



DRAFT MINUTES

GREAT HOLLANDS BOWLS CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY, 19TH MAY 2025 AT 16.30 LOCATION: CLUBHOUSE

	Subject	Action
1.	Welcome – the meeting was opened at 16.30 Those attending: Ray Furnell (RF), June Clarke (JC), Carolyn Lofthouse (CF), Jo Sanders-Merryweather (JSM), Ian Clarke (IC)	CHAIR
2.	Apologies : Gareth Jenkins	
3.	Minutes of previous meeting (22/04/2025) – the minutes of this meeting were approved by all attending – proposed by JSM – seconded by CL	ALL
4.	<p>Actions from previous meeting :</p> <p>11.8 Wheelchair update – RF advised that CareCo Camberley were not able to help as this type of chair was out of their remit. CL advised that a response from the secretary of the Benevolent Society advised that they could not support an application for the club but would/could consider an individual. This was disappointing at this juncture, following the meeting IC emailed CL and advised that a particular club member who has significant/multiple disabilities could be put forward as the individual. This item will be brought forward to the next Executive meeting in June. RF to contact Bowls Disability England and BTC (next meeting) and ask if they would be prepared to provide a grant no matter how small which would go towards the cost. Estimates have been gleaned for an electric motorised chair at circa £3100 and non-motorised at circa £2100. As per previous minutes we have ring-fenced a donation from S. Lee of £1000 and are trying to source a grant to go towards the full cost of an electric motorised chair.</p>	<p>CL</p> <p>RF</p>
5.	<p>Club President</p> <p>5.1 Bar opening – The bar is managed by Linda Stone and run by volunteers which we are currently short of. It is determined appropriate on Singles competitions that the honesty bar could/should be used. If there is a County game taking place then it would be appropriate for the Skip to send a WhatsApp message on the GHBC site asking for a volunteer to man the bar for this event also notifying JC who would send out a round robin email to all members asking for a volunteer for the bar also. Please note that the minimum attendees for a request for the bar to be open on matches is 6 players.</p>	

	<p>5.2 Camberley & District Bowling Club (CDBC) – a letter received by RF as a follow up to a previous event on an away match has/is being handled internally by CDBC and would also be putting recommendations to all their club members in the form of a newsletter stating “to treat all members with kindness and respect – regardless of the bowling prowess or disability”.</p> <p>5.3 A thank you email has already been sent out to all club members regarding the open day held on 5th May. Following up on the second open day 17th May, a thank you to all those who helped and worked hard over both dates.</p> <p>5.4 There are 15 to 20 potential new members both Social and Bowling from both open days.</p>	
6.	<p>Club Chairperson</p> <p>Nothing to add at this time.</p>	
7.	<p>Club Captain</p> <p>7.1 Our season is fully underway. We have had 10 friendly fixtures of which we have won 6 and lost 4. Thanks to those members who have signed up enabling us to fulfil all home games.</p> <p>7.2 CL would ask that members sign up for away fixtures as we need to fulfil these as well, otherwise clubs may not come to us. JC to ensure this goes on the next newsletter.</p> <p>7.3 We have had 2 successful Open Days held on 5th and 17th May with several potentially very good bowlers who have joined or are considering membership. A big thank you to all those who helped.</p> <p>7.4 Coaching – this will take priority over roll ups on Saturday mornings until the end of June (except for the 14th June - Top Club event).</p> <p>7.5 An article has been published in both the latest Crowthorne Life and Great Hollands Matters newsletters delivered to the local populace.</p>	JC
8.	<p>Club Secretary</p> <p>8.1 10.3 previous minutes Waitrose letter – a letter had been sent to the HO in Doncastle Road, a response received advised to send/take our request for sponsorship for new outdoor seating to a local store. JC will send the letter and a copy of the response letter to both the Bracknell and Wokingham stores (we can but ask).</p> <p>8.2 Volunteers were requested to undertake the position of Food Hygiene Officer (FHO), unfortunately no one came forward so JC undertook the online course and passed the online exam and gained a Level 2 Food Hygiene certificate, therefore June Clarke is the FHO for Great Hollands Bowls Club.</p>	JC
9.	<p>Club Treasurer</p> <p>9.1 Although the treasurer could not make the meeting a report was submitted to the committee.</p> <p>An apportionment invoice from BTC for electricity this has been paid taking us up to the end of March 2025.</p> <p>The TV license is due for renewal by end of July 2025 – this is in hand.</p> <p>Match and Rink Booking Systems – these are both operating appropriately, new members are added once membership is confirmed.</p>	

