

HARLAW BOWLING CLUB
Minutes of Committee Meeting
Monday, 3 March 2025 at 7 p.m.

Present: George Forsyth; Suz Pirie; Vivian Humble; Bruce Stewart; Raymond Warrender; Bob Waiter; Charles Reid; Doug Fraser

Apologies: Bill Allan; Allan McRitchie; Lee Simpson; Fiona Murray; John Murray; Liz Groat; Cheryl North

1. President's Welcome

The President opened the meeting and congratulated Bruce Stewart who has been elected President of the Benachie Bowling Association for the year 2025/26.

Review and acceptance of Minutes from 10 February 2025 meeting

Approved by Bruce Stewart and Seconded by Suz Pirie.

2. Actions from Previous Meeting

Relating To	Who	What	By When	Status
Dev Plan	Fiona	Contact Pete Young to work with Schools in 2025	Apr	In progress
Dev Plan	Fiona	Complete work on new website	Apr	In progress
AOCB	Bill/John	Update sponsors' contact details	Apr	In progress
Greens	Bob/Covey/Raymond	Meeting with green-keepers – contract and costs	Mar	Closed
AOCB	Bruce	Draw up plan re requirements for A&K match on 10 May	Apr	Closed – meeting organised 19 March
Match	Bruce/Cheryl	Entries for Friday Bon-Accord Mixed Triples League	Feb	Closed
Club Dev	Lee	Order new Club shirts, etc	Mar	Closed
Events	Covey	Invitation to Open Green on 13 April	Mar	Closed
Events	Committee	Increase number of entries for Invitational Pairs on 15 June	Mar/Apr	In progress
Events	Committee	Date of Super Six competition – 9 August confirmed	Mar/Apr	Closed
AOCB	Committee	Bye-Law re criteria for multiple bowling club memberships	Apr	In progress

AOCB	Committee	Set up Social/Events Group	Apr	In progress
AOCB	Committee	Set up Bowls Development Group	Apr	In progress
AOCB	Fiona/Raymond	Organise defibrillator refresher course	Apr	Closed
Events	Fiona/Covey	Date for Try Bowls day	Mar	In progress

3. Treasurer's Report

Statement 31 January 2025	£34,596.05
Statement 28 February 2025	Figure not available

Expenses February 2025

Figures not available

4. Bar Report

The next Poker Night will be on Friday, 14 March 2025 – all in hand.

5. Greens Report

Bob Waiter and George Simpson have applied feed to the green and, weather permitting, hope to scarify next week.

The green-keepers have notified Bob that their costs will be the same as the previous year. Bob has asked them for a quote to include the work that is being done by himself, George and others. He asked if the President would make an announcement at the Opening Day for more volunteers to help with the upkeep of the green and surrounding areas. He went on to say that it was very important to have a named person in place for future years.

6. Match Report

(a) Cheryl North

Cheryl attended the 52nd Craigie Ladies AGM on 16 February 2025. Harlaw will be Vice-President in 2026.

£15 entry fee was paid for weekly league and Champion of Champions, Pairs and Triples knockouts. Newhills hosting finals on 16 August.

League: 10 teams in total with Harlaw in Secton 1 of 2, playing on Tuesday evenings at 6.45 p.m. for 2 weeks then at 7.00 p.m. Three rinks of Pairs are required and the format has been changed from 2x2x2x2 to 4x4 and playing 15 ends rather than 13 ends.

Harlaw has also been entered into the Crowmallie Cup and Forbes Henry knockouts. Same format for both competitions, i.e. Triples with one home rink and one away rink.

Bowls Scotland 55+ Ladies has been changed from Thursday during the day to Thursday evenings to allow more senior ladies who are still working the opportunity to play.

Two teams have been entered in the Friday evening Bon Accord Mixed Triples.

Cheryl will attend an ADLBA Club Representatives meeting at Woodend Bowling Club on Wednesday, 12 March 2025 at 7 p.m. Knockout tournaments are available in this League.

(b) Bruce Stewart

The Match Committee will be the same as last year, i.e. Bruce Stewart, Fergus Muat and Doug Fraser. The B team will be selected by Covie and Bill Allan.

Bruce attended the A&K AGM. He now has the A&K calendar. In the Top 5 Harlaw are away to Laurencekirk and in the Top 10 Harlaw are away to Stonehaven.

He also attended the Forbes Henry AGM. Harlaw Men have been drawn against Inch and the Ladies against Huntly.

Crowmallie AGM – the Preliminary Rounds will be: Men to play Rothienorman by the end of May and the Ladies to play Balgownie on 7 July.

A&K – both Leagues start on 7 May (both Harlaw teams away). Catering will be required from 14 May 2025.

Benachie Knockouts – start 3 July. If there is an issue with the date of the match, e.g. someone on holiday, then with the Secretary's agreement the date can be changed.

Bowls Scotland – mid-May start. The Mixed Pairs will be played on Mondays. All other Men's nationals will be played on Thursdays.

Bruce Stewart, Doug Fraser and the President will meet on Wednesday, 19 March 2025 to finalise arrangements for the A&K match on Saturday, 10 May 2025.

7. New Club Kit

Lee has sent in the order.

8. Club Development Programme

- a) Club Redesign: Mike Murray has today started the work on the area behind the cabin which is being tarred. He hopes to complete the work by the weekend. A sub-committee meeting will be arranged in April.
- b) Sponsorship: No report available. The President congratulated Bill Allan on the first class work he is doing with sponsorship.
- c) Marketing: No report available.
- d) Junior Development: No report available.

9. Events 2025

- a) Opening Day. The President has invited Margaret McDonald to open the green on Sunday, 13 April 2025. The President will arrange for a suitable gift to be presented

to Margaret. Tea and cakes to be served and volunteers will be required for the kitchen.

- b) Try Bowls date. To be arranged.
- c) Invitational Pairs on Sunday, 15 June 2025. Bruce Stewart, Doug Fraser and Fergus Muat to discuss in the next few weeks. Catering and BBQ to be arranged.
- d) Super Six date. This has been confirmed as Saturday, 9 August 2025.
- e) Ladies' Day. Confirmed as Saturday, 23 August 2025 with the entertainment confirmed.

10. Correspondence

None

11. AOCB

- a) Raymond Warrender has been in touch with Jim Brand regarding the defibrillator refresher course. Jim has agreed to run this course and Raymond needs to give him dates.
- b) It was agreed that the sponsors should be invited to the club and a suitable date will be discussed at the next meeting.
- c) Raymond Warrender reminded the committee that Fiona had asked if a risk assessment exercise should be carried out. It was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting.

12. Actions Required

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AOCB	Committee	Set up Bowls Development Group	Apr	
AOCB	Fiona/Raymond	Dates to Jim Brand for defibrillator refresher course	Apr	

Events	Fiona/Covey	Date for Try Bowls day	Mar	
Greens	President	Request for Volunteers to help with upkeep of green and surrounds	Apr	
Dev Plan	Fiona	Arrange a sub-committee meeting	Apr	
Events	President	Arrange a gift for M. McDonald for Opening of Green on 13 April 2025	Apr	
Events	Fiona	Catering and volunteers for Opening of Green on 13 April 2025	Apr	
Events	Fiona	Catering and BBQ for Invitational Pairs on 15 June 2025	June	
AOCB	Committee	Arrange a date for Sponsors' Day	Apr	
AOCB	Committee	Risk Assessment Exercise	Apr	

Next Meeting: Tuesday, 1 April 2025 at 7 p.m.

Meeting Closed at 8.00 p.m.