

# West Sussex Bowls League

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## MINUTES of WSBL ADM

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**Date:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024

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<b>1.</b>	<b>Chairman's welcome.</b>
	David Jackson welcomed all delegates and Management Committee members to the 40 <sup>th</sup> ADM of the WSBL
<b>2.</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
	Nigel Reynolds – Treasurer, Simon Tooley – Chichester BC
<b>3.</b>	<b>Minutes of previous ADM</b>
	Read and agreed as a true record – signed by the Chairman and entered into the record book
<b>4</b>	<b>Matters arising from previous meetings</b>
	None
<b>5.</b>	<b>Chairman's Report</b>
	I would like to thank the Management and Committee of Arundel Bowls Club for allowing us to hold another ADM in their clubhouse. Another season has passed, thank you to Worthing Pavilion for hosting Finals Day once again, thanks to Chris Rolph for making the day a great success. Congratulations to Worthing Bears, Bognor and Maltravers for winning Divisions 1, 2 and 3. A Big Thank you to Alan Messer for all the work he has done this season as our secretary, sorting out all the results of matches and keeping the website updated. Also, Nigel Reynolds as our Treasurer has worked tirelessly in managing our accounts, And many thanks also to the other members of the Management Committee. So, I wish you all good health during the winter, success for those of you who play indoors, and let us all look forward to enjoying the season in 2025. David Jackson

6.	<b>Secretary's Report</b>	
	<p>2024 has been a good playing year for WSBL.</p> <p>Most clubs are now able to field the requisite number of players to fulfil their fixtures and generally there is a feeling that bowls is on the rise again after the strictures of Covid.</p> <p>Thank you, Chris Rolph, President and founder of the league for your continued support and wisdom.</p> <p>Congratulations, to Dave Jackson on completing his first year as Chairman. Many thanks as always to my colleagues on the Management Committee and my thanks also to Roger Dear the outgoing 2023 Secretary. The Management Committee continue to make difficult decisions, and the truth is - not everyone is happy all of the time! The Management Committee continue to believe they act in the best interest of the league</p> <p>A big thank you to everyone who submitted results this year - pretty accurate by and large - but a few clubs slipped up on sending in results and someone within each club needs to be allocated this role to ensure we all get things right and with agreement.</p> <p>Please when arranging fixtures, care should continue to be taken to avoid potential clashes with external bodies, County events and regional finals with Bowls England competitions.</p> <p>The hot weather rules were only applied once this year and rain was our biggest enemy. For this meeting several rule changes and discussion points have been raised by clubs and hopefully we will all be able to move forwards because of these.</p> <p>On the playing side - Worthing Pavilion Bears won Division 1 with Southbourne Runners up. Bognor Regis and Pulborough took the honours in Division 2. Maltravers and Marine Gardens were the prize winners in Division 3. PC Cup winners were Tarring Priory with Pulborough taking the RU prize.</p> <p>Also, finally a big thank you to Worthing Pavilion for hosting the 2024 PC Cup Final and celebration match. I apologise for not attending but my mind had to be elsewhere that day. I think from reports back to me that the drinks tokens work as a replacement for the meal, but we need to look at numbers invited as the venue is somewhat overcrowded with an 8-rink celebration match and costs rise with more attendees.</p> <p>Hopefully 2025 will be a good bowling year, without too many problems, for WSBL.</p> <p>Alan Messer</p>	
7.	<b>Hon. Treasurers Report + Fees for 2026 + Officer remuneration</b>	
	Nigel was unable to be present at the meeting and Alan Messer presented the report on his behalf.	

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The club delegates were alerted to the deficit on the year and voted in an increase of entry fees from £40 up to £45 for the 2026 playing season. Sponsors would also be asked if they would increase their level of commitment by £100.

