

THURROCK & DISTRICT BOWLING ASSOCIATION



FOUNDED 1946

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

Thurrock & District Bowling Association Executive and Delegates Meeting **held at** **Thurrock Bowls Club on Wednesday 24 April 2024**

Minutes

1. Present

Executives

Present: R.Clark; D Haworth and T Mizen

Delegates

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

2. Apologies for Absence

Executives

R.Cornwell and R Brewer

Delegates

Ford Sports

3. Absent

Gloucester Park

4. Welfare

Obituaries

To be respected at the AGM 2024

5. Approval of Minutes

The Minutes of the previous Executives and Delegates Meeting held on 25 October 2023 (ExDM2023-10) were passed unanimously.

6. Matters Arising

Nil

7. General Secretary's Report

Nil

8. Acting Treasurer's Report

Dave Haworth in his role as Acting Treasurer reported that all paperwork and electronic correspondence has now been received from Alan Gray's estate executor and is in my possession. Until a successor is elected, I will maintain any necessary accounts along with account signatories until a handover takes place.

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Mansfield BS interest	£91.59	accrued 2023 cheques now cleared	£763.41
Association Affiliation	£325.00	Trophy Insurance payment to AB Gray	£105.86
Presentation deposit	£650.00		
League entries	£114.00		
Competition entries	£792.00		
Trophy insurance paid by ABG	£105.86		
Total Income	£1,972.59	Total Expenditure	£869.27

Current Account balance Nov 2023 CF	£3,676.86
Current Account balance inclusive of income/expenditure (Including cheques on hand of £1,881.00)	£4,794.45
Mansfield BS balance CF	£3,885.90
Mansfield BS total balance inclusive of income/expenditure	£3,977.49
Total Balance CF	£8,771.94

No affiliation payment has been made to Bowls England. This will happen once all mandates for all Association accounts have been processed and when a permanent treasurer has been elected. Until such time, all transactions will be kept to a minimum.

A copy of the end of year accounts prepared by Alan Gray that would have been presented at the AGM are attached at Annex A to these Minutes.

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. I have with me all relevant information and league result cards for the 2024 Season, which I will pass on to the delegates present this evening. I strongly advise the clubs to read the information in these letters as it points out changes to the league structure for the 2024 season so, please post them on your club notice board.

Regarding our web site **TDABOWLS** due to data protection rules I have had to password protect 2 documents on the web site these are the **affiliated clubs and officers** the link is at the top right-hand corner of the home page & **the Competitors contact list** which is on the left-hand side of the competition page.

I wish all clubs good fortune for the 2024 season and enjoy your bowls.

10. Competition Secretary's Report

Dave Haworth reported that all clubs submitted comp entries and monies were received by myself before 31st March

	12	10	6	6	3	1	0	1	12	1		52	25.43% on 2021
2023	45	31	29	46	28	16	8	14	11	14		242	
	-2	2	-1	-1	0	-6	1	-3	-7	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

Thanks to all entrants taking part. Pleasing to see a slight increase in the numbers on last season. Finals weekend will take place on 14th & 15th Sept. They will be held again at Blackshots and will be hosted by Thurrock BC. My thanks to Thurrock for offering to host the finals for a second year. TALBA have expressed a desire to run their comp finals alongside T&DBA finals again for the coming season. Whilst this does make the planning a little more complex for both competition secretaries, the overall feedback seems to be very positive. I have no objection to this for the coming season but would like confirmation from Grays Town that they can support T&DBA should rink capacity become an issue. Having combined finals and with the most recent inclusion of the club KO final into the competition finals could create a bottleneck.

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.

Given the huge increase in results and card scans being sent by e-mail which is much welcomed by myself, last season I sent E-mail confirmation of results received to all senders. This worked very well and did identify a couple of issues that were immediately addressed. Please ensure your club members forwarding results by e-mail know that if no confirmation is received from myself within 2 days, they need to contact me directly.

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 this 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

Roger Cornwell was not able to attend the Meeting due to ill health. Assistant Match Secretary Dave Jago told the meeting that 22 games have been played Indoors with some success. 6 games had been arranged for the Summer. He asked for Clubs to ask members who were interested in playing to get in touch with himself or Roger Cornwell.

12. Any Other Business

Terry Mizen informed the meeting that all Clubs must have a Safeguarding Officer by the end of the Year and that they should take the Course given by Bowls England. If Clubs do not comply then they will not be able to affiliate with the County.

Our thanks to Ray Abbott (Thames Sports) who has agreed to become the TDBA Treasurer. He will have a meeting with Dave Haworth to go through the layout of the Accounts.

13. Future Meetings

To be advised.

Minutes: Terry Mizen/Rob Brewer