*Romford & District Bowling Association*

**Minutes of A G M – Thursday 5th December 2024 at Romford B C**

1. Apologies had been received from Ken Morgan (Rainham B C); Tony Allen; & Allan Blatchford.
2. President, Dave King, thanked all Officers and member clubs for their support during this the Centenary season of the Association. Following the Finals Day on 1st September he had been very concerned about the future of the Association with three Executive positions becoming vacant at the end of the year but was delighted to announce that nominations for the positions of Secretary and Competitions Secretary had been received. He had enjoyed his tenure as President and wished Sandy Dron the incoming President an enjoyable 2025 in the position.
3. The minutes of the 2023 AGM meeting were agreed and passed. Richard Srauss proposing with Alan Warner seconding.
4. There were no matters arising from the 2023 AGM minutes.
5. Secretary, Des Cole who was standing down had enjoyed his two-year stint in the position and felt that it had given him a better understanding of the game above club level. He thanked everybody for their support and wish his successor every success in the role. He also stated that the handover to his successor would be as detailed as possible.
6. Treasurer, Phil Hensher, submitted the latest audited Profit & Loss Statement – the association shows a loss at present mainly due to the one-off purchase of presentation whisky glasses and pennants for the Centenary year plus competition winning pennants for the next 5 years.

Examiner Steve Barnes commented that the accounts were presented and kept in a very efficient manner.

1. League Secretary Con Fleming congratulated the winners and runners up of both the Shield and the Triples Leagues. Results were generally submitted on time, but one or two clubs were still a bit slow. In 2025 Harold Hill were pulling out of the Shield to go into the Triples and Kings Chase were moving from the Triples into the Shield.
2. Competition Secretary, Tony Allen was not in attendance but submitted a report thanking clubs for promoting the competitions resulting in 155 entrants in all competitions -a 12% increase from 2023. He also mentioned that as he had recently moved out of the area he would not be standing for re-election for 2025. He thanked the committee and Alan Warner for their support and encouragement during his time in office and particularly Con Fleming for his patience in dealing with the website. He wished his successor all the best in the role and was willing to pass on his file if required.
3. Match Secretary, Richard Strauss thanked all clubs for putting names forward for both the indoor and outdoor games. He should have been standing down due to his forthcoming ECBA duties but will continue until April 2025 in the hope that a replacement can be found.
4. Sandy Dron then proposed a very warm vote of thanks to the retiring officers Dave King, Des Cole, Tony Allen and Richard Strauss who he congratulated on becoming County President during 2025.
5. Election of Officers for 2025 was then carried out: -

President – Sandy Dron

Deputy President – Mark Rose

Immediate Past President – Dave King

Secretary – Jack Pinfold

Treasurer – Phil Hensher

Shield/Triples Secretary – Conway Fleming

Competitions Secretary – Mark Rose

Match Secretary – Richard Strauss (see item 10 above)

Examiners – Fred Wasmuth & Steve Barnes

Press Officer – Richard Strauss

Webmaster – Conway Fleming

Selection Committee – President/Deputy President/Immediate Past President/Match Secretary/General Secretary

Dinner Committee – President/ Secretary/Treasurer

13} The Annual Presentation Lunch has been booked for 12th October 2025 at the usual venue, Upminster Masonic Lodge.

The meeting closed at 7:40 pm