



APPROVED MINUTES

GREAT HOLLANDS BOWLS CLUB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MONDAY, 16TH JUNE 2025 AT 1630 LOCATION: CLUBHOUSE

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| | Meeting opened at: 16:18 Those attending: Ray Furnell (RF), Jo Sanders-Merryweather (JSM), Carolyn Lofthouse (CL), Gareth Jenkins (GJ), Ian Clarke (IC), June Clarke (JC), Carole Drury (CD) – 10 minute slot at start of meeting. | CHAIR |
| 1. | Apologies None | |
| 2. | <p>Social Committee</p> <p>2.1 CD advised the Executive that there have been 3 events organised by the Social Committee, all 3 making money for the clubs funds.</p> <p>2.2 CD asked if we could hold another open day, it was discussed and as we have already had 2 open day events so far this season it was felt that these 2 would suffice.</p> <p>2.3 CD asked if a coffee morning for new club members would be acceptable, the Executive agreed to this event being organised by the Social Committee and for them to contact the new members to find a mutually convenient date in the diary, CD to advise the Executive once a date has been found.</p> <p>2.4 A set of woods has been sold on E-Bay.</p> <p>Thanks were expressed to the Social Committee for their work. CD left the meeting at 16:30</p> | CD |
| 3. | Minutes of previous meeting (19/05/2025) – the minutes of this meeting were approved – proposed CL and seconded IC – RF signed the approved minutes. | ALL |
| 4. | <p>Actions from previous meeting</p> <p>11.8 Wheelchair update – CL advised that the Benevolent Society have again advised that an application would need to be for a specific club member. The Club already has received a very kind donation from Sheila Lee of £1,000 and there is a further £1,500 promised from Ascot Priory (Care Home), thanks to Olive Bambury's daughter for liaising with Ascot Priory regarding this, RF and CL to meet with Ascot Priory on 26/06/2025. Ascot Priory are looking into purchasing a mat for inside the double doors, IC has measured for this.</p> <p>CL advised the cost of an electric wheelchair for the green will come from Bowls Royce at a cost of £2,585 no VAT will be added, a delivery cost of £130 will be incurred, the controls for this will be on the right hand side of the wheelchair, the control arm can be lifted up out the way should not impact on the bowler.</p> | |

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| | <p>Actions from previous meeting contd/...</p> <p>7.2 Sign up for away fixtures – update – CL advised that the Club requires players to sign up for the away fixtures, this will go into the June Newsletter, if we can't provide players for away games there is a chance that we will not get visiting clubs to our green.</p> | |
| 5. | <p>Club President</p> <p>5.1 Opening of the Clubhouse is still having issues, following discussions it was decided to trial for 3 club members to liaise with each other and open up the club IC, GJ and NL to discuss and determine who opens on what days. Closing of the Clubhouse will continue to be the last one out, alarms, switches off lights and locks up – ensuring that if the keys from the lock box are used they are returned to the lock box.</p> | IC/GJ/NL |
| 6. | <p>Club Chairperson</p> <p>6.1 Nothing at this time.</p> | |
| 7. | <p>Club Captain</p> <p>7.1 CL advised we have won 3 and lost 3 and have cancelled 3, we have new playing members signed and this is very good.</p> <p>7.2 The green played exceptionally well over the weekend, thanks goes to the groundskeeper for doing a very good job, even the opposition commented on the quality of our green.</p> <p>7.3 County competitions are underway – thanks to all who came to support the players.</p> | |
| 8. | <p>Club Secretary</p> <p>8.1 Club shirts – update – the additional 10 Club shirts have now been received.</p> <p>8.2 Meat raffle – update – the meat raffle is notified to ALL of our membership by email and newsletter.</p> <p>8.3 Hire of the Clubhouse – as SL and OB are having a joint birthday bash in September and as they are both long time members of the Club, it is deemed appropriate that the fee for the hire of the Clubhouse will be waived in this instance.</p> | |
| 9. | <p>Club Treasurer</p> <p>9.1 The TV license has now been purchased for another year.</p> <p>9.2 GJ asked RF if he has managed to get access to the Clubs bank account, unfortunately RF is experiencing issues on his phone/tablet, RF to try using his laptop.</p> <p>9.3 Rink booking system – There have been some minor issues with the electronic system – these have now been resolved.</p> | RF |
| 10. | <p>Clubhouse Manager</p> <p>10.1 The rink has been moved slightly and has played very well.</p> | |

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| 11. | <p>AOB</p> <p>11.1 IC proposed that alternate Wednesday evenings from 6pm a roll up for all Club members be organised, Martin and Nigel (both new members) were very keen for this, the honesty bar will be utilised for this. The Executive agreed to this. IC to liaise and organise.</p> <p>11.2 CL advised that Sheila Lee has offered to organise a Presidents day at Great Hollands Bowls Club – this was agreed by the Executive in principle and the date is to be confirmed by Sheila Lee.</p> <p>11.3 Following a discussion the Executive advise an amendment to a previous decision minuted in April. The Treasurer reports on profits/monies made on various events, the figures will be advised at the end of each financial year and not following every Executive Committee meeting, each and every event has raised money for the Club funds.</p> <p>11.4 Bullying was discussed and the many forms this comes in, and for all Club members the Executive confirm that bullying in any format will not be tolerated at this Club. For clarity social bullying involves hurting someone's reputation, constant back biting, rumour mongering and disrespect, leaving someone out on purpose, as well as any form of discrimination. All club members be they social or bowling are to be treated with kindness and respect.</p> | <p>IC</p> <p>CL/SL</p> |
| 12. | Date of next meeting: Monday, 14th July 2025 at 16:30 in the Clubhouse | |
| 13. | No further business meeting closed at 17:15 | |

Minutes approved by the Executive Committee on 14th July 2025 and signed by

Ray Furnell – Club President

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