

# **Sunday Leisure Goldpin Tenpin Bowling League AGM Minutes for the 2025-2026 Season**

## **1.0 Roll Call**

Those present: Mark Woodman (President), Graham Hare (Vice President), Steve Deal (Secretary), Debbie Deal (Treasurer) and team Captains and/or representatives from:

Crazy Monkeys (Mo Kudum)  
Destroyers (Steve Deal)  
Goofballs (Aaron Cheung)  
Grumpy Old Men (Phil Meeers)  
Gutter Humiliation (Graham Hare)  
Jokers Wild (Mike Churchyard)  
Mainstream (Mark Woodman)  
Splits Happen (Cara Hallsworth)

We received apologies for their absence from Orient Express (Sam Chen) and Invaders (Renier Van Zyl).

## **2.0 Presidents Opening Statement**

The President thanked all for attending.

He said that once again, we had a very successful season, for which we have to thank the hard work of Secretary and Treasurer.

The President stated that it appears we will only have 8 teams this coming season. A big effort has been made to recruit by our Vice President and Secretary, but without success. However, everyone please keep trying to find new bowlers or teams, I'm sure they could be accommodated during the course of the season.

He said the Bowl has reduced the number of Sundays on which we are allowed to bowl, this is now the subject of an ongoing discussion between us and the Bowl's Manager. However, while we wait for the outcome of these discussion, the current options open to us regarding the length of the new season and the number of matches we bowl are open for discussion later.

The President thinks he is right in saying that we have not yet had confirmation on the Bowls lineage, but we will hear the latest on that from our Secretary or Treasurer.

He asked that all make sure that he has every team's members contact details before leaving the meeting tonight.

Finally, the President reminded members that Rule 2.2 of the Constitution applies when voting at the AGM and that each team has just one vote through its captain or representative.

## **3.0 Secretary Opening Statement**

The Secretary apologised for his and our Treasurer's lateness attending the AGM after mistaking the date of the meeting.

He stated he was sorry to see us losing two teams this coming season, but added he may have an additional bowler wanting to join us, which if correct could lead to a ninth team.

## **4.0 Treasurers Accounts**

On behalf of the Treasurer the Secretary stated that instead of a transaction fee each time the league's bank account was accessed (as previously thought to be the case), the league is actually charged £5.00 per month. Going forward this will result in a bank charge of £60.00 per

annum shown in our accounts. Our Vice President, will investigate if any bank still offers free banking to clubs.

The treasurer distributed a copy of our leagues final accounts, which shows a healthy £865.98 being carried over to the 2025/2026 season.

Acceptance of the accounts went to a vote.

Proposed: Mark Woodman

Seconded: Cara Hallsworth

Motion: Carried

## **5.0 League Constitution**

It was asked if any changes to the constitution needed to be made for this coming season, all in attendance thought the current constitution mainly met with the requirement of the league. However, the following was discussed and then put to a vote:

### **16.0 Awards**

The wording of 16.1 regarding the qualifying number of matches a league member needs to bowl for an individual award needs to be changed, currently it is 10 out of 30 matches. The President suggested we simply change this to 1/3 of the matches (which is the same percentage), to accommodate any number of matches bowled in a league season.

Proposed: Mark Woodman

Seconded: Alan Parker

Motion: Carried

### **11.0 Postponements**

Our Vice President proposed we have no postponed matches in the new season, stating that with each team having a healthy number of members, each team should be able to field at least one bowler for every match. If only one bowler is fielded, then a blind score of 200 is used in place of the second bowler.

If a team does not field any bowlers for a match, the match shall take place as scheduled with the absent team's opponents each bowling against the current bowler blind score, less 10 (e.g. 190 if the current blind is 200). The points won by both the absent team and their opponents will be used in the league and any other relevant competition.

Proposed: Graham Hare

Seconded: Mike Churchyard

Motion: Carried

## **6.0 League Schedule**

Our 2025/2026 league season will start at 09.30 on Sunday 7 September 2025.

With us having eight teams in the league and taking into consideration the current Sundays we have been asked not to bowl, we have the following two options open to us for the forthcoming season:

1. Each team bowls every other team three times with the addition of three positional matches, which would result in a season of 24 matches that will finish on 26 April 2026. Our Vice President suggested that if we accept this option, perhaps we could have a short addition "sprint" competition over say three weeks.
2. Each team bowls every other team four times with no positional matches, which would then result in a season of 28 matches that will finish on 14 June 2026.

