



**MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025,  
AT MIDDLESBROUGH B.C.**

**In the chair:** L. Oakley

**PRESENT:** M. J McNulty (Sec); L. Russell (Nunthorpe); F. Williams (Marske); S. Forrest (Treasurer); J. Selley (Borough Park, W. Pierson (Middlesbrough).

**ABSENT:** R. Walker & D. Wood; (Skelton); Apologised due to e-mail malfunction.

**OBITUARIES:** were received on behalf of B. Pears & B. Hockney (Borough Park) and T. O'Shea (Brotton); it was agreed to carry these over to the March Meeting.

The minutes of the previous Management meeting in October 2024 were proposed by J. Selley and seconded by M. McNulty. There were no matters arising from these minutes.

The Secretary reported that he had very little to say since the AGM but did indicate that as promised at that meeting he had contacted the appropriate people at Bowls England twice prior to this meeting regarding the Temporary Suspension of M. Naylor from bowling in the NYBL with no reply on both occasions regarding any change, so we must assume that the Suspension is still applicable at this time. The Chairman then thanked the Secretary for submitting his report.

The Treasurer then outlined the state of the Finances at this stage of the season. He indicated that at present there is about £1000 in the account, and this included the £95 collected in the raffle at the AGM and after paying our Bowls England subscription and the Annual Honorary payments to the Treasurer, Secretary and Assistant Secretary. J. Selley also announced that we now pay for the use of the NYBL website.

Under A.O.B. (a) Les Russel indicated that the Constitution and Rules would need amending to cater for the fact that in 2025 we would be playing Triples with 18 ends so the minimum number of ends to constitute a game would need to be put back to 12 ends should a match have to be stopped due to adverse weather conditions etc. The Committee agreed this should be so.

(b) The Chairman expressed his feeling that the same proposals keep being voted on every year, but the Treasurer indicated that we cannot prevent this at present.

© Bill Pierson expressed his disapproval that when the Committee agree on a proposal for the AGM some members of the Committee then vote for their Clubs and against what the Committee have put forward. During a discussion of this it was suggested that to prevent this happening the Committee could possibly have a 'block vote', perhaps of 5, at the AGM. To do this it would have to be agreed to be added to the Constitution at an AGM and this matter it was decided would need to be discussed further at the Management Meeting in October prior to any proposal this year being submitted.

(d) Fred Williams asked whether it was possible for the runners –up in the NYBL Competition Finals could receive some remuneration as do the winners at present. The

Treasurer suggested it might be possible if enough entries were submitted e.g. in 2024 over £300 was collected so £20 / winner and £10 / runner up would add up to £300. It was suggested the Clubs would be consulted on this matter at the March Meeting.

(e) A very full and frank discussion then took place regarding Club affiliations to 'Bowls England', 'Yorkshire Bowling Association' and the resulting costs/ member involved for Clubs and the consequences regarding being affiliated or not for participation in leagues like the NYBL and National Competitions etc. It was felt that affiliation or non-affiliation may need to be decided by Clubs in the near future as costs continue to rise and memberships decrease thus less income being forthcoming each year.

The draw for the 2025 Champion of Champions Competition was then made.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 12.10pm and thanked Middlesbrough B.C. for the use of the room for the meeting.

Signed:

Chairman:

Date: