

MINUTES OF QMPBC TRUSTEES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE CLUBHOUSE ON MONDAY 25TH AUGUST 2025 AT 6:30PM

1. Chairperson's comments.

Gill Aspinall started the meeting at 6:29pm.

2. Establish a quorum.

Quorum established, 9 attendees – Gill Aspinall, Dave Walters, Dick Hogg, Paul Eggleston, Andy Thomson, Steve Walton, Stephen Smith, Jeff Howells, John Ventham.

3. Apologies.

Mal Muggleston, Kath Rothera, Julie Burle.

4. Approve minutes from last meetings (21st July 2025).

The 21st July 2025 minutes were approved as a true record by the the committee. Minutes from 16th June 2025 meeting that had been circulated on 31st July 2025 were also approved.

5. Matters arising from that meeting not included in the agenda.

The issue of the missing club credit card was raised. It was decided to cancel and replace the card with different named holders as required.

a) Future development of the club

JV reported that the Cabin purchase order was soon to be placed - application to Charnwood BC for the release of the grant to be made.

Installation by suppliers Bentley's still to be finalised - quotes to be obtained. Electrical supply and fixings being organised.

Other developments on hold until issues with the Cabin are resolved.

The siting of the cabin was reviewed by the committee at this stage of the meeting.

b) Ditches/board

JV stated investigations were ongoing into funding of ditch replacements.

DH informed replacement plans had been created by a club member. The cost would be approximately £8,300 with the work being carried out by club members.

DH informed plans are in place to carry out end of season green renovation on Monday and Tuesday 29th and 30th September 2025.

c) Markers' course

KR not present so further information wasn't available. It was stated David Highton had took a course recently. SS suggested it was possible to carry out a training course in house - that full information is in the 'Red Book' and that an in house course had been held in the past.

d) First Aid course

Not required until April 2026.

e) Annual Presentation Night

No volunteers had come forward to take this on.

The only alternative stated was to carry out the presentation evening in the clubhouse, date 14th November 2025. JH to coordinate with SS help.

6. Finance.

a) Treasurer's report.

JV reported high expenditure currently. The lease cost increase to annual rent was applicable, adding £500 to the amount, making it £2,500 per year. DH reported purchase of a second credit card reader had been investigated. DW stated he has a credit card reader. To be resolved.

JV reported insurance and other expenditure of £2,400. He informed utility costs of £80 to £90 per month in the summer.

7. Property

a) Rope in front of Thatch

A suggestion had been made to replace the rope with a single bar at a different height, this was not agreed. Decision made to replace rope when required and to include revised signs including 'no responsibility' statement.

b) Cabin siting as per Dave Radley's comments.

The committee viewed the site, taking into account Dave's comments. Modification to siting agreed and to be implemented. With regards to the style of the cabin the committee's opinion was that the current specified style is the most suitable to blend in with the site. Also it was stated that the increased cost resulted in a larger grant approval, so was not detrimental.

8. Club dates as per Dave Radley's suggestion

a) Moving the sign on date to 31st January

General discussion took place on the subject, with comments for and against. At the stage it was decided not to move the date.

b) Team captains meet to sort out pools of players in March

Agreed - to be arranged and selection committee/group to be formed.

c) Move our open weekend forward to 19th April. Big Bowls Weekend???

Hold for next meeting.

Other issues -

Mixed committee formation and need discussed. It was stated the committee still had a function to perform. A chairperson to organise the committee was required - to be appointed.

Suggestion box to be left as is.

9. The bar

a) Finals weekend

JH reported bar organisation and rota working ok and thanked volunteers for their input.

Discussions progressed to provision of momentos/trophies for competition winners and runners up. A need for trophies to be made available was stated - unless the participant expressed preference that one was not required.

Catering arrangements for finals weekend not yet made.

b) Friday nights during the off season.

JH reported a rota was to be drawn up.

10. Correspondance

None.

11. Other officer reports:

Chairperson GA raised the issue of compensation for members who had joined but not been able to play during a season. It was decided to award a refund, if approved, to a standard policy as agreed at the last meeting -

"It was suggested that, if a refund is approved, a standard policy of percentage refund be applied at 50%, this to be as a credit against future years subscriptions".

Club secretary.

Nothing extra to report.

Property maintenance officer

Tap replaced in gent's toilet. Bird scarer to be installed on green.

Ladies' secretary.

Position to be filled.

Men's secretary.

Unbadged final to be played at Blaby. Date and time not yet finalised.

Bar manager.
Report noted at item 9.
Health & safety officer.
Nothing to report.
Development officer.
Not present.
Ladies' safe guarding officer.
Not present.
Men's safe guarding officer.
Nothing to report.

12 A O B

DW Short mat arrangements - John Murphy to coordinate again.
DW How to get definitive answer on bowls rules? SS stated book of rules available in the thatch.
PE (for MM) reported continued sponsorship by Leaders had been confirmed.
SS Asked will the bowls club be included in the craft fair?

13. Close meeting

Meeting closed 9:02pm.
Next meeting planned as Tuesday 7th October 2025, 6:30pm start.

DH 31.08.25