

## **APPROVED MINUTES**

## GREAT HOLLANDS BOWLS CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 4.30PM LOCATION: CLUBHOUSE

	Subject	Action		
	Meeting opened at: 4.25PM Those attending: Gareth Jenkins (GJ), Jo Sanders-Merryweather (JSM), Ian Clarke (IC), Ray Furnell (RF), June Clarke (JC)			
1.	Apologies Carolyn Lofthouse			
2.	Social Committee Those attending: Rose Reason (RR), Carole Drury (CD) 2.1 Charging for events – this was discussed in depth and the Executive's passed a motion that there would need to be entrance charges made for all events (for Sundays games events which if club members want to attend the Club for a gathering and if they wanted to undertake a games session, these would be free of charge for Club members), however, if guests attend then the appropriate charges for guests would apply. Bingo in the summer – run by the Social Committee and winter sessions - run by Edwin Readings would incur a £1.00 entry fee for Club members, again the appropriate charges for guests would apply. The entry fee for attendance will then be paid into Club's funds, attendance numbers will need to be logged. 2.2 Bar duty rota – a question was raised as to why a Club member who was down for bar duty on a particular week was taken off for an event, this was discussed and CD notified the Executive's that this should be discussed with the Bar Manager. 2.3 RF muted that there was an understanding as to why the 28 <sup>th</sup> September BBQ was cancelled due to insufficient numbers wanting to eat, but the rollup should not have been cancelled – JC to send out an email to all Club members advising them that if they wanted to turn up for a rollup on 28 <sup>th</sup> September (as this would be the last day to bowl before the winter closure of the green) they are welcome to do so.  RR and CD left the meeting at 4.50pm	JC		
3.	Minutes of previous meeting (12/08/2025) the minutes of these meetings were approved and signed by JSM Proposer: IC Seconded: GJ	ALL		
4.	Actions from previous meeting  11.8a Specialised wheelchair insurance update – The wheelchair is now covered under the Club' contents insurance policy. Item closed.			
	9.2a RF access to Club's bank account update – this is still outstanding RF to contact Barclays Bank and discuss the issues with them.  BF to next meeting.	RF JC		

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	10.2a	Drakes Pride sponsorship update – IC is still awaiting a response from			
	0.1	Drakes Pride. Item closed at this time.			
	9.1	Alarm system update — GJ advised that our current system is due for	CI		
		contract renewal in November 2025 as the renewal date approaches	GJ		
	0.2	quotes from other providers will be sought.			
	9.3	Insurance cover review update – The Club now has at a small increase to			
		the policy employer's liability insurance, this will cover volunteers who	CI		
		undertake various roles within the Club. When this is due for renewal GJ	GJ		
5.	will enquire with Bowls England what they can offer for this type of cover.  Club President				
Э.	Nothing at this time.				
6.	Club Chairperson				
0.	Nothing at this time.				
7.	Club Captain - apologies received, however an email received and read by JC				
/.	7.1	Charging for short mat & priority places – following Executive Committee			
	7.1	discussion it was deemed that this would remain as it has in the past with			
		all Club members welcome to attend short mat sessions and pay the			
		appropriate amount for each session.			
	7.2	CL passed on her thanks to the Committee for their support and all their			
	,	hard work running the Club during the bowling season. Thanks also to			
		Edwin Readings for organising the Club's competitions this year and			
		congratulations to all the winners. Thank you also to Lorraine Capon for			
		running a very successful tour to Bournemouth which was appreciated by			
		all those who attended. Best wishes go to Angela Sherfield and all the			
		helpers running the upcoming charity weekend. CL hopes that Club			
		members will support the events. CL sends her apologies as she is unable			
		to attend this time. CL hopes that everyone has enjoyed the outdoor			
		season and also that Club members will participate in some activities			
		during the winter and are looking forward to bowling next year.			
8.	Club Se	cretary			
		g at this time.			
9.		easurer			
	9.1	Match & Rink Booking System – It is believed that all the issues have now			
		been resolved. GJ asked if we will be running both systems for 2026 –			
		Executive Committee agreed that both systems have worked and we will			
		be using the same for next season.			
	9.2	Short Mat fees – covered in 7.1 above. These are run on Tuesday's,			
		Wednesday's, Thursday's and Friday's with a start time of 2pm, there are			
		also Wednesday evening sessions with a start time of 7pm.			
	9.3	Building insurance – JC to query a charge by BTC regarding bricks and	JC		
		mortar cover – BF to next meeting.			
	9.4	An overcharge of £100 for electricity has now been corrected.			
	9.5	Charity days – clarity was provided that monies raised on 27 <sup>th</sup> September			
		that match and meal monies would be passed on to our nominated			
		charity – The Cowshed and that the 26 <sup>th</sup> September monies are for the			
		Macmillan Trust.			
10.	Clubho	use Manager			
	10.1	Drains update – Following a meeting with BTC on 16 <sup>th</sup> September, BTC			
		have confirmed that all of the outside drainage is down to BTC to have			
		responsibility for any maintenance in the future, apart from their shared			
		drainage with Thames Water and a local school. The investigations into			

	10.2	the drainage which BTC have forwarded the report to the Club notes that there is a build-up of grease in the drain coming from the Clubhouse kitchen, JC advised BTC that there would be a notice put up in the kitchen requesting users NOT to put grease or oil down the sink but to decant as much grease/oil as possible into plastic self-seal bags and disposed of in kitchen waste, this will help in keeping the drains as clear as possible of grease/oil which could cause unnecessary blockages.  A quote has been received from Infinity Playgrounds for the resurfacing of the front paving to the green, the material proposed is Agriflex the supply and installation of 55m² of 30mm thick Agriflex in an autumn blend colour, there will be a gradual ramp where the current step is to benefit all including those who need the use of wheelchairs. BTC have requested that GHBC share the cost with them and the Executive Committee approved their proposal in principle with thoughts of looking for some form of sponsorship to aide GHBC in covering a £2,000 contribution cost. JC to email BTC with acceptance of the shared cost proposal, this the Executive Committee hope may be completed during the green's closed season.	1C			
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	11.1 11.2 11.3 11.4 11.5	Letter received from Lorraine Capon advising the Executive Committee her standing down from organising the Club's tour with immediate effect due to personal circumstances – JC to send an email to Lorraine advising all of our grateful thanks we all have for her years of service to the Club. JC also to send out an email to all Club members asking if anyone would be prepared to step into Lorraine's shoes and take up the mantel of tour arrangements.  GJ to send an email to the men's section advising when the men's AGM is scheduled for.  IC to contact Phil Sherman to arrange the sign writer to attend the Club premises to update the boards as appropriate.  Edwin Readings will undertake as per previous year in getting the trophies with appropriate plaques made for the presentation evening.  As per 2.2 above – Edwin Readings (ER) name had been crossed off the bar duty rota – at a recent Bar Manager held meeting with the volunteer bar staff nothing was mentioned. Clarification is needed as to why ER's name was removed.	JC JC GJ IC ER			
	11.6	It was noted by all that the finals weekend went incredibly well and was well supported.				
12.	Date o	f next meeting: Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2025 4.30pm in the Clubhouse.				
	THE F	PRESENTATION EVENING WILL TAKE PLACE ON SATURDAY NOVEMBER 2025 6.30PM FOR 7PM IN THE CLUBHOUSE – D WILL BE PROVIDED.				
13.						
	13. No faction business meeting closed at 3.43pm					

Minutes approved by the Executive Committee on Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025 and signed by Jo Sanders-Merryweather – Club Chairperson