



## APPROVED MINUTES

### GREAT HOLLANDS BOWLS CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING TUESDAY, 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025 AT 4.3PM LOCATION: CLUBHOUSE

	Subject	Action
	Meeting opened at: 4.25PM Those attending: Ray Furnell (RF), Jo Sanders-Merryweather (JSM), Gareth Jenkins (GJ), Ian Clarke (IC), June Clarke (JC)	CHAIR
1.	Apologies Carolyn Lofthouse	
2.	<p>Social Committee – attendee Carole Drury (CD)</p> <p>2.1 CD advised the Executive's that the Social Committee (SC) has had a very successful year with Games nights, Quiz nights and Race events raising funds for the Club.</p> <p>2.2 Regarding 11.2 of minutes of the meeting held on 20/11/2025 – CD advised that the SC had not discussed why they had not been asked to provide food for the Presentation evening. CD also wanted it noted that the SC had not voiced that there had been no invitations sent to the SC members to attend Executive Committee (EC) meetings, CD wanted it made clear that she was unaware of any issues, CD sends out the invitations to attend the EC meetings to all SC members, JC also advised that she has started to send the invitation to attend meetings to all SC members.</p> <p>CD advised the EC that she was unhappy following her last attendance at the 20.09.2025 meeting, she felt she no longer wanted to attend any further meetings.</p> <p>2.3 Skittles event proposed for 17<sup>th</sup> January 2026, it was confirmed that the outgoing SC will continue to oversee this event, as the SC membership will change following the AGM to be held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Discussions followed as to how many Club members were interested in attending the event, with the cost of the hiring of the skittles alley equipment and food which will be organised by the current SC, we would prefer that no monies be paid to the supplier until there is enough interest to cover the cost or make a slight profit.</p> <p>2.4 RF on behalf of the EC thanked the outgoing SC for all of their hard work throughout the 2025 season.</p>	
3.	Minutes of previous meeting (20.11.2025) – the minutes of the meeting were approved as an accurate record, proposed by IC, seconded by RF, these were then signed by JSM.	ALL
4.	<p>Actions from previous meeting</p> <p>9.1a Camera upgrade – this will be put on the AGM agenda. New brighter lighting for the car park area update – IC to discuss this item with KM, also discussions with BTC may be beneficial.</p> <p>11.1a Tour 2026 update – JSM advised the EC that it is too late to book anything for Eastbourne for 2026, this will now be scheduled for 2027. JC to send</p>	IC

	<p>an email to all Club members thanking those who showed an interest in 2026, advising all this is being planned for 2027.</p> <p>11.3a Honours board update – IC to contact PS and asked to confirm the cost of getting the engraver in to add names.</p> <p>10.2 Replacement chairs update – new chairs have arrived it has been noted that a couple of chairs are broken, this is being looked into by the Clubhouse Manager.</p> <p>11.3 Obituary plaque update – (Lol Street) update – this is in hand IC/PS.</p>	<p>JC</p> <p>IC</p> <p>IC</p>
5.	<p>Club President</p> <p>5.1 RF thanked the current Executive Committee – IC (Clubhouse Manager) for keeping the Clubhouse running, GJ (Treasurer) for keeping the finances in good order, CL (Club Captain) for being an effective part of the Club, and representing GHBC at County. JSM (Club Chair) for all her support, not forgetting her meals, JC for her efficient and effective role as Club Secretary.</p>	
6.	<p>Club Chairperson</p> <p>6.1 JSM concurred with RF comments above.</p>	
7.	<p>Club Captain</p> <p>Nothing at this time.</p>	
8.	<p>Club Secretary</p> <p>Nothing at this time.</p>	
9.	<p>Club Treasurer</p> <p>9.1 RF now has full access to the bank account, RF confirmed that he should now in a position to authorise payments.</p> <p>9.2 End of year – at the AGM members attending will need to agree money being used from the Covid grant for the resurfacing outside and the new cameras, this will be clarified at the AGM on 11.01.2026.</p> <p>9.3 SpyAlarms (the outgoing security co) are being allusive to contact regarding the cancelling of the Club's contract renewal. IC advised that they had contacted him to discuss the contract, IC requested that they provide the Club with a price for 2027. To date no price costs have been received.</p> <p>9.4 Match &amp; Rink Booking – a mechanism has been developed by GJ to generate the Rink Booking sheets directly from the list of matches that RF uses for the green booklets. Once the new booklet is received GJ will generate all the paper Rink Booking sheets, timeframe approximately a week. Once we have a selection committee on 11.1.2026 at least one member of this committee should be able to update the Match Booking system. GJ will be available to provide training.</p> <p>9.5 Website alerts – GJ advised that some members had asked how to get alerts about new events from the Club's website. It should be noted that on the right-hand side of any page, there is a list of current Events. Above this list is a blue box saying "Sign up to our email alerts". Clicking on this box allows you to enter your email address and receive alerts on various topics. The only relevant ones are "Events" and "News".</p> <p>9.6 JC had provided a rewrite of the home page for the Club's website, this rewrite was proposed by JSM and seconded by RF – GJ to amend the relevant page on the website.</p>	<p>GJ</p>

