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Committee Minutes - Feb 2026

Meeting commenced 7.00pm

Present:

President: Barbara Haseldine - **Vice President**: Derek Hutchinson

Chairman: Lesley Miller - **Vice-Chairman**: position vacant

Secretary: position vacant

Treasurer: position vacant

Welfare Officer: Lesley Miller

Bar Manager: John Cole

Fixtures secretary: Debbie Cox

Mid-Week Captain: Debbie Cox - **Vice Captain** D. Hutchinson

Club Captain: Sid Miller - **Vice Captain**: Ben Donaldson

Obelisk / Floodlit League: Lucy Roberts,

Committee: Les Love, Geoff Littlewood, Grace Wilson

Apologies: B. Haseldine, M. Pickering, D. Wills, L. Tobin, B. Donaldson, L. Roberts

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Minutes of the last meeting: circulated, read & duly signed as a true record

Matters arising: Treasurer, Secretary, Bar License, Trustees, sign for green use & opening times for new season, Key holder list, all on going.

Tuesday odd job club - some new faces, all welcome, cup of tea & a chat

Chairman's Report: LM said building is now insured by F.T.C. Received a reply from council to the email she sent concerning what the council could do for Ftbc, (read out at meeting email

available on request). sent email to A. Simms but no reply. Club did not get the Community grant – many applications.

LM had conversations with all clubs that use FTBC, TWG/Over 60's/RBL regarding 2026 costs for room hire. RBL also considering during winter months possibly changing to afternoons – further discussions to take place to confirm this during summer.

Secretary's Report: position vacant - Northants County AGM minutes had been sent to GW

Treasurer's Report: position vacant: - LM was covering position – short term

Welfare: LM advised more than qualified with her work training (Safeguarding) – will do the Bowls Northants course, so that we have a certificate for Club and relevant policies.

Bar Manager: JC said that he and SM, DH, had met with Greene king Rep & a planner about what they could do for FTBC concerning beers, moving cellar closer to bar, and will meet with the rep from Moors Coulson next week to ask the same questions.

Fixtures & Mid-Week Captain: DC said that fixtures were finished and had been sent to GL for printing.

Club Captain: Nothing.

Obelisk/Floodlit Report: Obelisk league entry forms will be sent out shortly.

Building/Maintenance: Club room floor to be made a PRIORITY,

Grounds/Maintenance: SM, MP, JC, had been to see about a new mower, they presented details to committee, the committee asked, 1) cost of mower over 5 years, 2) average service charge, 3) life expectancy of mower, 4) if ours goes wrong will we have to pay for a replacement while ours is being repaired & cost. 5) advantage of having an interest free loan (Bowls England)

MP & GM are booked into a green's maintenance day on 24 th March 2026 @ Whyte Melville BC, N'ton

Premier Lawncare: SM had spoken to PL, although FTC said PL were contracted to cut hedge & surrounding grass, FTBC were prepared to do it, we need to make sure it benefits FTBC.

Sponsorship/Advertising: position vacant

Events/Room Hire/Social committee: (G. Wilson, L. Tobin)

Club awaiting a monthly & yearly calendar for events

Friday 13 th March 2026 = Bingo

Saturday 28 th March 2026 = Quiz night

Club Open Day: Jack & Bowl will be present, a banner is needed for railings at front, all advertising etc. Needs to be ready for next meeting – to also include Club Opening Times.

AOB:

It was decided that every 2nd Friday of the month and every 4th Saturday of the month FTBC would hold an event, this would hopefully stop FTBC events clashing with everyone else's.

TV license will not be renewed, as TV will be used for club media.

GL suggested a better heating system, as it always seemed cold in club, he also had the new web site up and running and asked for volunteers to help test it.

There was a discussion about the advantages of having a club membership card, which will give the holder a reduction on certain things (ie drinks at bar).

All Obelisk/flood-lit league players will need to be, at least, a social member.

It was decided to keep giving club pens out for visiting teams during friendly games.

What has happened to the bottle bank? (question for FTC).

There is a new lock on recreation ground gate, (ring Sid 07765701270 for number).

Meeting closed: 9.18pm Next meeting: 12th March 2026, 7pm start

AVAILABLE POSITIONS

SECRETARY:

TREASURER:

COMMITTEE:

SPONSORSHIP / ADVERTISING

SOCIAL COMMITTEE:

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ANY OF THE ABOVE

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