RAMSEY BOWLS CLUB

Minutes of Ramsey Bowls Club Committee Meeting
held on Monday 19 October 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
Martin Francis	Match Secretary
Ross Caldwell	Committee Member
John Parker	Committee Member

1. **Apologies**
   - None

2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
   - Approved

3. **Matters from Previous Minutes**
   - Restaurant booked for Christmas event
   - Interactive Board is progressing

4. **President's Report**
   - Golfers v Bowlers event was a great success with nearly 70 members. The profit of £250 will be split evenly. Hopefully this will be an annual event
   - Roll ups have been well supported all year
   - Bonus ball has run through the season and 54 out of 59 numbers were sold

5. **Vice President's Report**
   - Les thanked everyone for their support throughout the year. He was sorry he couldn't continue to President, due to personal reasons, but still wants to remain on the committee

6. **Treasurer's Report**
    - At this moment in time there is £4578 in the account. The accounts have been audited ready for the AGM
    - Les asked for a summary sheet of the accounts at each committee meeting

7. **Secretary's Report**
    - Nothing to report

8. **Match Secretary's Report**
    - Paul has met with Martin to go through the County Comps forms
    - The money for the Club competitions will be £5 winner and £3 runner up
    - Some trophies need mending. It will be £280 for 3 trophies. This will be done after the presentation
    - It was agreed to make a new trophy for the Aussie Pairs with a new boomerang. Geoff will buy the boomerang

9. **Green Officer's Report**
    - The volunteers experimented with the leveller. They discovered it needs doing when the green is dry and the top dressing is very dry. Geoff will speak to Richard re this.
    - The mats will be taken up on Monday 2 November
    - The trees need pollarding and the surrounds need to be kept tidy
    - Tracy has trimmed the roses and Ally has sorted the lilies and put bark down
    - The green will be spiked more often all year
    - There was a lot of damage to the green at the last coaching session so Ross suggested a protective mat for when he is coaching. Geoff will purchase this for the next season. He will also look into purchasing a swisher

10. **Trophy Repairs**
    - Already discussed

11. **Safeguarding**
    - Ross thinks he will need to do a safeguarding course so he will sort that out

12. Juniors

- Tracy has booked in the Scouts for next season and hopefully the Brownies will come April/ May on a Wednesday evening
- Tracy had been to see how Sawtry ran their junior sessions. The youngsters were very involved in what activities they did. Food for thought when we host the juniors

13. End of Season Celebration

- There are 48 people on the list. Gill will send out a reminder to pay by the 24th and also to ask for raffle prizes
- Gill will ask Louise to do balloons for 6 tables in black, white and orange
- The room will be set up on Saturday at 2.00pm
- Gill will do the raffle

14. AGM 2026

- All proposals and nominations are in
- Gill will check the room is booked from 6.30

15. Christmas Drinks Evening

- The restaurant is booked from 7.00pm
- Gill and Geoff will sort some games
- Members will be asked to bring nibbles to share

16. 2027 Plan

- Open Triples day to go in the diary as soon as possible
- Ladies League Finals Evening will be held in September
- Hopefully we will be given the Donald Steward games as there will not be a meal, so price shouldn't be restrictive
- A progressive bowls fun afternoon was mooted for April

17. Millicent Child and Hayward Leagues

- Ross was concerned that there may only be one Hayward League.
- After much discussion it was agreed the number of teams can't be guaranteed at this point. It was noted that although there were enough people for 3 Millicent Childs teams in 2026 no one came forward to Captain a 3rd team, hence we only entered 2

- Gill will email out in the New Year to ask members if they are interested in playing in the Millicent Childs and Hayward teams

18. Coaching

- As previously agreed we will purchase a protective rink mat
- Les thanked Ross for all the coaching he has done and for his help with new members this season

19. A.O.B.

- If we want to apply for a grant for new benches the Red Tile meet in January 2027
- We need to replace all the markers and the rink numbers around the green
- We will dispose of the really old damaged jacks and buy 1 new box
- Tracy will get a quote for new flooring for the Bowls Room. Gill will then ask the Board if they would fund this
- Martin and Tracy will still stand at the AGM as EBA delegates
- We need a disclaimer notice in the bowls room as the door no longer has a lock or code to access from the outside
- Anything left in the room will be put out at the first roll up
- It was suggested that some of the old bowls could be taken to Pershore and have grips put on them. No decision was made
- We now have 2 fully qualified EBF umpires: Tracy Core and Ally Yeoman
- The quiz nights need hosts for December to March if anyone would be interested in doing any of these
- It was suggested we have some social evenings through the closed season to keep member's interest

- **Date of next meeting: Monday 16 November 10.00am**