

Three Mile Cross Bowling Club

Minutes of the Management Committee Meeting held on 18th April 2026

Present: Bill Bissett (BB) Chair, Claire Morrison (CM) President, David Brown (DB) Treasurer, Linda Salmon (LS) Ladies' Secretary, Debbie Bissett (DeB) Club Captain, Diane Fagg (DiF) Entertainments, Peter Welland (PW) Recruitment, Daf Ashby (DA) Membership Secretary, Keith Hall (KH) Fixtures Secretary, Derek Fagg (DF) Green Maintenance), Michele Vale (MV) Club Secretary.

- 1. Apologies** – Mark Holder
- 2. Agree minutes from the previous meeting held on 7th March 2026** – Agreed
- 3. Matters arising**
 - a) Advertising – it was agreed that this item should be referred to as advertising rather than sponsorship going forward. BB reported that he and PW had compared prices to produce advertising banners. Although the prices were comparable, the decision was made to select Graphics 4 U due to its local presence and accessibility for nearby businesses. The banners will cost potential advertisers £72 with a £150 annual fee. This will be the same whether the banners are placed on the fence or on the bars opposite the clubhouse. The content of the banner will have to be approved by TMX before production. LS asked if there would be any limit to the number of banners and was advised that there would be eight on the fence and eight on the bars. BB said Ellie Wood had a letter prepared and the project was ready to go. DB said she had passed on a list of possible advertisers and the meeting discussed other leads. CM reported that Stuart Barry had produced a report on use of the website for advertisers. This will be revisited next year.
 - b) Club Kit – CM reported that Karuta was unable to offer any alternatives to the samples she showed to the last meeting. She advised that Aceit offered shorts and trousers in navy and royal blue and that they cost £34 per pair. She agreed to see if they could provide samples. PW questioned whether the membership would be happy about the possible additional cost. It was

agreed to pursue the change as it would simplify what was worn in various matches and avoid various shades of white and grey. The club may be able to look at subsidizing the change.

4. Treasurer's Report

DB referred to documents he had previously circulated to the committee members outlining the club's financial status. He reported that the period since the last meeting had been relatively quiet with income generated by the skittles evening and membership fees included in the figures. Despite fewer members, income remained similar to last year due to higher fees. DF said that the planned improvements to the green would not be going ahead because of unfavourable weather conditions. DB summed up by saying the club was not doing too badly financially and was about £2000 up on last year but this could be wiped out by any unexpected problems.

5. Membership

DA reported that the number of members was not drastically different from last year. One member has re-joined the club following injury last year and another two intend to re-join next season. CM noted that we need to have a fees policy for those joining part through the season. DA raised the question of whether people who helped at the club but did not bowl should be required to be social members. The meeting decided that they should to comply with insurance requirements. It was noted that there was a low conversion from last year's new bowlers to members this year. DiF queried why they were not staying. PW said he had spoken to some of those who did not join this year and the reason was a change in their circumstances or time limitations. He said that this year the recruitment team would be actively following the new bowlers through the coaching process and maintaining contact with them individually to identify any potential issues. It was noted that it was important to get people bowling and the rules and etiquette would follow. It was agreed that new bowlers would be encouraged to take part in the webbers after two coaching sessions.

6. Communication with Members

CM stated that the new website went live on April 2nd and had received positive comments on its appearance and content. She proposed that in future messages to the membership will be sent via the website and will be in an easily recognizable format. However, there have been some problems with the initial email message (newsletter) not being received or going to spam so she wants to

ensure that all messages are being received before implementing the proposal. This was agreed by the meeting. Members of the committee who regularly send messages to the membership will be given training in how to use the template.

7. Club Signage

BB presented the new club signage which will cost £192 and has been approved by Montelle Motors. The sign will be visible from both directions of approach. He said that if agreed the sign will be up in the next couple of weeks. The meeting approved the new signage. MV to send out a message to all members with codes for accessing the green, car park and equipment shed.

8. Access to Club Premises

MV confirmed that the letter to Montelle Motors outlining the club's concerns about vehicular access to club agreed to by the last meeting had been delivered. No reply has been received so far but a line has been painted down the access road indicating an eight-foot width. DF is not sure if this is intended for the club or for DHME, however, the bins were collected last week. Concerns were raised again about the number of cars in the parking area. As things have improved this week it was decided to see how things go before taking any further action. It was agreed to write to the proprietor acknowledging his efforts. A matter connected to maintaining our continued positive working relationship with the garage was discussed and action agreed.

9. Survey of Members

Following feedback received at the last meeting CM reported that together with DA, BB, MV, Neil Argyle and Stuart Barry the survey has been reviewed. She thanked all for their input. The plan is to inform members about the survey on April 27th, with the survey itself opening on May 1st and closing on May 20th, though the end date may be extended depending on participation. Members are expected to complete the survey, and support will be provided to anyone who encounters difficulties. Participants can choose whether to submit the survey anonymously or include their name.

10. Data Protection (standing item)

CM said the privacy policy will need to be revised considering the new means of communicating with the membership. She will send a revised copy of the policy to DA, DB and MV for review. A club member has raised concerns about the open

availability of the visitors' book and whether the information contained might constitute a data protection issue. The meeting considered this and as it was only a list of names it did not present a problem. However, it was agreed that a new book should be obtained and kept in the notice cabinet in the porch.

11. Safeguarding (standing item)

Nothing to report

12. Officers' Reports

DeB said she has had a mixed number of applications for games and has sent out a letter to playing members encouraging them to apply for matches on BIAS. She also noted that three playing members were currently out of action on medical grounds.

PW reported that everything was in place for the club Open Days and that the recruitment team would be there from 9.00 to set up. He said any extra help would be appreciated.

DF told the meeting that the green was not in a bad condition for the start of the season. Some improvements have been made to the far edge and although not perfect it is much better. He said everything was ready to go.

CM advised the meeting that BIAS was completed on April 6th, the WhatsApp groups have been updated and a social media awareness campaign for the Open Days has commenced. Also, an iPad has been installed in the clubhouse so members can access the website and BIAS easily at the club. In addition, it can be used to demonstrate features of the website or BIAS if required.

MV said that the club has been donated the photo albums pertaining to the club of the late Joan Baker and these will be available with the other historic photos.

KH said the updating of the honours boards was in hand although he was having difficulty in finding a company able to do the work. He will issue the club men's and mixed competition forms at Open Night and he would like any fees to be paid directly to the club. DA said she would be issuing the ladies' forms this weekend.

13. AOB

None

14. Date of Next Meeting

June 7th 2026 at 10.00 in the clubhouse