Option 2 was generally preferred, but with the season ending mid-June it was thought by many to be undesirable. It is therefore hoped that our ongoing discussions with the Bowl will result with them reversing their decision of us **not** bowling the Sunday before the schools start their

half-term holidays in October and the following February. If we are allowed to bowl these two Sundays, option 2 and a 28 match season would then end on more acceptable 17 May 2026.

However, until discussions between us and the Bowl's Manager have been concluded, the number of matches bowled and end date of the league schedule cannot be confirmed, it was therefore proposed we postpone this decision.

Proposed: Phil Meears  
Seconded: Mark Woodman

Motion: Carried

## **7.0 League Lineage**

In the knowledge that Hollywood Bowl Crawley have not increased the league lineage and not hearing the contrary from Hollywood Bowl Tolworth, at this time we believe the Bowl will not be increasing their lineage and it therefore remains at £3.60 a game. In which case our league lineage will at present remain at £15.00, which can be broken down as follows:

Bowl: £10.80 (3 x £3.60)  
Prize Fund: £4.20  
Lineage: £15.00

## **8.0 Secretary/Treasurer's Remuneration**

It was proposed that because of the Treasurers hard work every Sunday in addition to the preparation of our league's our final accounts at the end of the season, that we increase the Treasurer's fee by £50.00 to £150.00.

Proposed: Mark Woodman  
Seconded: Graham Hare

Motion: Carried

It was also propose that again for the hard work our Secretary puts in every week throughout the season and to cover increased stationary costs, we increase the Secretary's fee by £50.00 to £200.00.

Proposed: Mark Woodman  
Seconded: John Mann

Motion: Carried

## **9.0 Election of Board of Directors**

The President asked if there were any league members wanting to become League Officers. With no nominations, the league was asked to approve the current League Officers on block, namely:

President: Mark Woodman  
Vice President: Graham Hare  
Secretary: Steve Deal  
Treasurers: Debbie Deal

Proposed: Phil Meears  
Seconded: Aaron Cheung

Motion: Carried

## **10.0 Any Other Business**

Whenever it may be applicable, it was proposed that our positional match lane allocation is reversed, so that the top team bowls on lane 32, with the remaining lanes (31 down) determined by each team's league position after first place. This was to ensure that if the league title is being contested in the last positional match of the season, it cannot be disrupted by open bowlers.

As the above reason for the change is only applicable to the last positional match of the season, a counter proposal was to randomly select lanes for all but the final positional match, this counter proposal was put to a vote.

Proposed: Phil Meeers  
Seconded: Graham Hare

Motion: Carried

It was proposed by the Vice President that we dispense with the award and prize money to the winner and runner-up of the High Individual Match Points, replacing it with an alternative competition, as current competition strongly favours the league members who bowl the most matches.

The alternative competition proposed will be an individual knock-out competition, which will run alongside the existing singles knock-out. The bowlers matched in every round will be determined by an entirely random draw. Bowlers will then be given three weeks to post a series, the very first series bowled will be their score for that round.

Dispensing with award and prize money for the High Individual Match Points and replacing it with the Vice President's suggested competition was put to the vote.

Proposed: Graham Hare  
Seconded: Phil Meeers

Motion: Carried

The President proposed that if possible, the season's most improved bowler should be determined using averages from the end of the previous season and not on the first three matches of the current season (unless there is a new bowler to the league). After debate this was thought to be possible by the Secretary and therefore voted on.

Proposed: Mark Woodman  
Seconded: Graham Hare

Motion: Carried

It was asked if we should pay for a buffer lane between the league and open bowlers. It was thought the current provisions of no open bowlers bowling next to the league until after 11am and in addition, the prohibitive cost meant the current arrangement should remain.

It was also asked what lane dressing pattern options does the league have, The Secretary explained that the Bowl has only two patterns, a league dressing and an open bowler pattern. Consequently we continue bowling on the one league pattern.

## **11.0 Prize Giving**

All trophies and prize monies were awarded to the teams and individual members by the President and Secretary.

Adrian Chen wins the Presidents trophy this year for his performance this last season, as demonstrated when he beat Gutter Humiliation single handedly with an average scratch score on that day of 186 (that's 238 with his handicap). Furthermore, he has also improved his season's scratch average from 131 when he started bowling in 2021-2022, to 162 this season, just some two years on.

## **12.0 AGM Close**

With all business concluded, the meeting being held at North Star Public House, 271 Hook Road, Chessington KT9 1EQ on 18 August 2025 then closed at 21:15.