

Kirkby Malzeard Bowls Club

Minutes of the 24.25 Annual General Meeting 18th November 2024 7.00pm

Present- Ric H, Phil B, Grant E, Tony W, John F, Tony B, Jane O, Iain F,

Apologies - Brian W, Paul N, Anne I, Dave H, Judy B, Ann K, Rodney P,

- Minutes of AGM November '23 approved.

Captain's report on Fixtures and Competitions

- Friendlies – another successful year, we won 18 out of 19 fixtures, with an overall score of over 1000 points for, versus 350 against.
- The Tanzeard Cup was retained with a large home win.
- Sawley Friendship Trophy was retained by Kirkby Malzeard.
- Dalesman League – having been in 2nd place for much of the season we ended the season in 3rd place which was disappointing but still a good result.
- Yorkshire Bowls and Bowls England competitions – 8 members took part in a number of the competitions but were unable to progress to the finals.
- Thanks to Jane for organising the friendly suppers and to Jean F and Christine W for supplying refreshments for the Dalesman home matches.

Green Report

- Over 150 hours of grass cutting undertaken through the season with additional hours spent treating the green with moss killer and fertilizer.
- The ditch wall on the field side has been replaced, with further work required to raise the level of the green on that side.
- The external areas continue to look well, thanks to all who contributed with a particular mention for Pam Collins.
- Thanks to Iain F for painting the shed and to Brian W for repairing the clubhouse.

Treasurer's Report

- A solid year financially, with income from subscriptions and match fees etc. exceeding expenditure.
- Club reserves have grown and remain well above the agreed £1500 floor
- Following a bidding process the Parish Council allotted £750 to KMBC in 2024 to be spent on capital projects such as ditch and green repairs
- Proposal carried that membership fees remain at £50 and match fees at £2.
- Proposed that the one-off fee for participating in the internal competition rises from £5 to £8. Carried.
- Following discussion, it was agreed that the Treasurer would apply for local grants to cover the cost of a new lawnmower (24 ") and Tony B would work with Grant to check whether we could lower the cutting height of the current mower which would remain as a standby.

Chair's Update

- All KMBC officers and Committee members were thanked for their hard work and support with a special mention to Grant E who held the two captain's posts as well as managing the green.

- All members thanked for their contribution to general maintenance, spring cleaning, flower bed maintenance, hedge and grass cutting etc.
- Thanks to everyone who has signed up to the 2025 Job List.
- Social Bowls and Open Days had a mixed success this year failing to deliver new members although some promises of joining in 2025 were made at the end of the season.
- The Pay & Play trial does not appear to have borne fruit this season and will be discontinued.
- More focus required to encourage Kirkby Fest attendees to come up to the bowls club and be enticed in.
- **Recruitment remains the club's highest priority.**

Secretary's Update

- Membership declined from 19 to 18 with two members leaving and one new member joining.

Election of Officers for 24/25 proposed and carried.

- Chair – Ric H
- Treasurer – Phil B
- Secretary – Jane O
- Dalesman Captain – Grant E
- Friendly Captain – left pending but position filled by Tony W 19th Nov 2024.
- Internal Competition Organiser – Tony W
- Greensman – Grant E
- Safeguarding Officer -Phil B

Matters Arising

- **Internal Competitions**
 - Proposed by John F that to save costs we should move away from engraved trophies and continue with just the winner boards in the clubhouse. Carried. The existing trophies will remain in the clubhouse display cabinet.
 - Tony W submitted a proposal to allocate the various competitions to the various boards which was approved by the meeting.
 - Two boards will not be required for the 2025 season.
 - It was agreed that Tony W should allocate the named competitions to the reformatted Internal competitions as he saw fit.
 - It was agreed that certain weekends would be allocated for the early rounds of the competitions with no internal matches to be arranged on the Monday evenings.
 - Proposed and carried that to drive membership the last round robin of the season should be open to all-comers with a £1 entry for non-members.
- **Green Use**
 - Velcro numbers will be introduced for the 2025 season which will help to protect the green by moving the rinks away from worn patches.
 - John F suggested that now that the ditch wall had been repaired and the green levelled up we should start and play rink 1 (field to playing field)
 - Noted that we need more sets of small bowls size 0, 1&2 for use by newcomers.
- **Fund Raising** – there were no volunteers for the role of fundraising coordinator which remains unfilled.

- Various fundraising ideas were suggested including a bingo night, dominoes evening, race night, Burns night, wine evening.
- Following a conversation, Grant E asked if the club could write to Sarah Richardson (nee l'Anson) with a request for financial support.
- **Pre-season work**
 - Green wall repairs – Grant & Phil
 - Hedge cutting - Phil
 - Clubhouse kitchen window replacement – Tony B/Grant
 - Clubhouse gutter clearance – unallocated
 - Clubhouse to be repainted in spring 2025 – unallocated
- **Bowls Club Christmas Dinner** – will be held on Friday 10th January 2025 7pm at the Freemasons Arms, Nosterfield. Jane to collate numbers by end November.

Next AGM - Monday 17th November 2025, 7pm at the Highside Pavilion