

**MINUTES OF THE 2025 END OF SEASON CAPTAIN'S MEETING ON THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2025 AT FIELDHOUSE BOWLING CLUB****Present :-**

Mike Bosson(Chairman), Brian Belfield(Secretary, Fieldhouse D), John Hartley(Treasurer, Fieldhouse C), Steven Parsons(Amasal P), Pauline Dunn(Burton Manor A), Alan Hancock(Burton Manor B), Steve Barton(Fieldhouse A), Sue Marsden(Littleworth), John Wells(Penkridge A), Helen Williams(Penkridge B), Malcolm Harper(Phoenix A), David Wilkinson(Phoenix B), Pete Randall(Phoenix C), Derek Hodgkiss(Phoenix D), Anne Mace(Phoenix Riverway), Graham Needs(Phoenix Uni), Nev Ward(Rowley Park), Gill Rawlings(Silkmore A), John Sly(Silkmore B), David Kelsall(Stafford B), Helen Hood(Stafford u3a)

**1. Apologies for absence**

Mick Hill(Phoenix A), Lynne Outhwaite(Penkridge B), Peter Jordan(Phoenix A), Ken Hunt(Phoenix D), Helen Thompson(Silkmore A), Del Milgate(Silkmore B), Vilma Allman(Stafford)

**2. Minutes of previous meeting**

From 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025 proposed by Peter Randall, seconded by Nev Ward.

**3. Matters arising**

The AGM agreed to the proposed limit of 3 times for doubling up.  
John Hartley replaced Colin Dempsey as treasurer.  
The missing Individual Merit shield turned up.

**4. Correspondence**

Captain Tom Lowbridge(Amasal P) stood down on health grounds, replaced by Steve Parsons.

Proposals from Alan Hancock and John Hartley – see below.

Note that Amasal Uni to be renamed to Amasal.

**5. League administration - Roll of Honour**

Congratulations to Rowley Park for winning the league and Amasal Uni as runner up.  
Congratulations to Silkmore A and runners up Penkridge A for winning Division Two and thus for promotion to Division One.

Commiserations to Penkridge B and Stafford B who will be relegated to Division 2.

**League Averages:-**

	<u>Winners</u>	<u>Runners Up</u>
Division 1 Singles	Paul Johnson	John Mathews
Division 1 Doubles	Anne Mace	Terry Wood
Division 2 Singles	Mike Thompson	Pam Ewan
Division 2 Doubles	Lynda and Terry Goodchild	

**6. Treasurers Report**

With little change in any of the costs and a small increase in competition income offset by the introduction of bank charges we should finish the year with a surplus, similar to last year, of (£250 - £300).

However, it should be noted that as this year saw the last amount of sponsorship (£300) we would be targeting a small loss unless a new sponsor can be found. We do have adequate reserves to cover such a position, however, without the need to increase fees. It may be opportune to consider raising the competition entry costs from £1 to £1.50 or £2 next year or so.

*John Hartley*

**7. Competitions**

Thank you to the competition organisers Vilma Allman, Frank Insull, Del Milgate and Judith Litchfield.

Entries from 2024 up from 269 to 296

Big jump from 49 to 64 for the Doubles Merit which unfortunately had to be cancelled due to the weather.

The American Comps were started at the earlier time of 11.00am to appease the ladies league.

Alderman Shield – to establish the 16 entries, there was the usual problem of multiple repeated competition winners but the one holiday was replaced with last years winner. With no no-shows a full complement of 16 competed with a win by last years winner of John Cussons..

#### 9. Committee nominations

The current committee is :

Chairman	Mike Bosson
Vice-chairman	Ken Hunt
Treasurer	John Hartley
Secretary	Brian Belfield
Competitions	vacant
President	Ned Elcock

Brian Belfield is retiring as Secretary at the AGM.

And so, Captains please make your teams aware that nominations for Secretary and Competitions are required.

Please advise the Secretary of all nominations who will be gratefully received.

#### 10. Any other business

Alan Hancock discussed the reasons for his proposal to change the league scoring system to that employed by the Ladies League and the Friday night league i.e to award 1 point for each game won and 2 points for the aggregate win. However, it transpires that this scheme requires an even number of games played. Our 7 games means that there would be no draws. Many comments were put forward.

A quick poll of votes gave 4 in favour and 11 against. This proposal needs further discussing at the pre-AGM to determine if to present to the AGM.

John Hartley proposed to reduce the away green practice restriction from 24 hours to same day. Note that the Saturday league has 24 hours and the Vets the same day. A quick poll gave 9 for and 8 against. This to be decided at the pre-AGM for the the AGM.

John Hartley wanted to suggest paying prize money etc, by BACS to avoid cash bank charges. But given expected reluctance to provide account details and that the Fieldhouse Treasurer can sell some cash at no charge, it is suggested that the treasurer negotiates BACS for large sums and cash for small prizes.

#### 11 Next meetings

Captains pre-AGM – Thursday 8th Jan 2026 10.30am at Fieldhouse

AGM - Thursday 5th Feb 2026 2pm at Littleworth Community Centre (to be confirmed)

*Brian Belfield*  
*League Secretary*