

RAMSEY BOWLS CLUB

Minutes of Ramsey Bowls Club Committee Meeting
held on Wednesday 13 May 2026 at 10.00am at Ramsey Golf and Bowls Club

PRESENT:

Tracy Core	President
Les Collyer	Vice President
Barry Sharman	Treasurer
Gill Willis	Secretary
Geoff Willis	Green Officer
John Parker	Committee Member

1. Apologies

- Martin Francis and Ross Caldwell

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

- Approved

3. Matters from Previous Minutes

- Geoff will buy the weedkiller for around the green
- Gill will email to see if anyone would like to join the gardening club
- Gill spoke to the Farmers Coffee Shop and they are happy to sponsor us next year
- James is not available for our Celebration evening. Tracy has contacted Blue Phoenix. They will confirm if they are available

4. President's Report

- We had a successful visit from Framlingham Bowls Club.
- We continue to have lots of positive comments about the green
- The new shirts and jackets have arrived
- County games have started with some successes

5. Vice President's Report

- The Ladies v Gents match went well with the ladies winning
- The only comment was that it was maybe too early in the season

6. Treasurer's Report

- Bonus ball is going well

- Tracy will contact members who still owe for their shirts
- £3450 in the bank but there will be outgoings eg bonus ball, Open Triples

7. Secretary's Report

- We had an invite to enter the Stocker Cup. We will enter 1 team and Neil Manchett will captain it again
- Ali McCormick offered to captain the 2nd Sykes Vase team
- The fence has been ordered and Mark Gilbert has offered to help put it up

8. Match Secretary's Report

- Everything is in place for the club draw

9. Green Officer's Report

- All treatment is going to plan
- It has been verti cut, mowed and fertilized. It will also be spiked. These will happen on alternate weeks
- Wetting agent has been applied which is helping
- It was agreed to clear the pots that have rosemary in and plant flowers in them. Tracy will own this
- The bricks will be removed from around Rita's garden and low wooden edging will be put there
- The wooden chairs will be repainted and the bench has been repaired

10. Old Scoreboards

- It was agreed to dispose of them. Geoff will take them to the tip

11. Friendlies

- The first match against Stretham went very well. The hospitality was excellent with cream tea!

12. Safeguarding

- We need to make sure we are compliant with safeguarding advice from Bowls England
- We need a designated notice board in the bowls room

13. Grant Application and Juniors

- We received all the money we asked for from Ramsey Town Council

- Tracy has been in touch with the scouting association and they are keen to come down
- We will do a Facebook promotion inviting people down on 24 May from 11 – 2. Tracy will sort this
- We need to show the Town Council that we are fulfilling what we told them we would do.

14. Sponsorship

- 93 shirts were ordered so all the sponsorship money for the shirts has gone
- We still have £180 left from Ramsey Motors to go towards jackets
- Ally Yeoman has secured a grant from Radio Systems for £500. We would like to add it to the grant next year from the Farmers and put it towards waterproof jackets.
- Gill will ring and speak to them

15. Open Triples

- 22 teams have entered
- Lunch is booked in with Sarah

16. Big Bowls weekend

- There is not an organised one this year it is called a Big Summer Bash so as noted previously we will hold an open day on 24 May

17. Future Tour Offers

- Following on from the success of the visiting teams, Gill will email to say we are happy to host a team again next season

18. A.O.B.

- Barry said some golfers had approached him to say they would like to try bowls after their round of golf. This won't be a problem and if they ask again Barry will arrange it
- Gill will send an after match etiquette reminder to Ross and Alan re buying a drink for your opposite number after a game
- Membership Raffle will start on President's Day
- Gill will send a reminder about President's Day and as it is Cowboys and Indians, denim will be allowed for this day only

Date of next meeting Wednesday 25 June 10.00am

