

**AGM Minutes of the meeting of
The Kent Tenpin Bowling Association
held at The Monument, Whitstable on 03 August 2019**

Meeting opened at 19.03 pm

Council Members

Mike Winch, (Chairman), Alan Haley, (Treasurer), Dee Dyke, (Secretary), Peter Leeke and John Denne

Apologies

Simon Herbert, John Cudmore, Kevin Plewis

Attendee's for the AGM

Eric Harvey, Chris Skudder, Janet Rankin, Mike Icke, Joe Cooper, Stuart Turpin, Chris Taaffe and Sean Purcell

Amendments to order of business

None

Chairman's opening address

Good evening, thank you all for attending.

I must also thank the members of this council for their efforts throughout the last year.

This last year has seen many changes, particularly the closure of Gravesend bowl. Some of the leagues that had bowled there have successfully transferred to Rochester, however, the Fireball league were unable to obtain a satisfactory time to bowl at either Rochester or Tunbridge Wells and closed. This was particularly sad as the league had been in operation since 1963.

This year it was decided at council that we would not hold either the Ted Shrimpton or David Percival Memorial tournaments. Numbers had been declining over the years and with Cliftonville being the only centre that might possibly host the events, this would have further reduced entries as they predominately came from west Kent.

Efforts have been made, and are on-going to persuade other centres in Kent to allow us to hold tournaments. In particular Rochester, which is conveniently placed in the county and has the benefit of parking. In addition to Rochester, it is not out of the question to hold a tournament at Maidstone, although not a sanctioned centre it is possible to obtain a one-off affiliated sanction however, due to it being an unsanctioned centre, a high score would not be recognised.

Adoption of minutes of previous meeting

The minutes were adopted a true and accurate record, proposed by Alan Haley and seconded by Eric Harvey.

Matters arising from the minutes

Nothing to report

Secretary's report

Received payment from BTBA regarding rebate of members to the KTBA to the sum of £229.50. Kent has 189 renewing member at £1 and 12 new members at £1.50.

Membership fees are as follows:

- Junior (under 22) £20.00
- Standard £25.00
- International Gold Card £45.00
- Non playing Official £12.50
- Supporters Membership £10.00

The BTBA have entered into a partnership with Tastecard and the letter which was received from the BTBA is below:

Dear Member

I am delighted to announce that the British Tenpin Bowling Association have signed a partnership deal with Tastecard.

Tastecard is the UK's leading dining club discount card providing 2 for 1 on starters, mains and desserts, or 50% off the food bill at over 6,000 restaurants. This includes some of the nation's favourite chains such as Pizza Express, Frankie & Benny's, Chiquito's, Harry Ramsden's and Zizzi's. The RRP of the card is £79.99 and I'm delighted to be able to offer it to all Standard and International Gold members renewing or signing up after 1st June 2019, as part of your membership cost.

The Tastecard has unlimited use with average annual savings of over £300. The average saver per use is £18.88 so Standard member would only have to use your card twice in order to make back the cost of your BTBA Membership. International Gold members will need to eat out just three times to cover the cost of their membership fee.

Attached is a document explaining the Tastecard in a little more detail, but for full details and lists of all restaurants that current accept Tastecard please visit www.tastecare.co.uk.

Details of how to redeem your Tastecard will be sent to you upon renewal of you membership.

Should you have any comments or queries regarding this brand new membership benefit, please email me at lisajohn@btba.org.uk.

Kind regards

Lisa

Lisa John

Vice Chairman & Director of Membership Services
For and on behalf of the British Tenpin Bowling Association

Mike mentioned that you get the Tastecard even if you are a supporter paying just £10.00.

Treasure's Report

Please see attached report



Treasurers report
03.08.2019.pdf

Alan explained that the KTBA would be in a deficit and urgently need to raise funds to be able to pay for the County Teams to enter Inter County Tournaments.

A discussion was had to try and explain that if the Council knew we were going to be in a deficit then why have we not tried to raise funds by holding tournaments to raise the funds and why had the Council not found sponsorship for some of the tournaments to help increase interest and increase numbers of people willing to bowl in them. The council explained that there is only one centre at present willing to hold tournaments for a whole day. Rochester and Tunbridge Wells stated that they want the tournament bowlers off the lane by midday and tend not to give discount on lineage. It was suggested that we change some of the formats of the tournaments to also increase interest from new bowlers. Hopefully we will be able of Maidstone offer opportunities for holding tournaments.

There was a long discussion held about how we could get sponsorship and where you can obtain this, any help to obtain sponsorship would be gratefully appreciated. Mike Icke mentioned that he may have contacts to help with sponsorship for tournaments.

