

## **RAMSEY BOWLS CLUB**

Minutes of Ramsey Bowls Club Committee Meeting  
held on 1 September 2025 at 11.00am at Ramsey Bowls Club

### **PRESENT:**

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| Tracy Core     | President       |
| Les Collyer    | Vice President  |
| Barry Sharman  | Treasurer       |
| Gill Willis    | Secretary       |
| Martin Francis | Match Secretary |
| Geoff Willis   | Green Officer   |

### **1. Apologies**

- Ali McCormick, Barry McCormick

### **2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

- Approved

### **3. Matters from Previous Minutes**

- Gill will speak to Derek Hines re sponsorship to get more details of amount and what they will sponsor.
- We will keep the cold water containers in a box in the bowls room and buy throw away plastic glasses
- Gill will chase Stuart up re Honours Boards

### **4. President's Report**

- Tracy said it has been a good season and roll ups have been well supported throughout
- The new scoreboards have been well received...we will use 2 old ones to put our game taking place signs on
- The club should be very proud of our ladies, Jo Balmer and Ally Yeoman, who were in the team that won the Silver Vase final at Skegness and for Gill and Ally getting to the semi finals there in the pairs

### **5. Vice President's Report**

- Les was pleased with how successful the club has been and very pleased it has been sent out to the golfers to acknowledge the achievements

- He was very pleased with how committed Ross was to completing the coaching course.

## **6. Treasurer's Report**

- There is £2380 in the account at the moment plus £25 in cash.
- The Open Triples made £539.63 profit
- Barry has looked but not able to get a bursary from Bowls England for the coaching.
- Gill will meet with Judith to check our lists of bowls members corresponds
- Barry checked the accounts and a membership fee had not been paid for Jayne Noble for the season

## **7. Secretary's Report**

- We have 83 members as of today
- Martin will check how many men and ladies enter County Competitions for the annual returns forms

## **8. Social Secretary's Report**

- Ali was absent so no report
- However Tracy said that the Club have reinstated an entertainments committee to plan events
- There will be monthly quiz nights from October to March and Gill will email bowlers to see if anyone would like to run one
- There will be a Twixmas social evening on 27 December with live entertainment and food
- An entertainment fund will subsidise both the golfers and the bowlers presentation evening ( end of season celebration)

## **9. Green Liaison Officer's Report**

- We need to put the leveller together and maybe keep it in the buggy shed for easy access
- Geoff is still helping with cutting,rolling and verticutting
- Richard is still planning to do deep coring on the green

## **10. Match/Competition Secretary's Report**

- Martin has the EBA forms to register players. The affiliation fee is £45 +£7.10 per person which the club has been paying. Martin will email members who enter County competitions to inform

them that they will be responsible for paying this one off fee for both EBA and EBF

- Trophies and prize money for club competitions will be presented at the end of each final match

#### 11. **Tuesday Mixed League**

- This was started last year but only had 5 teams so looking for more.
- It is Tuesday evening at 6.00pm...3 rinks of 3 wood triples over 18 ends
- Gill will email all members to see if anyone is interested in being part of the team and if anyone would be willing to captain it.

#### 12. **Suggestions from Ross Caldwell**

- Ross suggested a third Millicent Childs team. Gill will email in the new year to gauge interest. He also asked the committee to consider:-
  - *Mandating one or more coaching sessions before bowlers participate in their 3 free trial rollup sessions. The purpose of this is to minimise damage to the green by ensuring good bowl delivery technique from the start.*  
We will stay with trial sessions first then offer coaching
  - *Charging new bowlers for the coaching sessions, a figure of £20 was mentioned as a fee charged by some other clubs for new bowler introduction. This could be discounted from the members first year membership fee should they join. This would make sure there was no abuse of Coaching time.*  
We do not want to charge for coaching as wish to offer it as a benefit to members
  - *A new bowler introduction fee would also set a price for coaching provision to other clubs. I have already had expression of interest in coaching from some other clubs which I need some guidance in how to respond.*  
We decided that this would be a matter of personal choice for Ross
  - *It would be useful to have protective ground covering available for new bowler introduction to protect the green.*  
We will monitor the green and act accordingly if it becomes a problem as it is expensive

- *New bowlers should be sponsored by a club member. According to Bowls England Coaching recommendations, coaches should not coach alone. Having a sponsor support a new bowler introduction as a helper would formalise this.*  
This already takes place at roll ups as members will always support new bowlers who turn up. Will inform Ross that if he needs support he should ask for it but firstly from a committee member
- *New bowler introductions and general coaching should not be done during roll-ups as this time is valuable practice time for all including a coach. We should think about a formal time when Coaching is carried out on a regular basis. For example 5-6pm every Friday or 10.30 to 11.30 on a Sunday morning where members can rollup to coaching on an adhoc basis. These could be open sessions, free to members or priced for non members.*  
New members will still be welcome at roll ups but if they want coaching sessions away from these mornings they should contact Ross directly
- *England Bowls Coaching recommends level 1 coaches should only carry out one to one coaching. One to many coaching is the purview of Level 2 coaches. Therefore coaching could become quite onerous, time wise, for a single coach if a lot of new members are introduced simultaneously. Therefore I would recommend the club consider sponsoring training for a Second Coach, in particular a younger person who might progress to Level 2. With this in mind I will be asking that the club use the money it was applying to support me for the coaching course to the training of a second coach.*  
We will monitor demand to see if a second coach is needed. If so it should be a 100% Ramsey player if we are funding it.
- Gill will email Ross with our responses

### **13. Presentation Evening**

- It will be on 1 November and be called an End of Season Celebration Evening
- We decided we would not want a formal sit down meal
- Tracy will check the subsidy with the entertainments committee
- Gill will ask Sarah what she can offer for £20
- Gill will check if Alan Blackley is available

**14. Clearing the Green**

- This will be done on 13 October

**15 Food and Drink in the Bar**

- It is OK to bring food and drink if the bar and kitchen are closed. Gill will get further clarification from Andrew Jones

**16. A.O.B**

- Gill will ask at the next Board meeting about the possibility of a new door on the Bowls Room
- It would be good to have a bench near rinks 5 and 6
- A member suggested we should have a mechanical arm for bowlers to use. It was decided this would not be provided and would be left to personal choice
- Gill will check all is OK for the visiting Presidents afternoon
- We discussed if we should update our shirts and hoodies...as said earlier Gill will check with Derek re sponsorship
- Tracy felt we should dispose of all the old jacks and use the new ones for roll ups
- There is a sign up sheet for indoor/outdoor league for members to sign up.. Tracy would like to get this up and running

**Date of next meeting Monday 21 October at 6.00pm**