

Woodhall Spa Town Bowls Club

Minutes of Committee Meeting

1000hrs Saturday 28th June 2025

Present:

Dave Walsh (Chairman)
Steve Anderson (Treasurer)
Sam Elgar (Secretary)
Val Sylvester (Croquet Secretary)
Terry Butchart (Sponsorship Liaison/Bar Subcommittee Lead)
Ian Kendal (Safeguarding/Health & Safety)
Paul Bastiani (Membership/Property/Friendly Fixtures Secretary)
Ron Nicholson (Bar Subcommittee/Vice Chair/Greenkeeper)
Bev Redman (Social Secretary)

Apologies:

Phil Redman (Fixtures Secretary)
Pauline Mallon (Joint Competitions Secretary)
Kevin Mallon (Joint Competitions Secretary)

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Agreed as correct.

Chairman's Report (Dave Walsh)

Dave stated that having played on numerous club Greens lately, he views ours as the best. Well done to the Greenkeeping team.

It is good to see new bowlers doing well in the leagues.

A great day was had out at Holt BC last Saturday, thank you to Paul Bastiani for arranging this.

Dave, along with David Kirton have reached the semi-final of the County over 60's. Well done and good luck for the remaining games. 😊

Greenkeeper's Report (Ron Nicholson)

Ron and Steve Anderson took the mower out of service yesterday and managed to fix both the clutch and final drive disengagement lever. They will service it monthly moving forward as they observed grass had got under the top cover.

Spiking of the Green has continued and has had a very positive impact so Ron will continue working on the machine we have to complete this task. Next Ron will be

trying it without the weight that appears to hamper progress and ensure regular servicing on this asset also.

Rink 2 has become a little bare so is out of play for re-seeding currently.

Ron will donate his old butane gas blow torch to address weeds; this is more cost effective and environmentally friendly than the weed killer we have previously purchased. The gas bottle will be stored in our appropriate grey locker. Thanks Ron.

Treasurers Report (Steve Anderson):

Steve presented his below report. We have not had any excessive expenses:

P&L Statement for the period 30 May - 26 June 2025

Gross profit: **£1,282.68** - Mainly derived from Green Fees, Bar Takings and a Raffle for the Lincs VP visit to the club.

Total Expenses: **£1,008.66** - Mainly derived from Bar Stock Purchases and Building Repairs.

Net Income: £274.02

Balance sheet as at 26 June 2025

Community Barclays: **£15,945.34**

Petty Cash: **£1,554.45**

Total Current/Savings: **£17,499.79**

Total Current Assets: **£17,880.05 (£380.26 held in stock)**

Secretary's Report (Sam Elgar):

Sam stated that she had passed an email on to Monday evening Captains ref appropriate dress. It did not appear to refer to our club however Captains should remind all about appropriate attire, to avoid penalties and represent our club professionally.

The lists to enter the Salmon Trophy, between WSTBC and The Conservative Club on Sat 9th August are now up in each club. Traditionally those who are members of both clubs play for the Conservative Club to even up experience. Please pop your name down on one of the lists, this is always a very enjoyable match with tasty buffet at the Conservative Club afterwards. The buffet has been secured at the same price as the previous few years and Dave Walsh agreed to meet with Sam on 6th August to work out the teams for the event.

Sam has put a letter from County on the noticeboard beside the kitchen, nearest entrance inviting interest from anyone who would like to learn how to be an umpire/professional marker. Contact details are on the letter for any interested members.

Membership/Property Secretary's Report (Paul Bastiani):

Paul reported that he has 15 club shirts in stock, please contact him in person at our club or by email if you would like to purchase any: prbastiani@gmail.com

Fixtures Secretary's Report (Phil Redman):

Apologies. Nil to report.

Friendly Fixtures Secretary (Paul Bastiani):

Paul reported the Vice Presidents Match which took place on 8th June was thoroughly enjoyable with a buffet by Sue Kind and Raffle arranged by Bev Redman as well as a win for us. It is likely they will wish to return and play us again in 2026 season.

Holt BC bowling and the trip to Cromer seaside was also very enjoyable.

Following the next Friendly of the Salmon Trophy at home on Sat 9th August, will be our visit to Collingham on Sat 16th August. The sheet for player names is now up, could you also indicate if you would be willing to drive. It is expected those receiving lifts to this game offer their driver fuel monies.

Bar (Terry Butchart):

Terry took over as lead on the bar the 1st of the month and is currently adapting the report sheets to feel more user friendly for him. Terry has agreed with Steve Anderson that he will pass receipts and funds to him for managing and complete a 6 monthly full evaluation stocktake.

Competition Secretary's Report (Pauline & Kevin Mallon):

Apologies sent with Report:

We will be back to Tuesday bowls from 22/7 and will resume collecting the competition fees from then.

We intend to speak with Locks and Leather in July.

Just to confirm that we will be available to do the scoring for the open pairs if still required.

Sponsorship/Liaison Secretary's Report (Terry Butchart):

Nil to Report.

Social Secretary's Report (Bev Redman):

Bev confirmed all raffle dates and that she has these in hand with cover to conduct them on the dates she is unavailable.

Croquet Secretary's Report (Val Sylvester):

Val stated that we expect to gain two more croquet playing members very soon.

Val asked if it would be acceptable for her to send out an email to all on the occasions that croquet finishes early so as bowlers have the opportunity to use the additional free Green time. It was agreed that she will do this and report back on if it works well at the next meeting.

Steve Anderson continues to develop the website and a future WhatsApp group for all, so this information can be shared in the timeliest manner possible.

Health & Safety/Safeguarding (Ian Kendal)

Nil to Report.

Any other Business:

The insect sting cream has gone missing. If anyone has borrowed this, please return it.

Steve received an email from a group who visited last year and paid to play a one-off game whilst in the area. They have requested 8th July. In discussion it was identified that Dave could attend for them to complete this on available Green time 1000-1230hrs 8th July.

Steve has still been trying to identify an internet signal but even going onto the clubhouse roof has not yet done so.

Terry and Steve have now replaced the clubhouse florescent lighting with LED's.

Paul will change the barrel in the second external door so as we have a key to this for insurance purposes and Dave will hold an additional key in case of lock failure on the main door.

The residents of the house between us and the Kinema are concerned about tree branches falling on their shed. Ron and Dave will inspect the trees and feedback.

Val needs to know as Welfare Officer for WSTBC if members are poorly or receive bad news so as she can sensitively share our thoughts with them. Please let her know if you become aware of any sad news.

Paul confirmed with Terry that there are sufficient BBQ supplies left over from Car Boot to hold a BBQ at the Coronation Cup on Sunday 13th July. We are still a few names short so Sam emailed all that afternoon with the information. Please consider putting your name down.

Paul has joined a Facebook Group with thousands of members called Car Boot & Tabletop Sales in Lincolnshire. This will be beneficial for advertising our Car Boot Sales.

Dave picked up more items for our car boot stall from Jim Cork's things which are proving valuable to funds coming in.

Phil needs some help on Car Boot Day set up's this is from 0630hrs three times a year, with the last one this year being due on 25th August. Please contact Phil with any offers of assistance: phil.redman@btinternet.com

With there being no further matters arising the meeting was closed by the Chair at 1110hrs.

Next Committee Meeting:

1000hrs Saturday 9th August 2025.