Offers to join council were extended to those attending the AGM tonight. A discussion was had at to how many council members could stand at one time. It was also discussed that if the KTBA does not start making money then it will fold and no one on the committee want this to happen. A question was posed as to what the KTBA gives to the younger bowlers coming through the YBC's and the council members going out into the YBC's to give support to the team that run the YBC's. It was brought up the position that Kent is in at this present time with the amount of qualified coaches available to help. If we had more coaches if there could be some coaching sessions set up to helps the up and coming bowlers. Would it be possible to set up coaching sessions for all BTBA members to pay possible £20 for an hours coaching.

Roll off's

The 2019 Kent County Trials were held this year at Buggy's Bowling Centre in Cliftonville, over three Sunday mornings and one Monday evening, 10th, 17th, 24th and 25th February. There were a total of 32 entries, 8 women entered the Adult Ladies Division, 6 women entered the Senior Ladies Division, 15 men entered the Adult Men's Division, and 10 men entered the Senior Men's Division. The scoring wasn't high, as I had a competitive lane pattern put down, only two bowlers managed a 200 plus average. All entrants will be registered, and we have enough bowlers to enter a team in every division this year.

Bowlers turned up to bowl this year and it had been cancelled but no one had bothered to inform the bowlers taking part were informed which the council was not aware of this until tonight's meeting. Mike Icke suggested that we contact all the members of the KTBA and ask for their opinions and suggests on how we move forward with the KTBA and what they would like to see happen in the County.

A discussion was had regarding the patterns that are being put down for the roll off's and it would be helpful for a regular league pattern.

It was put to the members that were there if they are happy for the junior, adults and seniors to bowl at the same time for the roll off's to help increase the numbers that participate in them and help to raise more income for the KTBA and there was no objections to this idea.

Seniors and Adults County Managers Report

This was emailed to Mike Winch by Kevin Plewis who was unable to attend the meeting.

The 2018 Senior County Finals were held at MFA Nottingham on the weekend of 11th/12th October, where the ladies at long last won gold and the men won their usual silver, well done to both teams.

Unfortunately, the Adult teams failed to qualify for the finals in November.

The seniors had their qualifying round on Sunday 2nd June at Romford, where the men qualified for the finals, to be held at Spectrum Bowl, Guildford on the weekend of 12/13th October. Unfortunately, the ladies team failed to qualify.

The men's team will be:

John Hinch	Cliff Dew	Chris Taaffe
Clive Mitchell	Keith Hodge	Chris Skudder

The Adult teams will play their qualifying round at Spectrum Bowl, Guildford on Sunday 8th September 2019. The teams will be:

Men

Jake Plewis	Mark Icke	Robert Abbott
Stuart Turpin	Clint Miller	

Ladies

Dee Dyke	Jan Hodge	Hannah Bratton-Smith
Katie Reeves	Jade Connor (tbc)	

Chris Skudder asked why they were only taking five men to the qualifying round at Guildford as there is a limit of seven bowlers able to be registered and taken to play on the day. Chris also questioned why Bob Ockleford had not been asked to the Senior County Finals with the senior men's team which Mike is going to look into. There was a discussion as to how the teams are selected as some who attended the AGM had not been picked and bowled better than some of the bowlers that had been picked, also the choose of a wildcard. It was suggested whether the format for qualifying for Kent and could this be changed to play on different patterns possibly over different centres and how to change things moving forward. A discussion was had to whether we stop paying the bowlers who make the finals the £25 that has been paid over the past few years.

Under 25's Report

No report

There were no questions.

Juniors

There was no report sent by Simon Herbert but he has said that he tenders his resignation from the position of manager of the Kent Junior Team.

Peter Leeke who did attend the meeting did share the good news of how the juniors have done so far this year. We have three junior bowlers that have qualified for the BTBA YBT Tour finals who are William Herbert, Joe Trevor and Jade Connor with Jack Welsh just outside a position 11 so if someone pulls out could make the finals. Regarding the Junior Counties, there is a lack of girls bowling but we did manage a team for the Under 22 but only four bowlers which made things difficult. The boys made the finals but were knocked out in the first round of the step ladder. For the first time we fielded a team of Under 12's they bowled well but did not qualify but will grow together as they progress up through the yearly tournaments together. In the Under 18's we only had a boys' team they bowled well but not well enough to qualify for the finals.

Sean Purcell was impressed with the report as he was unaware of the quality of the juniors that bowl in the Inter County Tournaments.

Ted Shrimpton No Tap Memorial

There is no report as this tournament was not run this season.

David Percival Memorial Tournament

There is no report as this tournament was not run this season.

Website

Improvements to the website and more engagement with the County players, there was a discussion regarding the update sent out by email not arriving at all the addresses within the mail web sent up within the website. Mike explained that he has many rolls within the KTBA due to lack of members on the committee.

Election of Councillors

Mike explained that if possible the standing committee members would like to stay on and offered for anyone in the room to come on Council to help with the running and improvement of the KTBA.

