

Kirkby Malzeard Bowls Club

Minutes of the 25.25 Annual General Meeting 17th November 2025 7.00pm

Present- Ric H, Phil B, Tony W, John F, Tony B, Jane O, Iain F, Brian W, Kev H Debbie H, Paul W, Paul N,

Apologies – Ann K, Anne I, Dave H, Judy B, Rodney P, Howard, Kevin M, Grant E

- Minutes of AGM November '24 approved.

Captain's Report Dalesman (RH)

- Thanks to everyone who stepped up to compete in the Dalesman league. We finished 4th out of 8 which is similar to previous years.

Captain's Report -Friendlies & Internal Competitions (TW)

- The club won every friendly despite introducing new players whenever possible. Hoping to organise more friendlies next season with clubs such as Richmond, Hutton Rugby, or Thirsk.
- The internal competitions went well and the round robins were particularly well attended. Improvements for next season will be to ensure early rounds of competitions are completed promptly. Will review if Monday evenings could be used for internal competitions if only for part of the season.

Treasurers Report (PB)

- Another solid year financially with income expected to exceed club expenditure by circa £500 by year end March 2026. Any surplus will be swept into the interest-bearing account.
- The club exceeded its covenanted reserve level for another year.

Chair's Update (RH)--

- All the KMBC officers and Committee members were thanked for their hard work and support.
- All members thanked for their contribution to general maintenance, spring cleaning, flower bed maintenance, hedge and grass cutting etc.
- Open day – attended by 15 visitors.
- Social Bowls evenings - were well attended and attracted new members.
- The Bedale Whistlestop competitions were attended by three teams from KMBC with all giving a good account of themselves.
- Yorkshire Bowls competitions – six members took part in various competitions with some wins. The competitions are being rezoned in 2026 so we will be playing different clubs than previously.

Secretary's Update (JO)

- Membership rose from 18 to 21 despite some previous members leaving the club.

Safeguarding Officer Report (PB)

- No issues to report for the season but a reminder to everyone to be ready to support team members from visiting clubs who may become vulnerable due to, for example, an unexpected health episode.

Election of Officers for 25/26 proposed and carried

- Chair – Ric H
- Treasurer – Phil B
- Secretary – Jane O
- Dalesman Captain – Ric H
- Friendly Captain – Tony W
- Safeguarding Officer – Phil B
- Greens Manager -Phil B
- Committee lay members Brian W, John C

Green Report

- Phil explained that it was hoped that the club could contract out one mow per week during the season following relevant training etc. The 2nd weekly mow would still need to be carried out by club members.
- A number of club members volunteered to help with mowing the green during the season to spread the work-load.
- The green still needed further scarifying when conditions permitted and repairs needed to the ditch-wood tennis court end.
- Agreed to install the velcro rink markers to facilitate moving the rinks by a half each.

Matters Arising

- **Fees 2026 season** – the following were voted on and passed.
 - Annual subscription £55
 - Internal competitions £10
 - Match fees £3
- **Pre-season dinner** – agreed that Jane would progress booking the Half Moon in the last week of March and would circulate details in due course.
- **Fund Raising** – agreed that Jane and Iain would work on a food and drink quiz night in March at the Mechanics with Ric to confirm no corkage to pay. Iain to work with Ric on a possible July 4th BBQ. It was suggested that perhaps Ivy Bank visitors could be allowed to use the bowls club although a pay and play facility doesn't exist at the moment.
- John F asked everyone to consider leaving some money to the bowls club in their will.
- Brian confirmed that advertising boards would cost £130-£150 each, with sponsors typically paying £100 a year. Agreed to identify potential sponsors.
- **Pre-season work** – volunteer spreadsheet completed and to be attached to AGM minutes. A mowing rota to be compiled by Phil.

Next AGM - Monday 16th November 2026, 7pm at the Highside Pavilion