

RAMSEY BOWLS CLUB

Minutes of Ramsey Bowls Club Committee Meeting
held on Monday 9 December 2024 at 10.00 am at Ramsey Bowls Club

PRESENT:

Tracy Core	President
Les Collyer	Vice President
Barry Sharman	Treasurer
Gill Willis	Secretary
Martin Francis	Match Secretary
Ali McCormick	Social Secretary
Geoff Willis	Green Officer
Barry McCormick	Committee Member

1. Apologies
 - None
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting
 - Approved
3. Matters from Previous Minutes
 - Barry will ask Dizzy about sponsorship
 - Maureen couldn't audit the accounts. Roger Greenwood kindly offered to audit them
 - We have received £500 from David Potts estate to purchase a bench
 - Past Presidents of Sussex have accepted the date and will be playing at Ramsey on 17 September 2025
4. **President's Report**
 - Tracy said she was pleased to be chairing her first meeting. She asked why there was no Vice President's Report on the agenda. Gill said she thought Les would have nothing to report at this early stage.
5. **Treasurer's Report**
 - There is £2853.51 in the bank as of now
 - It was brought up about Affiliation fees and how do we cover these. Should the Club fund it? It was decided to leave this for discussion at the next meeting
6. **Secretary's Report**
 - We have been asked to host 2 Newton matches.
 - Gill will send a card to the family of David Potts

- Gill was asked to advertise a Glitz and Glamour evening for the Ladies in May. Unfortunately, after having messaged all the ladies, only 3 replied!

7. Social Secretary's Report

- The 2 quizzes raised £23

8. Green Officer's Report

- Richard Shilling came and spoke to us about his work on the green.
- He started by thanking the Monday gardening crew for all their help
- Hopefully in March, weather dependent, he will hollow core the green and fill the holes back in
- He suggested a leveller for putting on the top dressing. Gill will ask the Board for £400 to buy this.
- He will monitor the watering and will lessen the water if the green is too wet. Geoff will message him if this is the case
- It will be rolled/ flat ironed weekly
- Gill will ask the Board about the decision on the car park fence
- We have not had leatherjackets now for 3 years running as a special killer has been used
- More than 50% of products used are eco friendly
- Richard was thanked for all his work on the green

9. Match Secretary's Report

- See agenda 18

10. Leaf Clearance

- This would be done Monday 16 December at 9.30am plus any other tidying
- Geoff will What's App round to remind people

11. Juniors

- Tracy had had positive conversations with Alan Blackley and Maddie Leader and she will meet with Maddy before next season.
- She has been in contact with Ramsey Junior School and we will target Years 5 and 6. Tracy will contact the Head again re them coming to the Club.
- Could maybe do a Saturday morning after the Whitsun holidays
- Our main problem will be lack of bowls for the younger players

12. Safeguarding
 - Tracy met with Adrian Malloy one of the Club Directors. He is doing a safeguarding policy for the Club and he will share this with the bowls committee
 - Ali will now meet with Adrian to coordinate golf and bowls
13. AGM Discussion Points
 - Neil Fraser was now alright about his resolution that was not on the agenda as Gill forwarded the minutes to him where we had said we were going to put details in the Handbook and be more transparent
 - Geoff will ask Richard about a water meter for the future. We will try without this year if he is going to monitor the watering and see if this is adequate
 - We will discuss at our next meeting as to whether or not we want to fund a coaching course
14. Dates for next season
 - Club sign up, 9 April
 - Club Draw, 25 April
 - Club Triples Weekend, 1-3 August
 - Finals Weekend, 12-14 September
 - Open Triples Sunday 22 June
 - President's Day, Ladies v Gents and Bury v Ramsey still to be decided
15. Christmas Jumper Night
 - This is all in hand
16. Quizzes
 - Tracy and Phil will do January 24. There won't be one in February because of the refurbishment
17. County Meeting Problems
 - Ali said that the Ladies County AGM was not conducted correctly via the constitution
 - She asked that Ramsey register a complaint. Do we send this to the National Executive or the County Executive?
 - Ali will draft a letter
18. Competition Details for Next Season
 - Martin will send a list of competitions and their details to Gill and Barry

19. A.O.B
- Now Ali is not going to play for Huntingdonshire she cannot be our EBF delegate. Gill will take over this post until the next AGM
 - We will only have 1 Ladies League team next season as we struggled in 2024 to field full teams every week.
 - As there will only be 1 Ladies team Tracy will take over the role of Friendlies Captain

Date of next meeting Monday 27 January at 10.00am

