

Romford Bowling Association Minutes of AGM held at Romford BC on Thursday 4th December 2025

President: Sandy Dron (SD)

Secretary: Jack Pinfold (JP)

Treasurer: Phil Hensher (PH)

League Secretary: Conway Fleming (CF)

Competition Secretary: Mark Rose (MR)

Match Secretary: John Pye (JPY) (Apologies received)

1. Sandy Dron, President opened the meeting at 7.30pm thanking all for their attendance.
2. Apologies for absence received from Mike Long, John Pye (Match Secretary) Roy Parsons, Barry Sutton, Fred Wasmuth, Allan Blatchford, Steve Barnes.
3. The minutes for the AGM held 5th December 2024 were circulated and posted on RBA Website.
4. There were no matters arising save for one spelling correction. Proposed to accept by Conway Fleming, Seconded by Des Cole, Carried unanimous.
5. Secretary's report: JP reported that things have gone well during the season. Correspondence was received from Rainham BC requesting for match v RBA to coincide with their 50th Anniversary. For discussion John Pye has offered 11th or 18th of June subject to approval today.
Unfortunately, JP was unable to attend the RBA Lunch back on 12th October but understand everything went according to plan.
The affiliation and competition entry forms have been distributed to Club secretaries, and he has started to receive some replies. Reminder please, that they should be returned by 31st December with copies to the Treasurer and Competition Secretary. Info all displayed on the previously circulated form.
Please also ensure he has an up-to-date record of all Delegates and Club Secretaries.
JP thanked those that have helped him along the way, special thanks to Des Cole Sandy Dron, and Dave King who have always been available to point him in the right direction.
JP thanked for his work by SD
6. Treasurer's Report: PH submitted audited Profit & Loss account. Phil highlighted a small profit since last year. We have £140 worth of RBA ties in stock which are unlikely to be sold. The RBA lunch provided a small profit. Thanks to Allan Blatchford for his continued sponsorship.
PH thanked for his excellent work by SD.
7. Examiners not present.

8. League Secretary's report: CF, stated the league had gone well with no issues. He congratulated Kings Chase winners of the Shield with Romford as runners up; and Gidea Park winners of the triples with Romford runners up.
He believes all clubs will continue in the leagues as he has had no information to the contrary.
CF thanked for his work by SD.
9. Competition Secretaries report. MR congratulated the competition winners and runners up. The season has gone well with no undue issues. He thanked Upminster BC for hosting the finals but, like many others, was disappointed by the poor state of the green, this was echoed on the floor.
MR was thanked for his hard work by SD.

9A. Match Secretary's report. JPY was not present but submitted a written report as follows:

Apologies not able attend.

Decision needed on Rainham 50TH anniversary needed and proposed Chelsea pensioners, which is in the hands of Phil Hensher.

RBA Played 3 outdoor games, Jim Morris, President v Essex Country BA and President v Upminster BC

Played 2 indoor games, RBA v Ilford IBC and RBA v Essex County BC.

Due to Havering IBC having matches, especially the Essex Country BC game. It was very difficult to find players. With a lot of help from Des Cole, Steve Webb, and others we somehow succeeded in doing so. I did however, to make the up numbers, I was forced to play a couple of non-RBA men players. This I guess will be the same for the Havering IBC game, as they also have a county match that day.

We used approx. 75 players, 9 were Ladies and a couple of Havering IBC players.

To be played next year RBA v Havering IBC on Jan 21st and RBA v Tye Green on March 22nd.

JPY produced a draft of fixtures for next season which still requires more work.

JPY thanked by SD for his hard work in his first year as match secretary.

The meeting agreed that the Rainham Anniversary match should go ahead on 11th June 2026 as this date does not clash with any other fixtures. Secretary to inform Rainham BC, done.

PH reported that the proposed match v Chelsea Pensioners (CP) will NOT take place. There were misunderstandings by the CP about the difference between the Romford Bowling Association and Romford Bowling Club and the CP informed PH that this could now not take place this season and that the RBA should apply again in 2027.

10. Proposition by Upminster BC and seconded by Romford BC that 'Article 11(a) of the Romford Bowling Association' be amended to read: - 'be held on the first Thursday of December'

After some clarification this was put to the vote of the meeting and was carried unanimously. Secretary to amended Constitution – done.

11. Election of Officers.

President – Mark Rose
Deputy President – Mike Long
Immediate Past President – Sandy Dron
Secretary – Jack Pinfold
Treasurer – Phil Hensher
League Secretary – Conway Fleming
Competition Secretary – Mark Rose
Match Secretary – John Pye
Examiners – Fred Wasmuth & Steve Barnes
Press Officer – vacant
Webmaster – Conway Fleming

12. RBA Lunch for 2026 the date is confirmed as 11th October 2026 at the Masonic Hall, Deyncourt Gardens, Upminster. Committee is made up of President Secretary and Treasurer.

13. AOB

Richard Strauss congratulated Dave King on his recent appointment as County Match Secretary. Echoed by the meeting.

There being no other business the meeting was closed at 7.58pm.

Jack Pinfold
RBA Hon. Sec.
6/11/2025