

## **Agenda:**

**1. Roll Call**

**2. Chairman's Greeting**

**3. Minutes of the last meeting**

**4. Vets Secretary Report**

**5. Secretary / Treasurer' Report**

**6. Assistant Secretary / Treasurer's Report**

**7. Any Other Competent Business**

The Meeting was held at Pelaw Community Bowling Club on Tuesday 19th March at 19:00.

### 1. Roll Call

#### Those present were:

Mr. E. Noble - President	Mr J. Sutherland - Secretary/Treasurer <b>JS</b>		
Mr G. Dunkley - Chairman <b>GD</b>	Mr D. McCaffery - Veteran's Secretary <b>DMcC</b>		
S. Williamson - Catering Director	Mrs M. Morton - Trustee		
Mr. B. Warden - Trustee	Mr M. O'Callaghan - Trustee		
Mrs A Harrison - Trustee	Mrs C. Evans - Trustee		
Mr W. Hudson	Mr N. Fletcher	Mr J. Williamson	Mr D. Robinson
Mr J. Fish	Mrs V. Davidson	Mr. A. McClelland	Mr R. Morris
Mr B. Liddle	Mrs A. McMeiken	Mrs Ann Urwin	Mr J. Liddle
Mr D. Blanchard	Mr S. Walker	Mrs J. Hutchinson	Mr P. Jackson
Mr J. Hillary			

#### Apologies:

Mr J. Futers	Mr M. Bushell	Mr A. Bertram	Mr D. Johnson
Mrs M. Dunkley	Mr I. Armstrong	Mr S. Conroy	

### 2. Chairman's Greeting

**GD** opened the meeting by wishing everybody a happy new year and welcomed everybody to the new season.

### 3. Minutes of the last meeting

**GD** informed those present that the minutes of the last meeting had been posted in the clubhouse, last year. Members were asked whether there were any matters arising. None were given and the minutes were taken as read.

### 4. Vets Report

The secretary of the Vets **DmcC** gave a summary.

The rules were as discussed in 2023. Scoring would be 2 points per rink and 2 points for the overall. Games to start at 13:00. There would be no trial ends, one point scored for the first two ends.

The game would be 3 woods, 16 ends. If the weather was inclement then 12 ends minimum would be considered a completed game, as agreed by both secretaries. Otherwise the points would be shared.

Thursday league, only 9 players on three rinks.

## 5. Treasurer / Secretary's Report

**JS** informed the members as follows:

- Full Membership would remain at £60. Social Membership would remain at £30. A social member was entitled to come anytime and have a roll up, use the facilities, and play in all club competitions. However they would not be eligible for league or cup matches.
- Any visitor or guest would be expected to pay £3 for a two hour bowling session.
- One team has been entered in the Monday Tens League and Two teams in the Wednesday Cowan league.
- A member would need to take ownership of the second team. That person would carry out the secretaries duties for that team. However they could advise **JS** of the result, which he would then submit to the N&D secretary.
- Tens League - Monday Night. 1 teams would be entered consisting of 10 players.
- Cowan league - Wednesday Night. 2 teams would be entered consisting of 9 players.
- The club has entered the Charity Cup and Sinclair Cup. A sheet would be put up asking who wanted to play and the team would be selected from those interested.
- Northumberland & Durham has opened a new pairs competition. Anyone wanting to enter should advise **JS** as soon as possible. To date 2 teams had shown an interest.
- **All** members to come to clean the facility and help with the tidying up of the site outside the building. **JS** advised that he would send out a text message when a suitable date could be agreed.
- The Children from St Albans and Bill Quay Primary Schools will return to be coached starting on Monday May 20th at 13:00 until the final on July 15th. Members were asked to come and help as a minimum of 8 Volunteers were needed each week.
- **JS** informed the membership that the season would begin on Saturday 13th April. Members were asked to arrive by 12:30 to take part in the Hunter's Trophy, which would begin at 13:00.
- The members were informed that Sara Jobling would return on April 27th until May 2026, every third Saturday to repeat her Yoga Instructors Course. PCBC would receive £70 per month. Dates will be posted.

## 6. Assistant Treasurer / Secretary's Report

GD informed the members as follows:

- The information for all the league matches has been uploaded to our website '[pelawcbc.com](http://pelawcbc.com)'. The AGM minutes for the November 2023 meeting can also be found here, as well as other information relating to what we do and have done. Members were asked to use this site.
- A budget calculation has been carried out for the forthcoming season, accounting for actual known income, against actual known expenditure. The projected deficit for this year is £3159. This is due to the cost of maintaining the green.
- In 2023 we overspent by £2676. This was due to the cost of necessary green maintenance.
- Our planned summer activities include:
  1. An IT Project funded by Connected Voice. Children from St Albans and Bill Quay Primary schools will be given instruction by experts from Pride Radio, covering film making, editing and loading up into an on line site. The children will create a TikTok account for PCBC and make short videos which they will upload.
  2. This funding will potentially cover our internet costs for the year and a second IT project which will see an NHS trust organisation bring in Technicians for another round of Tech Tea Parties.
  3. One Friday per month we will host a group of elderly and infirm who will come for a sociable afternoon between 13:00 and 15:00. Volunteers are needed to support this. Dates to be advised.
  4. Wednesday afternoons, I intend to contact the Early Onset Dementia Nurses to offer this activity again. A small number of volunteers only is required for this. Dates to be advised.
  5. As **JS** mentioned we will coach the children and host the 'final' between the two schools, running from May to July.
  6. On Sunday August 18th we will host a tournament for Pride Radio, part of their planned annual activities. 24 teams from businesses will play a

tournament for which we will be given £1000, and £750 towards the refreshments.

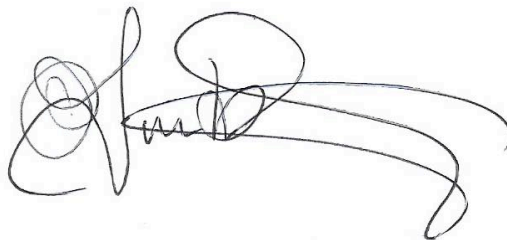
We may additionally receive half the entry fee of £400 per team, although this is not guaranteed. There is a potential for running this on an annual basis, which would bring corporate onto the site, together with an income stream.

To run this tournament requires 12 bowlers on the green to manage the games and also the loan of some bowls for the teams playing. These players may never have bowled before and may need some coaching prior to the tournament. More information will be available following further meetings with pride Radio.

7. In September we will host the 'Picnic in the Park with Felling Brass Band again. All members are welcome and this event is free to everybody, especially the local community. **JS** will advise the date when it has been agreed with Felling Brass Band.
8. In July & August we have our open competitions. Put your names down as these are filling up fast.
9. **GD** introduced a new member, John Hillary, who has been attending the warm space throughout the winter. John also came last summer on Fridays. We are especially pleased to see and welcome him as up to now he has come in a wheelchair, but is now on two feet. With our support and coaching, John will soon be a playing member of the club.

## 7. Any Other Competent Business

Being no further business, **GD** called the meeting to a close.



G.R. Dunkley  
Chairman  
19th March 2024