

Minutes of Committee Meeting

Monday 7th July 2025 @ 6:30pm

Present: George Forsyth, Bruce Stewart, Fiona Murray, John Murray, Cheryl North, Liz Groat, Charlie Reid, Suz Pirie, Doug Fraser, Viv Humble.

Apologies: Bill Allan, Bob Waiter, Raymond Warrender, Allan McRitchie, Lee Simpson.

Receipt of BowlsMark Bronze Award and Silver BowlsMark Presentation

Alan McDonald presented Harlaw Bowling Club with the Bronze BowlsMark Award and delivered a presentation about the Silver BowlsMark requirements and benefits.

Review and acceptance of minutes from June 2nd meeting.

Approved by Suz Pirie and seconded by Liz Groat

Actions from Previous Meeting

Relating To	Who	What	By When	Status
Sponsorship	Bill	Contact Precast to request payment of sponsorship	June	Closed
Dev Plan	Fiona	Contact Colin Tough to erect shed	June	Closed
Dev Plan	Fiona	Contact Pete Young to work with Schools in 2025	July	In Progress
Dev Plan	Raymond	Contact electrician about shed lighting	August	On Hold
Events	Fiona, John, Bruce, Doug	Organise Invitation Pairs	June	Closed
Events	Fiona	Organise Family Try Bowls	June	Closed
Events	Fiona, Suz	Organise Coffee Morning	June	Closed
Events	John	Purchase DVD's and sell horses for race night	July	Closed
AOCB	Bill	Speak with Roy MacDonald about repairing wall behind scoreboard	August	
AOCB	Bill/John/Fiona	Update sponsors' contact details	May	In Progress
AOCB	Raymond	Organise Risk Assessment Exercise	May	In Progress
AOCB	Fiona	Communicate On-line Kitchen Hygiene Training courses	July	
AOCB	Fiona	Prepare Silver BowlsMark paperwork	July	In Progress

Initial risk assessment was distributed by Raymond

1. President Remarks

George congratulated Linda Harper, Lucy Willox and Fergus Muat on the achievement of winning through to the Nationals at Ayr.

George thanked everyone who helped with the coffee morning and invitational pairs.

2. Treasurer's Report

Statement balance as at 31st May £22,730

Statement balance as at 30th June £22,648

3. Bar Report

- Re-iterate thanks to the bar staff covering invitational pairs.
- Fiona and Cheryl will cover race night
- July rota is covered.

4.Greens Report

- Hawks working very well greatly reducing birds soiling the green.
- Thank you to Ally Mackie for maintaining borders and surrounding areas in Bob's absence.
- Green scarified both ways on June 9th with two barrow loads removed.
- Wetting agent, seaweed and iron has been applied to green on June 15th
- Probing of green will be carried out on a weekly basis.
- Scarifying will occur Wednesday July 9th.

5.Match Report

Club Comps

Club comps are progressing reasonably well despite it now being peak holiday season. Doug and I have been chasing people, and we will continue to do so.

Bowls Scotland

As you will be aware Linda Harper won the Over 55s Ladies singles while Lucy Willox won the Under 25s and the main ladies singles. Lucy also won the Mixed Pairs with Fergus Muat.

It was decided to present £200 per qualifier per event to help with travel and accommodation costs.

It was approved that this gesture of goodwill shall be determined by the incumbent committee on a discretionary basis each year.

A&K Top 10

Harlaw have qualified for the Top 10 final after wins over Rothienorman and Banchory. The final takes place at Laurencekirk on Sunday 20 July and will be against Inverurie or Pitmedden who play tonight.

A&K Triples

The triples league is now complete. Harlaw did not qualify for the play offs

A&K Top 5.

Harlaw beat Laurencekirk on Monday 23 June and now play Bervie BC at Inverbervie on Monday 21 July in the Semi final. The final takes place at Laurencekirk on Friday 15 August.

Harlaw, representing A&K, play Marchmont from Dumfries on Sunday 3 August at 10.00am.

We need to provide umpire and 5 markers.

We will open the bar and provide lunch (soup and sandwiches) to all players, the umpire, markers and Marchmont supporters,

Mixed Triples League

Both teams have one game to play with Harlaw B topping their group. A win or draw would be enough to ensure qualification. Harlaw lie second in their group with still a slim possibility to qualify for the KO stages.

Crowmallie

Harlaw beat Pitmedden on 24 June to make it through to the Q/F where we play Newmachar. This game has still to be arranged but is likely to be to the end of July.

Forbes Hendry

Harlaw play Huntly in the Semifinal tomorrow.

Benachie Association Knock Outs

The Knockouts started last week with wins for the Pairs, Triple and Fours. Unfortunately, Lucy Willox lost in the singles. The next round of knockouts takes place on Thursday.

The League Cup team progressed through to the Q/F with a comfortable win over Belhelvie and now play Oldmeldrum on Wednesday.

With Harlaw hosting the Knockout finals on 17th August we will provide catering. Soup and sandwich for the league cup and mixed pairs who play at 10am and Teas and sandwiches for the Juniors, Champion of Champions, Singles, Pairs, Triples and Fours who play at 2pm.

Two delegates from each club will also require food. Numbers will be confirmed nearer time.

The bar will be open.

Benachie League

Harlaw A finished 3rd in their league while Harlaw B unfortunately finished bottom of their league.

Invitation Pairs

The event was a success with Neil Anderson and Scott Runcie retaining their trophy.

Thanks to everyone who helped make it a success.