10.	<p>Clubhouse Manager</p> <p>10.1 The ramp area by the side door has been measured, metalwork is being fabricated to reduce the small step into the Clubhouse, this will ease access to those Club members who use wheelchairs and walking aides. The steps to access the green from the righthand side of the Clubhouse, these have also been removed to have some fabrication work carried out, this work is being carried out free of charge by Lindon Kensholes' son.</p> <p>10.2 The Club has received a replacement laptop via Mark Blackman, his company has provided this refurbished/upgraded computer free of charge, this has now been installed.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>A big thank you to Lindon's son and Mark Blackman.</b></p> <p>10.3 Unfortunately the wall mounted TV has given up on us, an email has been sent out on behalf of IC asking Club members if they have/know of a preferably free donation of a 42" up to a 60" TV so we can replace it.</p> <p>10.4 IC thanked all the Executive's for their continued hard work over the 2025 season, a special thanks to the maintenance team (Ernie Diaz, Nigel Rowe, Wilf Langer, Phil Sherman, Kevin Merryweather and Lindon Kenshole) for all their efforts in keeping the Club in such good condition.</p>	
11.	<p>AOB - Correspondence from Club members:</p> <p>11.1 An email received from Angela Sherfield – Ladies Secretary requesting the following:          "At the ladies AGM the ladies unanimously voted to change our bowls trousers from Grey to Bottle Green for the forthcoming season. The decision was discussed as concerns were made regarding the many different shades of grey trousers now seen out on the bowls green. Having seen the County and several other teams wearing the Bottle Green trousers which match our shirt colours we all agreed how much smarter it looked. To stop the chances of multiple shades of green trousers we agreed they should be purchased from Aceit.          Unless there is any reason from the Executive that we cannot go ahead with our decision – I will start to put the wheels in motion by putting up a notice in the Clubhouse with the different trouser/shorts options, sizing and costs etc for the ladies to make their choice"  <b>Executive response:</b> This will be put on the agenda under AOB at the AGM on 11.01.2026.</p> <p>11.2 An email was received from Angela Sherfield - Ladies Secretary requesting the following:  <b>"Proposal 1:</b> That the ladies and men's committees merge, stating that we are one Club and all working towards the best for the Club and Club members. Working together jointly would utilise the strengths of the people concerned and assist the EC in ways which would then allow them to carry on with more important matters".  <b>Executive response:</b> This will be put on the agenda under AOB at the AGM on 11.01.2026.  <b>"Proposal 2:</b> When new members join, they are each (or per couple) assigned a mentor. Someone they can ask for guidance whether it be about bowling, Club rules, who does what, etiquette, social events etc".  <b>Executive response:</b> JC to send an email to Club members asking players who have 5 or more years' experience playing bowls to send their interest of becoming a mentor to the Club Secretary.</p>	<p>JC</p> <p>JC</p>

11.3	<p>Letter received from Rose Reason:  “First thank you June for sending out above Windsor Races but I am concerned things are put on WhatsApp which may be for Club members and as only half are on it, this is not being inclusive of all members and I for one do not wish to go on it, so I think you should be aware what is put out on it.”</p> <p><b>Executive response:</b> The idea of the WhatsApp group is to advise information to those who have given permission to be entered onto the group, the EC are fully aware that not all Club members are on this group, some do not have IT access at all or chose not to be included, this is personal choice, WhatsApp is populated by an administrator, a Club member can request to be put on the group but with awareness of data protection it is not populated ad hoc. Email is the main source of correspondence with Club membership; the Club Secretary sends out information supplied by other members on request.</p>	
11.4	<p>Letter received from Carole Drury:  “Can I suggest every member is added to the WhatsApp group (only 44 ish are on it) or not use it as an information platform for the Club as half of the Club don’t see the messages”.</p> <p><b>Executive response:</b> Please see response above.</p>	
11.5	<p>Letter from Linda Stone:  “I was very surprised to see the bar open on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Nobody had the courtesy to ask me, being the Bar Manager I would have thought I would have been consulted – Thank you”.</p> <p><b>Executive response:</b> The event held on 6<sup>th</sup> December was a private party the Executive Committee had followed due process and the request to hold a private function and the organiser to provide a bar person was granted.</p> <p>With hindsight it is felt that as Bar Manager you should have been informed and we will endeavour to do this in the future, along with Neil Lofthouse to ensure the bar is fully stocked.</p>	
11.6	<p>An internet search is to be carried out by the Club Secretary regarding a Coach Training Course, Martin Butler has shown interest in taking the relevant steps to become the GHBC Coach. Proposed by JSM and seconded by IC.</p>	JC
11.7	<p>Club vacancies  JC advised that there are still a couple of positions within the Club that need filling – Club Secretary and Food Hygiene Officer are the remaining vacancies. Emails have already been sent out asking for nominations.</p>	
12.	<p><b>Date of next meeting: To be advised following the AGM</b>  <b>Dates for diary: AGM date 11<sup>th</sup> January 2026.</b></p>	
13.	<p>No further business meeting closed at 5.40pm</p>	

**Minutes approved by the Executive Committee on Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2026 and signed by**  
**Jo Sanders-Merryweather – Club Chairperson**

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