

Yealmpton Bowling Club

Minutes of Management Committee Meeting held at the Clubhouse on 30th June 2025 at 10:30am

Committee Members present: Andy Lugg (Chairman), Yvonne Willis (Club Secretary), Ian Pepper (Treasurer), Annette Court-Hampton (Ladies Team Captain & Safeguarding Officer), Colin George (Fixtures Secretary), Mark Pope (Men's Team Captain & Green Keeper/Manager), Bob Smith (Coach/Trainer & Website Manager)

Apologies for Absence

None

Minutes from 20th February Meeting

These were circulated prior to the meeting. They were accepted as a true record of that meeting.

Matters arising from 20th February Meeting

A list of matters arising including the status of each action was circulated prior to the meeting. Most matters had been dealt with. Remaining matters which are not on this agenda were verbally updated as follows:

Ian confirmed to the meeting that the energy supply had been renegotiated at a slightly better rate than previous, for a fixed term of 24 months.

Annette confirmed that a list of tasks that non-members should not undertake had been inserted in the Visitors Book.

Licensing

Andy and Yvonne have prepared the paperwork to enable the Club to make an application for a Club Premises Certificate. Relevant papers were circulated prior to the meeting, including an update on actions taken since the informal Management Meeting on 25th April.

The Committee approved the Application/Declaration as presented and agreed that Andy should sign both as Chairman. The proposed Rule change regarding new members and the new Alcohol Policy were both approved. There was a debate around the possible requirement for a 'Premises Age Verification Policy'. The Committee felt that this was not applicable due to the type of application being made and therefore there was no need to appoint a 'designated premises supervisor'. Bob raised the issue of the barbed wire on top of the perimeter fencing. It was agreed that a suitable sign would be placed on the fence but the barbed wire would not be removed unless its presence prevented the Club from acquiring a Club Premises Certificate.

Annette noted that the Alcohol Policy states that taxi numbers will be displayed. She suggested adding 'what3words' to aid taxi drivers etc. and this was accepted by the Committee.

Yvonne will collate all papers and make a formal submission to SHDC, including payment of the relevant fee.

Andy informed the meeting that a lot of work was required to complete the application and thanked Yvonne for her efforts.

Green Matters

It was agreed that the ditch liners would be replaced with either a rubberised matting or artificial grass. The greens sub-committee will make the final decision after assessing both options. The facings of the ditches will require attention soon. Andy suggested spraying with 'rubber' paint. It was agreed to test on a small area. Discussion took place regarding the storage of chemicals in the wooden shed. Bob has compiled a list of chemicals held and informed the meeting that there were of a toxic and/or harmful and/or hazardous nature. It was agreed that signage was required indicating the presence of such chemicals. The greens maintenance contract was discussed. It was agreed it would continue for 2026, with a review taking place during 2026 to determine whether the contractor's involvement could be reduced.

Grant Funding

£450 from YPC for assistance with costs associated with blown plaster/dampness. YPC has allocated the funds to YBC and will pay on submission of invoices. Due to members health issues work is not yet complete. Yvonne was asked to inform YPC of the delay.

£500 from Revelstoke towards the cost of the electric mower which was purchased in 2024.

£700 from YCE towards the cost of a new mower battery and improved lighting. Grant conditions include spending the grant within 12 months of receiving it, acknowledging the grant in a press release and providing photos and a statement for use on YCE's website.

Men's Presidents Match

Six rinks will be required for the match on 7th August. A bowlers tea will follow the match. Annette will co-ordinate. Yealmpton players will be Roy Holland, Bob Smith, Ray Moorhouse and Mark Pope.

Format for Finals Day and Chairman's Closing Match

Finals day and cup presentations will take place on 7th September. The Triples Final will be played on this day (weather permitting). A Cream Tea will follow play.

The Chairman's Closing Match will be in the format of mixed teams representing either the Ladies Team Captain or the Men's Team Captain. NippyChippy will be asked to provide the food for this event.

AOB

Andy suggested that a donation is made to Plymstock Bowls Club 'Charity of the Year' for the upholstered benches which now reside in YBC's Clubhouse. It was agreed that £50 was a suitable donation which will be handed over when the Away Mixed Friendly match is played on 27th July.

Yvonne informed the meeting that following a SGM, Bowls Devon had signed a contract for the Surrey Online System, effective 1st April 2026. 10 Counties are already using the system and it is felt that the System will provide a more efficient way of administering affiliation and competitions. The 2026 affiliations will be done on the new system followed by the County Competitions in 2027. The cost of the system is being borne by BD. Between now and October certain Club and Member information will need to be verified. The meeting agreed that the Secretary would be responsible for entering the necessary information with the Website Manager being the back up. Andy noted his concerns that BD may in the future force all clubs to buy in to the Club Add-Ons. Yvonne attended the meeting and does not believe this to be the case.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 12:24pm.

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