Eric Harvey expressed concern about how the election of the Council should be conducted and a discussion was held about the regulations on how the members should be elected. Alan explained that there are two ways to be elected onto Council, one via a league and the other is a presidential recommendation. Chris Skudder asked if Mike Winch's position and the other positions on the Council are up for re-election then this can be proposed because all positions are up for election tonight. Janet Rankin mentioned that an election she should

have been sent around four weeks before the AGM to all KTBA members for re-election to the KTBA Council which was not done. It was explained by Mike Icke that any member of the KTBA is able to propose and vote at the AGM for nominating members to join the Council, if the membership of the KTBA is less than 250 anyone can put themselves up for Council election as the KTBA has a membership of 216 than anyone who has attended the AGM are entitled to vote for a new committee.

Mike Winch as the meeting members if they would like him to stand down or continue as Chairman of the KTBA and there was a hand count to stand down 6 to stay 5 so Mike stood down as the Chairman of the KTBA.

Mike Winch asked the members if there was anyone in the room who would like to stand for the Chairman's position and Mike Icke nominated Eric Harvey which was seconded by Chris Skudder and the position was accepted by Eric Harvey.

Vice Chairman Position was elected was Mike Icke, seconded by Sean Purcell.

Treasurer currently Alan Haley, Alan agreed to stay in the position and this was nominated by Chris Skudder and seconded by Mike Icke, who expressed high praise to Alan regarding the way he has managed the accounts in such trying times.

The secretary's position is not an elected post as they are the only paid member on the Committee, Mike Icke as if I was willing to continue in the position and I elected to stay.

Peter Leeke is to stay and take on the position of Junior manager to run the training and overseeing the Inter County Tournaments but is unable to manage the paperwork that is involved with this position so Eric has offered to help out with the paperwork will was agreed.

AOB

- Is there a formal agenda?
[Sent](#)
- Where can I find a constitution of the KTBA?
[Sent](#)
- Who are the officers of the KTBA
[Sent](#)
- How long are their terms of office?
[Two years, of which 50% are replaced every year, a discussion was held in regards to this and the constitution.](#)
- When are they up for re-election?
[Yearly](#)
- Who can attend the AGM?
[Any current member of the KTBA](#)

- Who can vote at an AGM, is it any KTBA registered bowler?
One bowler from each KTBA registered team, League, Centre? One delegate per league and one vote per delegate.
- What is the source of revenue of the KTBA?
Trials and raffles and rebates from BTBA
- What is being done to increase the revenue?
We are struggling with this and we had plans in hand. Janet offered to run a couple of raffles for the KTBA to help raise funds.
- How is it spent?
Inter County registration fees and contributions towards expenses; we give Dee a donation as secretary and buying new shirts.
- What are the expenses?
Please see accounts
- Where can we see a balance sheet for annual accounts?
Will be available at the AGM
- Why are there no Area County Championships?
We are no longer required to hold them and entries had seriously dropped off with only eight teams entering three years ago.
- What happened to County Masters?
As above – was part of the Areas in the past?
- Why did it take so long to select the Senior County Teams?
Mike was unable to answer this question. Chris Taaffe stated that the teams on the website are incorrect and Mike with rectify this. There was a discussion regarding the Senior Team Captain and the lack of Kevin's presence at the ICC.
- Have the Adult County Teams been selected yet, if so why is it not on the website?
Yes
- The same questions apply for the Junior County Teams?
If Simon had asked Mike to put it on the website then this would have been done
- Why did the County Team Manager not attend the ICC at Romford?
Kevin would not be able to claim expenses so this may be why he did not turn up for the ICC
- How was the County Team Manager selected and who were the candidates?
Kevin was the only person available at the time that was prepared to take on the roll
- Is there any on-going communication between KTBA and all Kent Bowling Centres?
Website

- Is there any on-going communication between KTBA and Sanctioned Centres?
[Website](#)
- Is there any on-going communication between KTBA and all bowlers in Kent?
[Website](#)
- Is there any on-going communications between KTBA and Sanctioned leagues?
[John Denne is at present contacting the bowling centres](#)
- Is there any on-going communication between KTBA and KTBA members?
[Website](#)
- What is being done to increase the membership?
[Introduction of Taste Card](#)
- What is being done to inform the general bowling community in Kent of the successes of the Kent County Teams?
[Website](#)
- Is there anything I can do to help with any of the above?
[We are struggling and we would have loved to have had some help, Mike Icke has said this is not a criticism with the present council.](#)

Mike Icke did say that there is money available from local Council as a legacy from the Olympics which we may be able to apply for. Thanet Council are going to put all schools through Buggy's for a term and we will need coaches to help with this.

At the close of the meeting Mike Icke thanked Mike Winch for all his work and time he has put into running of the KTBA. Alan asked Mike if he would stay on Council and Mike said that he would inform us of his decision in the future.

People that are coming onto Council is Joe Cooper, Sean Purcell

Closed at 20.35

Date of next meeting

22 August 2019 at 19.00 at The Monument at Whitstable