



APPROVED MINUTES

GREAT HOLLANDS BOWLS CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY 2026 AT 4.30PM LOCATION: CLUBHOUSE

	Subject	Action
	Meeting opened at: 4.35pm Those attending: Jo Sanders-Merryweather (JSM), Carolyn Lofthouse (CL), Ray Furnell (RF), Gareth Jenkins (GJ), June Clarke (JC)	CHAIR
1.	Apologies Ian Clarke	
2.	<p>Social Committee</p> <p>2.1 Diary dates for social events – we are awaiting the Club’s official diary to be finalised, once this is completed we can start looking into organising more social events.</p> <p>2.2 A few event dates have been set – Race night is 7th March, details have been sent out to all members. A quiz night is scheduled for the 28th March, details of which will be sent out to all members once a flyer is ready.</p> <p>2.3 Following Executive Committee discussion the Club’s Open Day will take place on 16th May (see AOB 11.1 below) – the Social Committee will provide bacon and sausage rolls. There will be tombola, gardening & plant, cake stalls.</p> <p>2.4 CL advised that the Ladies Committee will be hold their coffee morning on 11th April.</p> <p>2.5 BBQ event – provisional dates of 5th, 11th or 18th July are currently free in the Club’s draft diary at present. Social Committee to revert with a date. A hog roast was also muted and the Social Committee again to discuss and advise.</p> <p>2.6 Social Committee’s next meeting will be in March, date to be confirmed.</p>	<p>JC</p> <p>JSM/KM</p> <p>JSM</p> <p>JSM</p>
3.	Minutes of previous meeting (27/01/2026) – the minutes of this meeting were approved. Proposed CL and seconded by JSM. The minutes were signed by JSM.	ALL
4.	<p>Actions from previous meeting</p> <p>9.1a Brighter lighting in the car park – IC has an enquiry with an electrician regarding a price for installation of new lights. BF next meeting.</p> <p>10.1 Ramp for side door update – JC advised on behalf of IC that this is in hand with the provider, should be ready for end of March.</p> <p>8.1 Club shirts stock check update – current numbers as follows: Men’s – Size medium x 3, size large x2, size 4XL x 1. Ladies – size 22 x 2, size 20 x2, size 18, 1, size 16 x 2, size 12 x 2, size 8 x 1. No further purchase by the Club at this time, following the Open Day the stock will be reassessed.</p> <p>8.3 Club diary update – RF advised that there are still a few outstanding dates to be confirmed, RF to discuss with NR – the diary should be</p>	<p>IC</p> <p>RF</p>

	<p>finalised by the end of this week. Diaries on track for issue by end of March.</p> <p>9.2 Smoke detector update – IC has obtained a quote from the security company; however, this is still ongoing with BTC and will be BF to the next meeting.</p> <p>9.2 Fire extinguisher update – this will be BF to the next meeting.</p> <p>9.3 New selection committee – CL advised that Lesley Langer has kindly offered her time to undertake this role, GJ and IC to provide training & guidance.</p> <p>10.2 Discount for couples’ update – the Executive Committee discussed this at great length, discussion resulted in decision that GHBC would not be providing a discount for couples/family multiples.</p> <p>11.1 Club Competition Guide draft by Nigel Rowe update – this document has been approved and implemented in GHBC with immediate effect. Proposed by RF and seconded by JSM. (see website)</p>	<p>IC</p> <p>IC</p> <p>GJ/IC</p> <p>GJ</p>
5.	<p>Club President</p> <p>5.1 On behalf of the Executive Committee our condolences go to Olive Bambury and her dear family regarding the passing of Olives’ husband Syd. He was a dear friend and longtime Club member.</p>	
6.	<p>Club Chairperson</p> <p>Nothing at this time.</p>	
7.	<p>Club Captain</p> <p>Nothing at this time.</p>	
8.	<p>Club Secretary</p> <p>8.1 We are still awaiting a few Club members to renew their memberships. JC to send out emails to those Club members who have not renewed memberships, asking them to renew by the deadline date of 28th February, or to send a courtesy email if not intending to renew.</p>	<p>JC</p>
9.	<p>Club Treasurer</p> <p>9.1 Funds raised – income for January is report as follows: Profit - £379.10 Bar Sales - £291.00</p> <p>9.2 Membership – this is being monitored between GJ and JC.</p> <p>9.3 Match & Rink Booking – waiting for the list of matches prior to setting up the system.</p> <p>9.4 Website alerts – once memberships are confirmed, the website alerts will be added to the system.</p>	
10.	<p>Clubhouse Manager</p> <p>None attendance at this meeting.</p>	
11.	<p>AOB</p> <p>11.1 Open Day – mentors are required for this event on 16th May, mentors should have a minimum of 5 years bowling experience. Car parking and meet and greet volunteers will be required on the day. JC to send out an email asking for volunteers.</p> <p>11.2 Trousers – JC again advised the Executive’s that bottle green trousers for the men was proving an impossible task at this time, 5 suppliers have been contacted, unfortunately they do not manufacture /supply bottle green trousers with fly’s in them, the men do not want drawstring trousers. It was discussed that JC would contact the suppliers again asking for grey trouser pricing for both men and ladies,</p>	<p>JC</p> <p>JC</p>

	<p>this will ensure uniformity throughout our membership. JC will bring this forward.</p> <p>11.3 Update from JC on IC behalf. There will be a rink inspection on the 9th April by RCBBA, hence the spring clean being called for earlier than usual. A list of duties is on the noticeboard inside the Clubhouse, IC is asking for volunteers for the 28th and 29th March, this can be done at an earlier date if volunteers find the dates requested difficult.</p> <p>11.4 The Club is looking to open the green on the 18th / 19th April – this will be confirmed following discussion with BTC and the groundkeeper. Training will take place for the 1st 6 weeks following the Open Day on 16th May, after that roll ups, if mentoring is wanted then this needs to be requested, again a reminder that a mentor has to be someone who has 5 years' experience. Monday League will start on 11th May. The green will close on 27th / 28th September or the 1st week in October.</p> <p>11.5 Visitors/guests to the Club must be signed into the visitors book, this is part of fire regulations. This is the responsibility of the Club member.</p> <p>11.6 JSM asked if the Club would consider replacing the BBQ with a gas operated one, it was deemed appropriate to invest in a new BBQ and a cap of £200 was authorised. Proposed by JC and seconded by RF.</p> <p>11.7 The Social Committee has requested that the cash float be reinstated – proposed by CL and seconded by GJ.</p> <p>11.8 RF reported for the Clubhouse Manager that the walkway from the car park into the side gate has moss and when it's wet may cause accidents. JC advised that it will probably need jet washing, JSM advised that she would ask KM if he could sort out this issue.</p>	<p>ALL MEMBERS</p> <p>JSM</p> <p>JSM</p>
12.	Date of next meeting: 26th March 2026 – 4.30pm in the Clubhouse	
13.	No further business meeting closed at: 5.42pm	

**Minutes approved by the Executive Committee on Thursday, 26th March 2026 and signed by
Jo Sanders-Merryweather – Club Chairperson**
