



DRAFT MINUTES

GREAT HOLLANDS BOWLS CLUB

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

THURSDAY, 23RD OCTOBER 2025 AT 4.30PM

LOCATION: CLUBHOUSE

	Subject	Action
	Meeting opened at: 4.25pm Those attending: Jo Sanders-Merryweather (JSM), Carolyn Lofthouse (CF), Ray Furnel (RF), Gareth Jenkins (GJ), Ian Clarke (IC), June Clarke (JC)	CHAIR
1.	Apologies None	
2.	Social Committee - No one attending	
	Eddie Readings (ER) requested a 10-minute slot with the Executive Committee pertaining to trophies for the 2025 presentation - ER suggested prize money for winners and runners up, this was discussed in depth and determined to be too costly. After further discussions it was deemed more appropriate that a small medal in a foldable case would be presented to the winners and runners up together with a printed certificate detailing the name of the Club member and which competition they had won or came a runner up in - proposed by CL, seconded by JSM carried by the Executive Committee with 5 for and 1 abstention. JSM to source gold and silver medals with foldable boxes. JC to draft a template for the certificates and send to the Executives for their comments/approval. ER left the meeting at 4.40pm	JSM JC
3.	Minutes of previous meeting (22/09/2025) the minutes were approved proposed by IC and seconded by RF the minutes were signed by JSM. Part 2 minutes signed by RF.	ALL
4.	Actions from previous meeting 9.2a Bank account - update RF has access to the Club's bank account - item closed. 9.1 Alarm system - update contract renewal due in November 2025, GJ has sourced an alternative company to provide a quote - IC to attend on 29th October 4pm. BF to next meeting. 9.3 Building insurance - update JC advised that our original lease for the building signed by the Club's Trustees states that GHBC will contribute each year to the cost of bricks and mortar insurance - item closed. 10.2 Resurfacing of paving with Agriflex - update JC advised that BTC have accepted the Club's contribution of £2K toward the cost of the resurfacing. This will make the front of the Clubhouse much safer with an even surface and ramp to walk on. BTC will notify JC of a start date in due course. JC to enquire into a sponsor for all or part of the £2K contribution. 11.1 2026 Tour - update Lorraine Capon is taking a back seat on the organisation of the 2026 Tour, she has advised that she will work in tandem with JSM, JC has sent out an email to all Club members asking for	IC/GJ JC JSM/JC

	their interest in a tour next year and is collating responses accordingly. JSM advised if enough interest is shown by member's she will undertake a trip to Eastbourne to do a recon on what hotels can provide for our members, e.g. adequate parking, disabled access, catering requirements. Proposed by IC and seconded by CL. Carried unanimously. BF to next meeting. 11.3 Honours board - update IC has spoken to PS and confirmed that the boards should be updated prior to the presentation evening. 11.5 Bar duty - update RF has spoken to Linda Stone regarding the bar duty rota and advised this has been sorted and no further action is required at this juncture.	JC IC
5.	Club President Nothing at this time.	
6.	Club Chairperson Nothing at this time.	
7.	Club Captain Nothing at this time.	
8.	Club Secretary 8.1 R9 - Regulation 9 further training opportunities poster sent to Executives prior to the meeting - if any of the Executives are interested, please let GJ know. 8.2 RCBBA - Constitution received and sent to CL - CL requested that this is also sent to David Horton - JC to forward to DH by email.	JC
9.	Club Treasurer 9.1 GJ enquired where the key to the red charity cashbox is kept - IC advised this is kept in the safe behind the bar. 9.2 JC muted that in a previous year there had been a sliding scale of membership charges issued, GJ agreed that this would be beneficial for all to have this reinstated making it clear to all when new members join what their membership fee would be throughout the season. GJ to provide the Executive with a sliding scale proposal for discussion/approval. 9.3 Use of till - GJ to have a discussion with Linda Stone (Bar Manager) regarding logging on by one bar staff member and then the till being used by another bar staff member with the previous persons log in, if there are any queries/discrepancies GJ needs to know who he should contact as he can only do this by the log in details. 9.4 The end of year accounts is ready for auditing - Dick Fisher and David Horton had previously agreed to be Club Auditors for 2025 - GJ to contact both DF and DH on Monday, 27th October to discuss how they can inspect the Club's account.	GJ GJ GJ
10.	Clubhouse Manager 10.1 IC proposed to the Executive that a leaf blower would greatly benefit the Club. Justification was offered that with our own blower it enables the maintenance team the ability to clear the leaves and acorns ensuring a safe and clear pathway for all Club members, this will reduce the risk of trips and falls. A ball park figure of £150 was muted. Proposed by RF and seconded by GJ - carried unanimously. IC to purchase for the Club.	IC
11.	AOB 11.1 The green has been incredible this season, the closed season is seeing the Groundskeeper (Dave) treating the green in preparation for 2026.	

	11.2 The rink markers will be re-painted before the start of the 2026 season. 11.3 Skittles night - JSM will look into setting up a skittles event outside of Club premises, her proposed timeframe would be to look at February 2026 onwards - proposed by RF and seconded by IC. JSM will request the Social Committee to provide any event dates they have for February/March 2026 to ensure that dates do not clash with social events as the skittles evening will be an outside event. 11.4 An email had been received from a Club member asking if the Club would consider having a bowling arm competition next year. Following discussions, it was decided that this could not be sanctioned by the Executive, if the bowling arm users wanted to organise their own inhouse competition then they are free to proceed. JC to respond to the email direct.	IC JSM JC
12.	Date of next meeting: Monday, 17th November 2025 4.30pm	
13.	No further business meeting closed at 5.32pm	