DBA again 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 - Full completion of match scorecards including competition, date of match, all names of those playing; BOTH the challengers and the opposition! This season's draws will be circulated to Secretaries and delegates within the next couple of days and will also be 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. He 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. Any Other Business**

Terry Mizen reported that County affiliation fees will only be accepted by electronic bank transfer in the future.

Kevin Knowles informed Clubs that in future the main door to their Clubhouse at Gloucester Park will be permanently closed and access to their facilities will be via the side gate to the building.

Rob Brewer reported that although a replacement for the post of Competition Secretary had been found, a replacement for the League Secretary still existed and without that there would be no league fixtures for Clubs next season.

### **12. Future Meetings**

The next meeting will be the Executive and Delegates EGM to be held on Monday 8 June 2026 at the Tilbury Community Centre.

The meeting closed at 8.00 p.m.

**Minutes:** Rob Brewer