

West Sussex Bowls League

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Minutes of WSLB ADM 2025

1. Chairman's welcome.

David Jackson welcomed all delegates and Management Committee members to the 41st ADM of the WSLB

2. Apologies

Chris Rolph - President

3. Minutes of previous ADM

Read and agreed as a true record – signed by the Chairman and entered into the record book

4. Matters arising from previous meetings

None

5. Chairman's Report

Welcome everyone,

I would like to thank the Management and Committee of Arundel Bowls Club for allowing us to hold another ADM in their clubhouse. Another season has passed, thank you to Worthing Pavilion for hosting Finals Day once again, I'm sorry I couldn't be there. Congratulations to East Preston, Maltravers and Arundel for winning Divisions 1, 2 and 3. A Big Thank you to Alan Messer for all the work he has done once again as our secretary, sorting out all the results of matches and keeping the website updated. Also, Nigel Reynolds as our Treasurer in managing our accounts, And many thanks also to the other members of the Management Committee. So, I wish you all good health during the winter, success for those of you who play indoors, and let us all look forward to enjoying the season in 2026.

David Jackson

A note from the League President - Chris Rolph

Gentlemen, my sincere apologies for non attendance this evening. I damaged my leg (again) in Portugal last week and as a result cannot drive or even walk apart from a few gentle steps around the home (with a stick).

The 2025 season appeared to progress through to September without too many hiccups. My thanks to all the clubs for once again supporting the league and playing the game with good spirit and camaraderie.

As you are all aware our hardworking Secretary and Fixture Secretary Alan has had to offer his resignation to the league. It would be wrong of me to let this pass without expressing my personal thanks to him for safely guiding the league through the last 9 or 10 years. Alan, you have been a pleasure to work with over this period and I'm sure everyone in the room tonight would echo my thoughts that you will be a very hard act to follow.

Fortunately for us Francis Fahey has come forward and offered to take on the role as Fixtures and League Table coordinator. Thank you Francis. I wish you well in your new role. We do however need a Secretary, without which the league could not function. I do hope one of you here this evening will consider the position and maybe offer their services at tonight's meeting.

Many thanks

Chris

6. Secretary's Report

2025 has been another good playing year for WSLB.

All clubs, bar in 2 fixtures managed to field appropriate numbers and this has reversed a trend over recent years.

Thank you, Chris Rolph, President and founder of the league for your continued support and wisdom.

Congratulations to Dave Jackson on completing his second full year as Chairman. Well done to Nigel Reynolds who continues to keep our finances on the straight and narrow. Whilst talking money we cannot forget our sponsors. James and James Estate agents and also the late Peter Chiffins.

Many thanks as always to my colleagues on the Management Committee. The Management Committee continues to make difficult decisions, as always it is not possible to please everyone. The Management Committee continue to believe they act in the best interest of the league

A big thank you to everyone who submitted match results this year – pretty accurate by and large It certainly makes the results coordinators role simpler if the clubs are on the ball.

Please when arranging fixtures, care should continue to be taken to avoid potential clashes with external bodies, County events and regional finals with Bowls England competitions.

The extreme hot weather rules were only applied once this year and rain as always was our biggest enemy.

For this meeting only one rule change has been raised by clubs and hopefully through open discussion we will all be able to move forwards. This year Middleton raised the issue of offering dates for PC Cup matches and Tarring Priory submitted a possible amendment.

On the playing side – East Preston and Kingston won Division 1 with Pulborough Runners up. Maltravers and Middleton took the honours in Division 2. Arundel and Goring Manor were the prize winners in Division 3. PC Cup winners were Chichester with Crablands taking the RU prize. Congratulations to all our successful teams

Also, finally a big thank you to Worthing Pavilion for hosting the 2025 PC Cup Final and celebration match. I was both proud and pleased to officiate over the day.