An award of £100 was agreed to meet secretarial expense and effort

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### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	YEAR END OCTOBER	2024	2023
BANK BALANCE AS AT 30/11/23		4768.40	4891.90
<b>RECEIPTS</b>			
<b>Club Team Entry Fees - 2025 Season</b>			
24 x £40		960.00	1000.00
League Sponsorship- James&James		200.00	125.00
PC Cup Sponsorship - Legacy		0.00	0.00
		1160.00	1125.00
		<b>5928.40</b>	<b>6016.90</b>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
Honarium - Hon.Sec./ Match Sec.		100.00	100.00
Trophies/Engraving + PC Cup Prize Payments.		450.00	476.50
Finals Day Expenses		788.15	472.00
Hall Donation - Arundel BC		25.00	25.00
Bank Charges		0.00	0.00
Web Site Fees		50.00	50.00
		<b>1413.15</b>	<b>1123.50</b>
BANK BALANCE AT YEAR END		<b>4515.25</b>	<b>4893.40</b>

**Prepared by Nigel Reynolds**  
**Hon.Treasurer WSBL**

8.	<b>Election of Officers</b>																
	<b>Position</b>	<b>Incumbent 2023-24</b>															
	<b>President</b>	<b>Chris Rolph</b>															
	<b>Chairman</b>	<b>David Jackson</b>															
	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Alan Messer</b>															
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Officers for 2024-25 were elected en bloc																	
9.	<b>Proposals for Changes to Current Rules &amp; or Constitution:</b>																
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>The rule change jointly proposed by Marine Gardens BC and Pagham BC was voted in as below</b></li> </ul> <p>Rule 4.3 amended to</p> <p>All rinks to play 18 ends continuously unless the match is abandoned for any reason when Rule 4.12d) will apply. In league matches rinks shall not be conceded prior to the end of 18 ends and if a player is obliged to leave the rink for more than 10 minutes due to illness, injury or any other reason the rink shall continue to play under the terms of 4.8 below. In PC cup matches a team may concede if they consider it right to do so.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>A rule change proposed addressing dates offered for fixture agreement by Worthing BC was defeated</b></li> <li><b>Necessary Rule amendments to accommodate the changes to Rule 4.3 were introduced by the management Committee and voted in</b></li> </ul> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>4.9</td> <td colspan="2">Visiting clubs to bowl the jack on the first end at all times.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>a)</td> <td colspan="2">All League matches will be played on the date as arranged and notified to the Secretary, prior to the commencement of the season and no match will be rearranged to be played after the scheduled date for any reason. In exceptional circumstances a club may – with the agreement of the opposition – arrange to play a fixture – <u>prior to the scheduled date</u> – subject to the consent of the League Secretary after consultation with other Officers.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>b)</td> <td colspan="2">If in the PC Cup a match is abandoned prior to commencement or before a minimum of <b>10 ends</b> have been completed on all rinks the match will be re-arranged. Any re-arranged match must be played no later than 7 days after the original date. The home club to offer two new dates to the away club on the day of the cancellation. Should the home club fail to offer 2 dates on the day of the match they shall forfeit the match. The away club must accept one of these dates during the next 24 hours or will forfeit the match. <i>(amended 2024)</i></td> </tr> </table> <p>And</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>4.10</td> <td>d)</td> <td>- Abandoned Match</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td>In matches abandoned after the commencement the rink scores to count if a minimum of <b>ten (10)</b> ends have been completed on all rinks. The number of ends that have been completed must be clearly indicated on the result sheet. If <b>10 ends</b></td> </tr> </table>		4.9	Visiting clubs to bowl the jack on the first end at all times.		a)	All League matches will be played on the date as arranged and notified to the Secretary, prior to the commencement of the season and no match will be rearranged to be played after the scheduled date for any reason. In exceptional circumstances a club may – with the agreement of the opposition – arrange to play a fixture – <u>prior to the scheduled date</u> – subject to the consent of the League Secretary after consultation with other Officers.		b)	If in the PC Cup a match is abandoned prior to commencement or before a minimum of <b>10 ends</b> have been completed on all rinks the match will be re-arranged. Any re-arranged match must be played no later than 7 days after the original date. The home club to offer two new dates to the away club on the day of the cancellation. Should the home club fail to offer 2 dates on the day of the match they shall forfeit the match. The away club must accept one of these dates during the next 24 hours or will forfeit the match. <i>(amended 2024)</i>		4.10	d)	- Abandoned Match			In matches abandoned after the commencement the rink scores to count if a minimum of <b>ten (10)</b> ends have been completed on all rinks. The number of ends that have been completed must be clearly indicated on the result sheet. If <b>10 ends</b>
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		have not been completed on all rinks 5 points shall be awarded to each club. All players will be recorded as having taken part in the match. <b>(Amended ADM 2024)</b>
	e)	- Conceded Match
		In matches conceded after the commencement of the game, ten (10) points will be awarded to the non-offending team - The offending team will be deducted ten (10) points for non-completion of the fixture <u>but the Management Committee reserve the right to reduce or rescind this penalty in the case of exceptional extenuating circumstances.</u> All players will be recorded as having taken part in the match. If less than <b>10 ends</b> have been played no shots will count, but if <b>10</b> or more ends have been completed the shots scored will be recorded. <b>(Amended ADM 2024)</b>

