



Wellesbourne Bowls Club Management Committee

31 May 2025

Attended

Anne, Carol, Chris, Denise,
Malcolm, Marilyn, Pat, Peter,
Richard.

Notes/actions

1. Apologies – Andy, Dave V, Geoff

2. Minutes of the Management Committee on 26/4/25 and matters arising

These were agreed and adopted as an accurate record. There were no matters arising

Decisions/actions	Who	When
a) None.	-	-

3. Centenary and Publicity update

For the benefit of those who had not been at it, Peter summarised the discussions at the Centenary Sub-Committee preceding this meeting. In particular the logistical arrangements which were progressing well. His ongoing quest to attract sponsorship was going less well, but there were still a number of leads to follow up on.

Arrangements with the photographer had been finalised. There would be no cost to the Club with the photographer retaining the copyright and charging per picture for those who wanted to purchase any.

More volunteers were needed for the first match on 23 June. There was a sheet on the noticeboard and Richard would put out a request in the next news update, alongside a request for raffle prizes.

It was confirmed that the kit for the day was whites and that players would be asked to come in their kit. Which would leave space in the changing rooms for the opponents. For those who had them, club/county blazers could be worn.

Decisions/actions	Who	When
a) Update from Peter noted. All actions are being handled by the Sub-Committee.	-	-

4. Greenkeeping update

Malcolm explained that, following advice from Avonmore, the watering regime had been stepped up considerably. Consequently and despite the prolonged dry weather, the surface condition had improved considerably and the early season issues had been overcome. Malcolm and the members of the Green Team were thanked for their time and effort.

There was a discussion about the directional use of the green. It was agreed that new yellow markings be painted in the clubhouse to Loxley Close direction, giving us 6 rinks. The playing direction would then be rotated weekly.

It was also agreed that the green be double cut on the morning of the Centenary games.

Decisions/actions	Who	When
a) New rink markings to be set out as per above. The playing direction to be rotated weekly thereafter.	Malcolm	In progress
b) The green to be double cut for the Centenary games.	Malcolm/Green Team	On dates of games

5. Club and Women's Captain updates		
Carol explained that there would be a friendly fixture against Whitnash Ladies on 14 August. The following week on 20 August, ladies from RLS4 would play alongside the corresponding Pickering fixture. It was agreed that the Club should enter the Stratford Herald League in 2026. Pat added that we had made a promising start to the season in the KDL and Pickering. If availability levels continue as at present, we will be able to enter a second team into the Pickering in 2026. We will review this at the appropriate time.		
	Who	When
a) Agreed that the Club enter the Stratford Herald League in 2026.	TBC	2026
b) Agreed to review the possibility of the entering a second Pickering team in 2026	Pat	October 2025

6. Fixtures update		
Anne and Marilyn confirmed that discussion were ongoing with Avon to reschedule the cancelled KDL fixture. A number of dates were suggested. The extra ladies games mentioned by Carol would be added to the fixture list. Pat asked that, for 2026, the early season KDL games be set for 6pm as we had had a few dark finishes this year.		
Decisions/actions	Who	When
c) Agreed that April/early May KDL games be scheduled for a 6pm start in future.	Anne/Marilyn	2026

7. Games/opportunities for recreational players		
Anne explained that we needed to accommodate three categories of members – competition, recreational and social. The league fixtures catered for the competition members and it was good that the change in culture at the Club and the returning experienced bowlers had resulted in competition for league places. However, the knock on effect was that the recreational members were getting less opportunity to participate in games this year. She felt that we needed to cater for these and new members in order to retain them. Therefore, she proposed that a series of games for recreational/new members (including juniors) be set up for later in the season and that a request be put out to see if a club member would like to take on the co-ordination role. Anne's proposal was welcomed and agreed. Richard added that many clubs now had a Club Development Officer and that we should consider seeking nominations for one prior to the next AGM. This person would also pick up the role for encouraging junior members to the Club and open days. This was agreed.		
Decisions/actions	Who	When
a) Agreed to the principle of setting up games and opportunities for recreational members and that a request be put out for someone to co-ordinate these for the rest of the season.	Richard	June
b) Agreed to seek nominations for a Club Development Officer for 2026.	Richard	October

8. Governance update/open days		
Richard reported that the affiliation registration for male members had been submitted. An update was due in July. All other governance matters were ticking along in the background. The Safeguarding Noticeboard had now been set up, including pictures and certificates for our Safeguarding Officers.		

The 2 open days (Beer Festival and Bowls Big Weekend) had very different outcomes in terms of numbers of people on the green. The Beer Festival was far more successful. Depending on how the 2026 dates fall, it was agreed that we review our participation in the BBW.

Decisions/actions	Who	When
c) None.	-	-

9. AOB

Village Fayre – Carol would be representing the Club at a meeting with the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Club would not provide the bacon and sausage baps given the issues we faced last year. Instead, we would offer to provide tea, coffee, cakes and pastries, plus the bar.

John McKenzie Trophy – it was agreed to provide tea, coffee and cakes (plus the bar) rather than a sit down lunch or tea.

U3A event – Andy L and David B to be asked if they are available to run the bowls tasters.

Decisions/actions	Who	When
a) As above.		