



## DRAFT MINUTES

### GREAT HOLLANDS BOWLS CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY, 27<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026 AT 4.30pm LOCATION: CLUBHOUSE

	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Meeting opened at: 4.25pm Those attending: Jo Sanders-Merryweather (JSM), Carolyn Lofthouse (CL), Ian Clarke (IC), June Clarke (JC)	CHAIR
1.	Apologies: Ray Furnell & Gareth Jenkins	
2.	Social Committee 2.1 JSM as Chair of the Social Committee advised a meeting is scheduled for the newly elected committee on Wednesday, 28 <sup>th</sup> January at 4.30pm.	
3.	Minutes of previous meeting (16/12/2025) – attendees approval required – no changes suggested. Proposed by: IC and seconded by: JSM. The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed by JSM.	ALL
4.	Actions from previous meeting 9.1a New brighter lighting in car park area update from IC – ongoing awaiting a meeting to be arranged with Keith Thorne of BTC. 10.1 Ramp for side door update from IC – this is in hand and hopefully installed by March 2026.	IC IC
5.	Club President Apologies received from RF unable to attend the meeting.	
6.	Club Chairperson Nothing at this time.	
7.	Club Captain 7.1 Wishing RF well. 7.2 All the best for the 2026 season to everyone.	
8.	Club Secretary 8.1 Club shirts – we have a diminished stock of Club shirts, CL advised the ladies who want shirts to remember to downsize, it should be noted that the current shirt sizes are generous. JC to undertake a check on numbers held and advise the Executives of our current stock status. 8.2 Club trousers – on checking the preferred supplier Aceit for bottle green gents trousers, it appears that Aceit do not currently supply bottle green trousers with fly's (these are a must as discussed at the AGM on 11.1.26 for the men). JC has approached via email three other suppliers to enquire if they can supply, still awaiting responses. Following discussions regarding the	JC

	<p>difficulties in obtaining bottle green gent's trousers, Club matches will continue to be played in grey trousers for the time being, mixed pairs matches the ladies are requested to wear grey trousers, for ladies' pairs or individual matches then the ladies are free to wear their bottle green trousers. Please note from the Executives that it is unlikely bottle green trousers will be sourced by the Club for the 2026 season.</p> <p>8.3 Club diary – the diary is being handled by RF with the assistance of JSM.</p>	
9.	<p>Club Treasurer – apologies received – a report was provided by GJ, JC read through the various topics for discussion.</p> <p>9.1 Income from events held in December – a profit of £559.28 with bar sales noted at £350.50.</p> <p>9.2 Smoke detectors – recommended lifespan for detectors is 10 years, our current detectors are older than this, GJ is waiting for a quote for costs to replace these. IC has been in touch with Aardwall Security and a quote from them to supply and fit 5 Texecom Exodus OH/4 optical smoke detectors to replace our existing detectors, 1 Texecom Exodus FT64 heat detector for the kitchen. Cost quoted includes installation and testing is £379.20 this includes VAT. IC advised that the fire extinguishers also need checking and will progress this as Clubhouse Manager.</p> <p>9.3 New Selection Committee – GJ asked if there is a member of the Selection Committee assigned to manage the Match Booking system, GJ advised he is happy to provide training. This was picked up by CL and will be brought forward to the next EC meeting. CL thanked IC for his handling/input for the 2025 season regarding this system.</p> <p>9.4 Club shirts – GJ reported that Aceit on the second batch of 10 shirts purchased last year the cost was actually £29 to the Club and a charge for delivery was also incurred, it was proposed by JC and seconded by JSM that the price for a Club shirt will increase to £30 per shirt for 2026 season, attending Executives agreed to the price per shirt increase.</p> <p>9.5 Lottery license – a request to renew this license for the Club was received, IC read the rules for this license and it was deemed to be an unnecessary expense of £20 per year for the Club, therefore the attending EC advise GJ that this license should not be renewed.</p> <p>9.6 Charity donations – following the AGM it was noted that a comment from the floor suggested that the Club did not raise/donate very much to the nominated local charity The Cowshed, however following discussions at the EC meeting today, the Club donated over £730 (a substantial amount) to the local charity. There had been a suggestion that the Club may want to donate some of the money raised from the Club lunches, following discussions it was decided that the profit from the Club meals was always intended to raise money for the Club and not to be used to donate to a charity. Proposed by JSM and seconded by IC that profit from the Club meals will be put into Club funds.</p> <p>Club Charity day(s) should not fall into the same month as the MacMillan fund raising day.</p>	<p>GJ</p> <p>IC</p> <p>CL</p> <p>GJ</p> <p>ALL</p>
10.	<p>Clubhouse Manager</p> <p>10.1 There will be a green inspection this year by County, this is a rolling programme.</p>	

	10.2 IC has been contacted by a current Club member enquiring as to whether there will be a discount for couples who are both bowling members, this will be brought forward for discussion to the next EC meeting in February.  10.3 The Club has had donated a free of charge fully working overhead projector – thank you to Nigel Rowe for this donation. Thanks also to Nigel Rowe for a further set of numbers for the rink.	JC
11.	AOB 11.1 Nigel Rowe (newly appointed Competition Secretary) is writing/Preparing for consideration a set of rules for playing, these will be forwarded to the EC.  11.2 County competitions – CL asked that names of members who want to play in County games need to put their names on the list which is on the noticeboard by the 31 <sup>st</sup> January, this will enable administration to put them onto the system in February, once this goes live in March no changes can be made.  11.3 It was asked if Aardwall Security could provide individual Club members any discount for their domestic security. IC advised that Club members are free to contact Aardwall direct and ask this question. Contact details: Aardwall Security, 28 South Meadow, Crowthorne, RG45 7HJ. 01344 761534, <a href="mailto:info@aardwallsecurity.co.uk">info@aardwallsecurity.co.uk</a>	NR  <b>ALL Club Players</b>
12.	<b>Date of next meeting:</b>  <b>Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2026 – 4.30pm in the Clubhouse</b>	
13.	No further business meeting closed at: 5.20pm	