Sadly, I think this will be my last in charge as Secretary a post have enjoyed to the utmost – but I know more than capable hands are waiting in the wings

Hopefully 2026 will be a good bowling year, with WSLB continuing to be the best and most competitive league in the Southern region

Alan Messer
WSLB Secretary 2025

7. Hon. Treasurers Report + Fees for 2026 + Officer remuneration

Fees proposed and had agreement on an increase to £50 for 2027

WEST SUSSEX BOWLS LEAGUE

	2025	2024
BANK BALANCE AS AT 30/11/24	4525.25	4768.40
RECEIPTS		
Club Team Entry Fees - 2026		
Season		
24 x £45	1080.00	960.00
League Sponsorship- James&James	400.00	200.00
PC Cup Sponsorship - Legacy	0.00	0.00
	1480.00	1160.00

PAYMENTS

Honorarium - Hon.Sec./ Match Sec.	100.00	100.00
Trophies/Engraving + PC Cup Prize Payments.	470.00	450.00
Finals Day Expenses	680.75	788.15
Hall Donation - Arundel BC	25.00	25.00
*1 Bank Charges	34.92	0.00
Web Site Fees	50.00	50.00

1360.67 1413.15

BANK BALANCE AT YEAR END **4644.58** 4515.25

NOTE *1 - Bank charges effective 01.01.25

Prepared by Nigel Reynolds

Hon.Treasurer WSBL

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Election of Officers

Position	Incumbent 2025	Proposed for 2026
President	Chris Rolph	Chris Rolph
Chairman	David Jackson	David Jackson
Secretary	Alan Messer	Vacant
Treasurer	Nigel Reynolds	Nigel Reynolds
Fixtures	Alan Messer	Francis Fahey
Web Info	Alan Messer	Davis Jackson
Man Committee	Paul Leatherbarrow	Paul Leatherbarrow
Man Committee	Francis Fahey	Francis Fahey
Man Committee	Lindsay Bangs	Lindsay Bangs
Man Committee	Simon Tooley	Simon Tooley

Officers for 2025-2026 were elected en bloc

9. Proposals for Changes to Current Rules & or Constitution

Amendment to Rule 3.7 change proposal by Middleton.

REASON

Whilst our Club would not support the proposal as presented due to the playing time stated there is some merit in what Middleton are proposing.

I believe the current Rule 3.7 should be amended to insert after 'one of which must be at the weekend' 'and one on a weekday' with no mention of playing times.

At present it is allowable to offer all three dates at weekends which, as in Middleton case, can be restrictive with availability.

Under current rules the start time can be negotiated between the Clubs.

CHANGES TO PROPOSED WORDING

Clubs must offer three dates during the period allocated for the round at least one of which must be a weekend, and at least one of which must be a weekday. Any dates offered shall not include dates on which the opponent already has a league match agreed.

This motion was agreed

10. Dates for 2026

Saturday 12th September 2026 at 14.00 for the PC Cup Final & Champions v The Rest with presentations afterwards at Worthing Pavilion

Monday 19th October at 19.00 for the WSBL ADM at Arundel - to be confirmed

PC Cup draw to take place at this meeting

2026 WSBL DIVISIONS

DIVISION 1	DIVISION 2	DIVISION 3
BOGNOR A	ARUNDEL	ALDINGBOURNE

CHICHESTER A	CRABLANDS	BOGNOR B
EAST PRESTON A	GORING MANOR	EAST PRESTON B
MALTRAVERS	MARINE GARDENS	NORFOLK B
PULBOROUGH	MIDDLETON	PAGHAM
SOUTHBOURNE	NORFOLK A	STORRINGTON
TARRING PRIORY	PETWORTH	WOR PAVILION B
WOR PAVILION A	WITTERINGS	WORTHING
PLAY AS 4 RINKS	PLAY AS 4 RINKS	PLAY AS 3 RINKS

11. CLOSURE OF FORMAL PART OF MEETING

12. OTHER BUSINESS