And

<b>3.</b>	<b>ARRANGEMENT OF MATCHES</b>	
	<b>For both League and PC Cup:</b>	
3.1	a)	All evening matches shall be arranged to commence as below <b>18.30 in June and July, at 18.15 in May &amp; August. Mid-week matches start at 18.00 if played after the 7<sup>th</sup>. August. Clubs may by mutual agreement arrange to play a match in the afternoon or to start earlier than the specified time</b>
	b)	No evening matches shall be played after the 14 <sup>th</sup> . August and if played after the 7 <sup>th</sup> . August shall have a start time of no later than 17.30.
	c)	Matches played on artificial surfaces after the 1 <sup>st</sup> . August must have a start time of 30 minutes earlier than those quoted above.
3.8		All weekend matches to start at 10.00 and mid-week matches at <b>18.30 in June and July, at 18.15 in May &amp; August. Mid-week matches start at 18.00 if played after the 7<sup>th</sup>. August. Clubs may by mutual agreement arrange to play a match in the afternoon or to start earlier than the specified time</b>

A further rule change proposed by the Management Committee was voted in by a majority

### **PROMOTION and RELEGATION and NEW TEAMS**

**5.1 All new teams will enter the league in the lowest division.**

**5.2 If at the end of the season clubs are level on points the order of placement in the league table shall be determined by aggregate shot difference and if aggregate shot differences are equal then by shot averages.**

**5.3 At the end of the season the top team, in all but the 1st division, will be promoted to the next highest division. The bottom team, in all but the bottom division, will be relegated to the next lowest division**

**5.4 Once the closing date for receipt of entries to the League has passed, the Management Committee shall be responsible for formulating the Divisions for the forthcoming season bearing in mind rule 5.3 above.**

**5.5 When undertaking this task, the Management Committee shall attempt to ensure that divisions contain equal numbers of teams where possible but that when there are an uneven number of teams, the higher numbers shall always be in the higher**

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	<p><b>divisions and adjustments in the number of clubs promoted/relegated should be made as necessary to ensure this situation prevails.</b></p> <p><b>5.6 The League Structure for the forthcoming season shall then be forwarded to the member clubs as soon as agreed.</b></p>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Dates for 2025</b>
	<p><b>Saturday 13th September 2025</b> 14:00 PC Cup Final, Champions v the Rest and Presentations (venue Worthing Pavilion)</p> <p><b>20th October 2025</b> 19:00 WSBL ADM (venue Arundel)</p> <p>PC Cup 2025 The draw was made at this meeting</p>
<b>11</b>	<b>Closure of formal part of the Meeting</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>Other Business – Discussion only</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• John Fairs reminded clubs that Trophies should be clean and in good condition when returned to the league for presentation and engraving</li><li>• Pagham Captain Rick Bailey sent in a written reminder to clubs about the importance of completion of scorecards and the need to remain courteous if so reminded.</li><li>• The number of rinks played in the Champions v The League will be reduced from 8 to 6. Div 1 2 and 3 Champions each to provide 2 rinks.</li></ul>

**Alan Messer**  
**Hon Secretary**  
**October 2024**

**Minutes Agreed as a true record .....WSBL Chairman**

**..... Date**