

RAMSEY BOWLS CLUB

Minutes of Ramsey Bowls Club Committee Meeting
held on Wednesday 9 January 2026 at 10.30am at Ramsey Golf and Bowls
Club

PRESENT:

Tracy Core	President
Les Collyer	Vice President
Barry Sharman	Treasurer
Gill Willis	Secretary
Geoff Willis	Green Officer
Martin Francis	Match Secretary
John Parker	Committee Member
Ross Caldwell	Committee Member

1. Apologies

- None

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

- Approved

3. Matters from Previous Minutes

- The Men's practice date will change from Thursday 16 April to Tuesday 14 April

4. New shirt designs and sponsorship

- Shirt designs were looked at but no decision was made.
- Swearers offered £500 towards the shirts and would like a banner around the green.
- We will look again at designs, using green, burgundy and gold and costs with and without a logo on the sleeve. Tracy will look at Invictus and Gill will research Aceit. Gill will also check with P&M Clothing

5. Quiz Nights

- Howard will run the quiz on January 23. As yet have no bowlers who will run it in February and March

6. Bonus Ball and Membership Raffle

- Bonus ball was launched at our Christmas bowls evening and 24 numbers were sold. Tracy will continue this at the first roll up. Winners will be paid by BACS.
- John will sell the membership raffle during the season at £5

7. 2026 Look ahead

- Tracy has emailed clubs re friendlies and has already received 3 replies.
- The following dates were agreed, Gill will check with Judith that nothing else is on the calendar:-
 - First roll up – 3 April
 - Ladies v Gents – 26 April
 - President's Day – 17 May
 - Big Bowls – 24 May
 - Open Triples – 28 June
 - Men and Mixed County semi finals – 12 July
 - Club Triples – 31 July to 2 August
 - Ramsey v Bury – 16 August
 - Club Finals – 11 to 13 September
 - Last roll up – 29 September
 - AGM – 4 November

8. Safeguarding

- Adrian Malloy is keeping in touch re safeguarding. Ideally, we should have a male and female safeguarding officer. Should it be a post on the committee?

9. Indoor / Outdoor League

- The team won their first game in December. There are just about enough people to finish the season.
- If we cancel we have to pay the full rink fee of £16.
- Will probably not enter next year unless we have a better response from members.

10. Union Jack Flag

- Gill will send details to Barry of who we pay our contribution to.

11. Ross's idea for a bowls competition

- Ross would like to run a competition to raise money for disability aids.
- His idea was discussed at length. It would run on the format of progressive bowls where bowlers move depending on winning or losing.
- It was decided to run a trial session on Sunday 12 April at 10.30 with our members, before opening it up to other clubs
- Ross will send details to Gill of what he would like sending out to the bowlers

12. New Fence

- Geoff will check with Richard Shilling about removing the hedge
- Gill will check again with Rob Hodder about what we need and ask if he will help in any way.
- We will need help from members when the time comes to putting it in

13. A.O.B.

- Les will do a roll up rota again
- The leveller needs putting together. Geoff will message out with a date to gardening club. It will be kept in the buggy ranch.
- Geoff will order the leaf vacuum
- Will need a new match secretary for 2027 season. Martin will put together a job description so Gill can send out to see if we have any response from our members, then they can maybe shadow him this coming season.
- The balance in the account is £2024
- We will enter the following matches next season:- Tony Alcock, Durham Trophy, Sykes Vase and Stocker Cup. Players will be asked to pay a rink fee
- Gill will ask at the next Board meeting about adding bowls information and photos to the electronic screen. Also how we access the website if it is felt that we should only have a joint Golf and Bowls one

Date of next meeting Friday 20 February at 10.30am