

Exeter & District Men's Over 60s Triples Bowling League

Minutes of a Management Committee meeting held at the Exonia Bowling Club, Exeter,
on Wednesday 26th February 2025 at 2:30 pm.

1. Opening by the Chairman:

Tony opened the meeting at 2.30pm noting that he was pleased to see so many turn up and looked forward to contributing to the Leagues continued success. He introduced Alan George to the meeting as the new League Secretary and commented that his tenure would be for three years up to the 2027 AGM. Therefore, clubs will have to consider who is to continue after that date.

2. Present/Apologies:

Present: Tony Broughton (Chairman), Alan George (Secretary), Pete Sweet (Treasurer) & Maurice Daniels (Fixture Secretary).

As per attached attendance sheet (21 representatives from 16 clubs).

Apologies: were received from: Chagford BC, Trevor Pipe (Honiton), Roger Williams (Madiera) & Peter Mison (Sidmouth).

Clubs not attending – 13.

3. Minutes:

Minutes of the AGM meeting held on the 2nd of October 2024 had been circulated and accepted as a true record, the chairman signed a copy for the records.

4. Matters Arising:

There were no matters arising.

5. Reports:

5.1 Secretary:

5.1.1 As this is my first meeting as a committee member I do not have a report to make for last season. That said I would like to ask all participating clubs to make sure that the details that I have been given by Tony of club contacts/over 60s representative email addresses AND all team captains names and contact phone/mobile numbers are current for the coming season. I have the lists with me so if you would like to look through them after the meeting and correct any errors please do so. I do not expect the team captains' contact numbers to be available until April so please make sure that the correct phone/mobile numbers are given to me please.

I believe that the only matters that can be reported are i) the two Tiverton clubs (Borough & Park) have now amalgamated to form Tiverton Canal BC and will play at Tiverton Borough's ground and ii) that Culm Vale has entered a third team who will play in Division 8.

As stated at the AGM last October I am taking on the secretary's role from Tony on a short term basis up until the 2027 AGM. Please give a thought to my successor for the 2028 season. My first thoughts are that the task of secretary is not an onerous one but not one that should last for over 20 years as Tony has and for which I think all clubs should be very grateful. I look forward to the 2025 season running smoothly with all teams enjoying their bowls no matter what division they are in.

5.2 Fixtures Secretary Report:

5.2.1 Maurice Daniel informed the meeting Division 8 was now complete with the addition of another Culm Vale Side.

He also confirmed the merger of Tiverton Borough and Park into Tiverton Canal BC was now complete and that they had entered three teams in the League.

He reminded everyone once again the importance of keeping him in touch with cancelled, postponed and re-arranged matches and to return results as soon as possible after the finish of the games.

5.3 Treasurers Report:

5.3.1. Pete Sweet reported a balance of £1,292.28 on the League's bank account.

The expected entry fees from 80 Teams (Sides) will be £400 this season and so far £240 has been received. Clubs are asked to pay the entry fees for the teams entered by BACS before the season starts.

6. Banking Reserve fund and Team Entry Fees: See Item 5.3.1 above.

7.1 Team Captains for 2025:

7.1.1 Alan expressed the importance of keeping the Team Captains contact details on the website up-to-date as this was his first year as Secretary and on a learning curve!

He needs all the correct Team Captain Names and telephone numbers by **the middle of April**, so the website can be brought up to date for the season start on the 1st of May.

He asks all Captains not to panic yet if the website is incorrect, he will not up-date the website of changes to all captain's names and numbers until mid-April, they can check again then.

8. Any other business:

8.1 John Gutteridge (Tiverton Canal) raised the point of transferring players from lower teams to higher teams. Following a brief discussion it was confirmed that Clause 8.9.3 covered this situation.

8.1.2 A query was raised as to the possibility of changing the playing format to sixteen ends instead of the eighteen ends currently played. Following a discussion Tony Broughton said that a written proposal should be sent to the League Secretary for inclusion on the agenda for the AGM in October for discussion by member clubs.

9. Date of Next Meeting

9.1 The next Meeting and AGM to be held on Wednesday 1st of October 2025 at 2.30 pm in the Exonia Bowling Club John Young (Exonia) to confirm date to Alan George.

8. Presentation of Trophies

8.1 The presentation of trophies to division winners then took place:

Div.1 – Culm Vale A: Div 2 – Hemyock A: Div 3 - Tiverton Boro Gold: Div 4 – Ottery Buzzards:
Div 5 – Tiverton Park Yellow: Div 6 – Taunton Deane Eagles: Div 7 – South Molton A & Div 8 – South Molton B.

All the winners were represented, except Culm Vale, and trophies taken away. Pete Sweet to arrange collection of trophy by Culm Vale. All trophies to be returned at the October 2025 AGM.

This being the completion of business the Chairman closed the meeting at 2.57 pm.

Signed: _____

Chairman

Date: _____

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Attendance Record for Management Meeting Wednesday 26th February 2025

PLEASE PRINT YOUR NAME IN THE APPROPRIATE ROW AND COLUMN

OFFICERS			
Chairman	TONY BROUGHTON	Treasurer	Peter Sweet
Secretary	ALAN GEORGE	Fixture Secretary	MAURICE DAVIS
CLUBS	REPRESENTATIVE	GUEST	GUEST
Axminster			
Belmont			
Bradninch			
Broadclyst			
Budleigh Salterton			
Chagford	APPOLOGIES		
Chardstock	-		
Crediton	S C W. MARYA	M. HAYWOOD	
Cullompton	DAVID CLODE		
Culm Vale	-		
Exonia	JOHN YOUNG		
Feniton	DOO COYNE		
Heavitree	MI FOSTER	B. BAKER	
Hemyock	J. STEVENS	is	
Honiton	x APPOLOGIES	Trevor Pipe	
Madeira	x - - -	Roger Williams	
Marina	PETE SWEET.		
Morchard Bishop	-		
North Tawton	-		
Okehampton	-		
Ottery St Mary	G HAWKE		
Phear Park	B. BAKER	R. HEDLE	
Pinces Gardens	-		
Seaton	-		
Sidmouth	APPOLOGIES		
St Thomas	AF NEVILLE		
South Molton	COLIN WALLIS		
Taunton Deane	TONY FOXWELL	PAUL FROST.	
Tiverton Canal	LLOYD DANIELS	JOHN CUSKERIDGE	
Tiverton West End	-		
Topsham	S C. HARDING.		
Uffculme	IPeat		
Wellington	W. J. ...		