10.	<p>Clubhouse Manager</p> <p>10.1 Thanks to Wilf and Lesley Langer and Jean Williams for supplying the club with 2 tape measures. Also thanks to Nigel Rowe for providing the club with new green markers, and Jo Sanders-Merryweather for providing new tablecloths.</p>	
11.	<p>AOB</p> <p>11.1 On 14th June there is Top Club in the morning with a roll up and social event BBQ after this. The Social Committee are organising this.</p> <p>11.2 Club shirts for new members will carry a discounted price of £15 for the first shirt and if a second shirt is required this will be at a cost of £27. Proposed by JSM, seconded by IC.</p> <p>11.3 Letters received via the Suggestion Box these letters were received on 19th May : Carole Drury suggested that the books on sale in the club and also on stalls at various club events should be 50p each – approved by the Executive. Carole Drury asked if the meat raffle tickets would be made open to all club members, not just to those who attend the meal nights. Response – the meat raffle has been advertised in the past and continues to be advertised to every club member social and bowling – see the copy of the email below.</p> <p>From: June Clarke <june.clarke56@hotmail.com> Sent: Tuesday, April 22, 2025 18:12 Subject: Club meal additional information</p> <p>There will also be a meat raffle to be held on 16th May 2025.</p> <p>Many thanks for your continued support to the club.</p> <p>Kind Regards</p> <p><i>June Clarke</i> Club Secretary Great Hollands Bowls Club</p> <p>For clarity this information will be sent out in the next newsletter advising tickets can be purchased from the clubhouse for the meat raffle, the meat raffle will be drawn on the night of the meal due to games licensing laws/rules. Winners of the raffle who cannot attend the meal will be notified of their win and will be asked to arrange collection from the clubhouse at a mutually convenient day and time.</p> <p>Letter received from Linda Stone (LS) Bar Manager - regarding executive minutes of 22.4.25 stating there had been strong objections to bar price increases in recent weeks. LS went on to state that apart from large bottles of wine being increased from £8 to £10 advising the last increase was August 2024 and an increase in spirits from £2.50 to £3.50 for 50 ml (double), canned beers, ciders and J2O went up by 50p, canned soft drinks remain the same price since 2020. Being a small club we are not</p>	<p>JC</p>

	<p>able to bulk buy due to storage space, buying in from large suppliers also would incur delivery charges, this would result in more price increases. Response – the strong objections were muted by a small number of club members and was mentioned at the Executive meeting in April hence the terminology used. The Executive know and greatly appreciate that shopping around is undertaken by the relevant bar personnel, it is also noted that a lot of hard work and time is put into the running of the bar and that prices are looked at throughout the year to ensure best possible value to all.</p> <p>The Executive acknowledge and approve that the LS and NL can and will at times review and increase prices of all beverages sold over the bar. The Executive would ask that as a courtesy LS advise any price increases via the Club Secretary so uncomfortable conversations can be dealt with on a 1:1 basis and not have to come back to a meeting.</p> <p>A thank you also to Olive Bambury for her donation of a couple of wicker effect garden chairs and cleaning up the smoking area.</p>	
12.	<p>Date of next meeting: Monday, 16th June 2025 16.30 in the clubhouse</p> <p>Dates for diary: 14th June Top Club in the am see 11.1 above</p>	
	No further business meeting closed at 17.35	