



APPROVED MINUTES

GREAT HOLLANDS BOWLS CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY, 14th JULY 2025 AT 4.30PM LOCATION: CLUBHOUSE

	Subject	Action
	Meeting opened at: 4.30pm Those attending: Ray Furnell - President (RF), Jo Sanders-Merryweather Chairperson (JSM), Carolyn Lofthouse Club Captain (CL), Gareth Jenkins Treasurer (GJ), Ian Clarke Clubhouse Manager (IC), June Clarke Club Secretary (JC)	CHAIR
1.	Apologies NA	
2.	Social Committee Advised by Carole Drury – not attending this meeting	
3.	Minutes of previous meeting (16/06/2025) – the minutes of this meeting were approved proposed by GJ and seconded by CL these were duly signed by RF	ALL
4.	Actions from previous meeting 11.8 Wheelchair – update – the wheelchair has been ordered and an expected delivery date of 22nd July advised by GJ. There is a slight surplus of money which has been raised for this item, this will be ring-fenced to provide future servicing and insurance costs. The Clubs insurance company to be contacted by GJ and advised that a green wheelchair has been purchased and potentially need this to be added as a separate item on the Clubs insurance as it is a high value item. Sheila Lee, Judith Cooke-Sanderson to be invited by the Exec as donators to the wheelchair, Trevor Compton to be invited for a demonstration of the wheelchair on 11th August. Olive Bambury and CL to organise refreshments. See also 5.1 9.2 RF is still having issues in accessing the Clubs bank account electronically, RF to continue to follow this up and provide an update at the next meeting. 11.1a Roll ups on alternate Wednesdays – update – IC advised that the first roll up went well with a good interest and attendance was shown. The second roll up was cancelled due to hot weather being a factor. A further roll up to be scheduled by IC.	GJ JC CL RF IC
5.	Club President 5.1 A visit by Ascot Priory has been arranged for 11th August, there will be 4 care home residents together with 4 carers attending. RF to invite the 2 Mayors to this event the wheelchair will be on display. JC to invite the local press. GJ to ask the Monday roll up bowlers to attend in Club shirts etc to demonstrate bowling to our guests and the invited press.	RF JC GJ

6.	Club Chairperson 6.1 JSM has purchased and gifted to the club a set of 'Junior Ace' bowls, CL to put into locker for safe keeping. The Executive Committee thanked Jo for her very kind donation.	
7.	Club Captain 7.1 The Club continues to fulfil most of its friendly fixtures, although where 2 were on the same day it hasn't always been possible to do both. 7.2 Saturday coaching is completed, good to see plenty of members coming for a roll up. 7.3 The green is playing well considering the extreme heat and lack of rain. Many thanks were expressed to the green keepers for their great efforts. 7.4 It has been good to see Club competitions being play and especially the David Harden trophy – thanks to IC for organising this. 7.5 Good luck to the ladies and men still in County competitions. 7.6 Thanks to Simon Light who passed on his knowledge and experience of Crown Green Bowls and thanks to all those who attended the Club day in the heat on Saturday, 12th July. The donations raised on the day will be made to our nominated charity The Cowshed.	
8.	Club Secretary Nothing for this meeting	
9.	Club Treasurer 9.1 Charges for Short Mat and Crib – the Executive Committee discussed this item and it was determined that attendees at Short Mat and Crib over the winter period will need to pay £1 per person for each attendance. Proposed JC seconded RF. 9.2 Match and Rink Booking systems – previous issues have now been resolved. 9.3 Electricity meter readings are to be taken monthly thus verifying the bills being received.	GJ
10.	Clubhouse Manager 10.1 Thanks to Lindon Kenshole for providing a Pro Golf game, this will be held in the Clubhouse during the winter period (dates to be advised), monies raised from this will go to our nominated charity The Cowshed. 10.2 IC to make contact with Drakes Pride and enquire if they would be prepared to sponsor the Club in the purchase of some woods. BF to next meeting.	IC IC

11.	AOB	
11.1	There is a Family Fun Day being held by Bracknell Town Council on 6 th August – 11am to 3pm, we have been offered a gazebo and space on the Recreation Ground on this day, this has been accepted by the Club and an Open Day will be held, JC to email all Club members asking for volunteers – anyone interested to contact Ray Furnell direct, also on the same email JC to ask for bowlers to attend the Club on this date for a roll up, this will demonstrate to any visitors from the Family Fun Day what the Club offers.	JC RF JC RF
11.2	Meet and greet event for new members to be organised by RF.	
12.	Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 12th August 2025 4.30pm in the Clubhouse	
13.	No further business meeting closed at 5.36pm	

Minutes approved by the Executive Committee on 12th August 2025 and signed by

Jo Sanders-Merryweather – Club Chairperson

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