**BLOOMFIELD SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB**

**Minutes of the 34th Annual General Meeting of BSMBC held in**

**Woodmansterne Village Hall on Thursday 8th May 2025 at 3.30pm**

**1) Apologies for Absence**

There were 17 members present with apologies received from 9 other members. A list of those attending the meeting has been filed.

**2) Adoption of Minutes of 33rd AGM**

A copy of these minutes was distributed to all members prior to the meeting. Agreement to adopt these minutes was proposed by Keith Harrison and Liz Harrison.

**3) Matters arising from the minutes of the 33rd Annual General Meeting** – none.

**4) President’s report –** presented by Violet Casey:

Welcome to our 34th AGM.

I’d like to thank you all for coming and also to thank the Committee for their support during the past year.

Thanks to Lester for arranging the League matches with Ray and well done to the Bloomfield players for winning the Jack Jackson League. I will leave Lester to tell you all about it.

Thanks to Lee, Kit and Bob for arranging the teas this year and Hazel and Janet for stepping in to help when necessary. Unfortunately we now need some new ‘tea monitors’ to help with the shopping and making tea on Thursday afternoons. If we do not have any volunteers there will be no tea on Thursdays! Any volunteers??

Thanks to Rod for keeping up the web site (bottle of wine) and Karen for checking the books (plant).

We welcome Keith Knight as a new member of the Club, we hope he is settling in and enjoying the games. We do need some new members so look around at your neighbours and friends!

As we say every year, we are all getting older and any help anyone can give with getting out and putting the equipment away would be greatly appreciated – no matter how small, it all helps.

Once again, thank you all for coming, we look forward to any suggestions and look forward to another year of bowling.

**Treasurer’s Report –** presented to the AGM on 8th May 2025 by Tina Davis.

A copy of the income and expenditure account for the year ended 31 March 2025 was distributed to members at the meeting.

The accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025 have been checked and verified and show a small surplus of £360.00.

Green fees have continued to be charged at £2 per session and annual subscriptions at £40. These have been sufficient to cover the costs of hiring the hall and other expenses. We also held special drives in April, September and December. These have raise funds as well as being very pleasant social occasions. I would like to thank Violet, Lester, Lin and all those who worked so hard to make these a success.

We had 29 paid up members during the year but unfortunately our numbers are likely to be reduced this year due to the ill health of some of our members. We therefore need to recruit new members to ensure that the club continues to be sustainable.

However we are in a good financial position and I would recommend that green fees remain at £2 and annual subscriptions at £40. Annual subscriptions are now due and I am happy to collect these at the end of this meeting. I would appreciate payment either by cash or cheque.

If there are any questions regarding the accounts I will try to answer them

**6) Captain’s Report**

**7) Fixture Secretary’s Report**

**8) Competition Secretary’s Report**

In the absence of a Captain and as Ray Pothecary was unable to come, Lester Allen covered all three reports:

Ray Pothecary is willing to carry on with fixtures and will try to keep the same dates as before – he will liaise with other Clubs. He will also try and fix some friendly matches with other Clubs in the summer.

This year our Bloomfield team won the Jack Jackson trophy and Lester thanked Martin for bringing the trophy for all to see. He thanked everyone for their encouragement and gave thank you cards to all the players.

He commented that players should try to get their woods ‘in the square’ otherwise it is a wasted wood and players should not give up on a game as shot difference is very important in achieving the final result.

Lester and Ray will organise some summer competitions – should he have two teams to be competitive?

**9) Appointment of New Committee**

The following nominations were accepted and agreed:

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| **President** | Violet Casey | **Secretary**  **Membership Secretary** | Linda Collins  Janet Wheeler |
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| **Treasurer** | Tina Davis | **Competition Steward** | Lester Allen |
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| **Fixtures Secretary** | Ray Pothecary |  |  |

This leaves a vacancy for a Club Representative and Captain.

The present Committee with therefore stand again – this was voted unanimously by those members present.

**10) Any other Business**

a) The President raised the question of TEAS – we need some volunteers to organise buying the supplies, collecting and keeping a check on the money and bringing the milk each week (Monday sessions do not have tea, so it is only Thursdays). Liz H offered to buy the supplies (tea, sugar, biscuits etc), Lester offered to collect the money and Hazel volunteered to bring the milk each week. Violet asked that volunteers should ring her or Lin if they were unavailable at a particular time.

b) Martin raised the question of how to organise games if there was an odd number of players, making it awkward if people only had two woods etc.

He then explained with the help of flip charts how this could be overcome by the playing order being changed. This would save wasting time and he felt that this was not complicated and players need not feel compelled to sit out. Some discussion followed and Hazel suggested that the next time this happened we should try it out and Martin could talk us through it. This was put to the vote and the majority agreed.

c) There was some discussion about the London League but Surrey would issue the cards as before.

The meeting closed at 4.10pm.

**Date of next meeting for new Committee**: suggested Friday May 23rd