Next year's committee needs to decide to change format and discuss increasing the prize money.

Bowls Scotland Ladies

District Finals June 3rd held at Newmachar at which Cheryl will attend. Lucy Willox is in under 25's final at 10am. Lucy also in singles final at 2pm and Linda Harper competes in over 55's final.

Forbes Hendry

Lost to Huntly.

ADLBA

Cheryl is playing in singles knockout at Balgownie on June 5th.

ADLBA Champion of Champions

Linda Harper still in.

Crowmallie

Lost.

Craigie Knockouts

Linda still in the Singles

Cheryl and Lucy are in the semi-finals of the pairs. Play against Balgownie.

Triples lost to Westhill

Finals are at Newhills August 16th

Craigie League

Ellon won, chaos reigns as Pitmedden/Oldmeldrum drop out and Newmachar not wanting to play their last match.

6.New Club Kit

People are asking about receiving their kit from our second order. John to ask Lee to provide order status, what was ordered by who, the cost the need to pay and expected delivery dates.

7.Club Development Programme

Clubhouse Redesign

- The shed is partly constructed. We must get this on a level base before adding the doors. Sandy McDonald will assist us in this. We will source the materials for Sandy.

Junior Development and Funding

- Still waiting for pvg for Covey and Alan McRitchie. Covey now booked into the safeguarding course. Liz and Cheryl did not get places will look for further courses.
- Still waiting for session plans from Cheryl to finalise
- End of Funding report prepared and submitted by Fiona for the money from The National Lottery Community Fund.

- Still waiting outcome from Aberdeenshire club sport funding application.
- Hoping to put in an application for players attending national championships.

8. Events Calendar

Race Night Saturday 19th July.

Need to push sales of admission tickets and horses. John making stovies, Suz doing vegetarian. Fiona and Cheryl doing the bar.

Invitation Pairs Sunday 15th June

Letters have gone out. Fiona passed invitation Pairs planner to Bruce Stewart. Fiona and Judy agreed to do BBQ at the event. Volunteers for catering and raffle all organised.

Try Bowls for All – Sunday 22nd June 2-4pm

Marketing through active schools, social media, email.

Fiona to post on volunteers' group for helpers for event. Ideas to be discussed with Committee.

National Championships

Tickets 2 available – contacted Lucy Linda and Fergus

BowlsMark Luncheon – we were to late this year to attend as closing date past. Possibility of invite next year for 2 members to attend and represent the club

Gaulds Gas Super Sixes 9th August

John to publicise the event. Captains are organising their teams. Denise and helpers will do the bar till 6pm when after Suz will see if Kristy and friend can take over.

Ladies Day 23rd August

Ticket price to be reviewed suggest £20 per ticket due to increase in cost of food, entertainment and possible prosecco purchase for event

Fiona and Suz to meet in next couple weeks to organise event

George Forsyth and Mike Cruikshank will cover the bar in the afternoon. Suz will ask Kristy if she can cover the night.

Friends of St Andrews School will remain as the charity being supported.

9. Correspondence

- None

10. AOCB

- Saturday 30th August is Triples and sponsors day. A spider will be held for the sponsors. A maximum of two attendees per sponsor.
- Thank you to Fiona for doing the catering for Benachie Knockouts.
- Viv and Cheryl kindly agreed to do catering of Thursday July 10th Benachie Knockout matches.
- Doug has noted more omissions from the honour's boards.
 - 2003 Bowls Scotland Mens Singles Graham Low
 - 2018 A&K Fours
 - 2018 Benachie Fours
- Signage for codes to open the Defibrillator have been corrected. The code is 1111 followed by a tick
- Heather Tough has requested use of the green and clubhouse to meet up with past member bowlers. There would be around 20 people, they would provide food, but it would be great if the bar was open. This was agreed and we would waive donation cost as Colin Tough continues to do a lot of work for the club. Fiona will reply to Heather.
- Audra Booth, Aberdeenshire Sports Officer has asked if we would be interested in holding Boccia at the club. The committee agreed that this is something we would not be interested in as the clubhouse has limited space. Fiona will feedback to Audra.
- As part of the Silver BowlsMark, we need to have codes of conduct in place. Discussion about other areas where training / awareness which may be required such as etiquette, usage of the rink

numbering system, expectations of markers and the expectation of competing in club competitions and organising the match.

11. Actions Required

Relating To	Who	What	By When	Status
Dev Plan	George, Bruce	Work with Sandy to get shed base build	August	
Club Kit	John	Contact Lee to get status of latest kit order	July	
Treasurer	Fiona	Transfer travel and accommodation funds to qualifiers	July	
Events	John, Fiona, Suz	Organise Super Sixes	August	
Events	Bruce, Suz, Fiona	Organise Benachie Finals	August	
Events	Fiona, Suz	Organise Ladies Day	August	
Events	John	Promote Race Night	July	
AOCB	Bill	Speak with Roy MacDonald about repairing wall behind scoreboard	August	
AOCB	Bill/John/Fiona	Update sponsors' contact details		In Progress
AOCB	Raymond	Organise Risk Assessment Exercise		In Progress
AOCB	Fiona	Feedback to Audra Booth about Boccia	July	
AOCB	Fiona	Feedback to Heather Tough regarding bowls session	July	
AOCB	Fiona	Prepare Silver BowlsMark paperwork	August	
AOCB	Fiona, George, Bruce, John	Prepare Codes of conduct, Etiquette, Rink board usage, marker expectations, etc	August	

Next Meeting Monday 4th August 7:00pm.