

Minutes
Sellindge Bowls Club
Committee Meeting
Held at Sellindge Bowls Pavilion
18th August 2025 10am

Present: Trevor OJ Teresa OJ Lawrence Kevin John C Jacky Denise Debbie Rosemary Shelley Joyce

Apologies: Christina S

Minutes of the meeting held on 7th April 2025 confirmed as a true copy and signed by the Chairman.

Chairman`s Report-Trevor

Trevor referred to the latest from BE to recognise R9 how to handle and deal with disagreements within the club. New guidelines to assist.

Vice Chairman-to include coaching report. Rosemary

Our four new members have proved to be very promising and keen new members.

Secretary-Teresa

N/A

Treasurer-Lawrence

The accounts do not show any concern at present; there will be £1300 approx. needed soon for green treatment which we would expect.

Captain-Christina

In Christina`s absence Kevin has stated what a struggle it has been this year to get teams together. Thank goodness for What`s App, it speeds the process up and gets immediate reaction. A discussion ensued to tweak the system a little by reasserting a cut off time for names for games. The boards still need to stay in place as the app is not used by everybody. Further discussions need to take place re dropping the number of rinks we play, i.e. dropping from 5 to 4. This would of course lose the club substantial income.

Vice-Captain Shelley

A discussion ensued re the extreme heat we are now experiencing, as to whether we protect our members adequately. (A topic raised by a club member) Bowls England do not give much guidance on this matter so Shelly is going to delve into the matter to see if we can set guidelines to help. Lawrence to purchase an outside temperature gauge.

Obvious actions such as plenty of fluid provided, shaded areas, additional breaks, and members themselves being aware.

Umbrellas around the green as protection against the excessive heat conditions would also be beneficial.

Vice-Captain Kevin

It has been a challenging year due to sickness and holidays to enter a consistant team for the men`s Shepway, reserves are often called upon.

Fixtures Secretary-Denise

N/A

Shepway Rep John /Debbie Anderson

Debbie went to the last meeting. EKBA has now disbanded.

The Rose Bowl was played last weekend, and we are delighted to be in third place, with Lyminge coming 2nd and Cheriton 1st. Congratulations due to everybody involved.

Competitions Secretary-John C

The Finals Day 6th September is being arranged. Schedule of matches not yet been agreed as some players may be taking part in more than one game. The finals of the triples also may complicate the order of matches being played.

The Yardstick has been dropped this year due to lack of response, which is disappointing, but partly due to too many games already being played. This discussion will be carried forward when next year's competition games are organised and maybe a different game be introduced. Shelley suggested Scroungers.

Catering Officer-Jacky

Jacky has had to deal with members not able to fill their tea rota role due to holidays clashing with their allocated date. Next year she will try to establish when members holiday dates are and work around them. In the meantime, thanks go to Sonia Munday and to Kevin who have filled the slots quite frequently.

Maintenance

Taking into consideration that we do not have a maintenance adviser, thanks as always goes to Lawrence as the point of reference and on the whole jobs that require doing are dealt with by our very conscientious Tuesday gang to whom we are very grateful.

There is a great deal of rubbish needs clearing from the premises including very old paperwork, so a skip is to be organised after a few volunteer members have decided the size of the job to be undertaken. This will take place after closing day.

President Joyce

Joyce aired a view that many of us agreed with, and that is we need to smarten our clubs uniform appearance. Too many shades of grey and styles being worn.

A long discussion took place re new attire maybe navy or black for trousers and some more modern designed shirts. This led onto the subject of sponsorship, and whether we could pay for new clothes from sponsorship funds. Discussions and research will now take place to cost out this exercise, try to obtain sponsorship, and work out other means to raise the necessary funds. A matter to bring up at the AGM. Lawrence and Kevin along with Christina have a supplier in mind so the matter will be ongoing and discussed soon.

Jacky has also already applied to the Co-op and will also apply to Tesco for grants and suggests that Holiday Extras be approached.

Any other Business

Ladies V Gents Day coincides with the Shepway Finals Day being on 13th September in which several of our members are involved. A good number of other members will no doubt wish to support so consequently the Ladies v Gents will be delayed until our closing Day the 20th September.

It is hoped that a BBQ will also take place on that day, and the cost of the food being covered by the club funds.

The Presentation Dinner is being arranged for the 31st of October at a cost of £40 per head. This will be held at the Etchinghill Golf club. Menus will be sent out shortly.

The AGM Date is the 7th November and as usual will be held in our clubhouse. Notification will be sent out soon.

Signed
Chairman