

## SUSSEX COUNTY BOWLS (Men's Section)

(Members of Bowls England & the Home Counties Bowls Association)

### Minutes of a Meeting of the General Purposes Committee held at Adur IBC at 10.00 hours on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2026.

**Committee Members:** Mark Broadway (MB)(Chairman), Martin Graham-Hyde (MGH)(President), Geoff Fitch (GF)(Vice President), Peter Copper (PC)(I Past Pres)., Rod McBeth (RMc)(Hon. Secretary), Lindsay Bangs (LB)(Hon. Treasurer), David Page (DP)(Hon. Asst. Secretary), Kim Hudson (KH)( Hon. Comp. Sec.), Mike Cross (MC)(Hon. Match Secretary) and Barry Hobbs (BH)(Hon. Safeguarding Officer). Plus 1 member from each of the Four Areas: Area 1 – Brian Henty (BH), Area. 2 – Stephen Gorringe (SG), Area. 3 – Graham Scutt (GS), Area. 4 – Paul Chuter (PC).

1. Apologies	Action
Apologies were received from Brian Henty and Stephen Gorringe.	
<b>2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2025</b>	
The minutes of the previous meeting were considered and signed by the Chairman as a true record.	
<b>3. Matters Arising for the Previous Meetings</b>	
There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.	
<b>4. Reports</b>	
Reports from officers had been circulated prior to the meeting and all were accepted.	
<b>5. Review and agreement of Competition Dates for 2027.</b>	
The schedule of proposed Competition dates for 2027 had been sent to all GPC members and after discussion was agreed.	
<b>6. Review and agreement of Competition Payment for 2026 and 2027.</b>	
The schedule of proposed payments to clubs for hosting Competition in 2026/7 had been sent to all GPC members and after discussion was agreed. Clubs would now be offered a payment of £75 per session for use of their green and a sum of £20 for use of a rink for an Area Final. RMc to update the form sent to clubs asking if they wish to host an event in 2027.	RMc
<b>7. Payment to Umpires and Marker</b>	
<b>a)</b> RMc reported that in 2025 the Umpires Director (UD) had requested an increase in fees paid to umpires and markers as they had not changed in many years. At the Joint Management Committee, both the Men's and the Women's Section had agreed to the increase in payment as requested by the UD - an increase from £15 to £20 per session with an additional payment of £10 if the umpire remained for a second session.	RMc
<p>(NB. The payment is reduced for the second session as the payment for the first session as previously agreed when we ceased a separate payment for travel, contains an element for travel which is not applicable to any additional sessions).</p>	
<b>b)</b> At the recent Executive meeting the UD stated that he wished the payment for the second session to be the same as the first session. After discussion and consideration it was agreed that as had been indicated at the Exec Mtg - such a proposal would require to be formally submitted by the UD and then considered by the Joint Management Committee.	

- c) After discussion it was agreed that we would not request the provision of one marker at each of the 2 wood events.

## 8. Arrangement for Two Wood Days

- a) It was agreed that the four Assistant Competition Secretaries (ACS's) would:
- i) Email all of the players who had indicated a desire to play in the Two Wood day - one week before the event to confirm they would be attending on the day.
  - ii) Once final number were known, the draw would take place on the Thursday prior to the event and forwarded to the four ACS's.
  - iii) The draw would not be published in an attempt to avoid players pulling out if they did not like the draw they had received.
  - iv) If a player failed to attend, the draw would not be amended under any circumstances and reason for the failure to arrive would be sought.
  - iv) All players would be required to attend for the start time and those not playing in the first round would be required to mark for those matches. Once knocked out a player would be required to remain to mark the ensuing round.

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## 9. Review of Winter Indoor Fixtures

After considerable discussion it was agreed to cease the winter indoor fixtures that were played against clubs.

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## 10. Update re Proposed Joint Constitution

RMc reported that at both the Men's and Women's Executive Committee Meeting held last week, whilst a few queries were received seeking clarification of certain aspects, both sections supported the proposal and an attempt is now being made to arrange an EGM/SGM to accept the proposed Constitution.

## 12. Any Other Business

MB raised a query concerning embroidery/screen printing on shirts and jackets. The current agreement states:

MEMBERS - may have ONE LINE of embroidery, containing their FORENAME AND SURNAME;

The Six Senior Officers and members of the Presidential team both Past and Present and Honorary Members may have a second line of embroidery beneath the NAME line;

This second line shall be their designation, i.e., Treasurer, Match Secretary, President 2015, Honorary Member, etc. and shall be in typeface - BLOCK size 8 font.

- a) After discussion it was agreed that the senior member who held two positions should be permitted to have TWO lines below their name – subject to agreement of the GPC.
- b)
  - i) Agreement by the GPC;
  - ii) If it is a position held for a specific number of years – once that person is no longer holds that position the years applicable must be added to the garment.
  - iii) Senior appointments made by the GPC of Safeguarding Officer and County coach should also be added to the list of people permitted to have a second line of embroidery.

The Six Senior Officers and members of the Presidential team both Past and Present, **Safeguarding Officer, County Coach** and Honorary Members may have a second line of embroidery beneath the NAME line;

This second line shall be their designation, i.e., Treasurer, Match Secretary, President 2015, Honorary Member, etc. and shall be in typeface - BLOCK size 8 font

**14. Date of Next Meeting**

- a) The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2026 – at 10.00 hours – at Adur IBC.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.10.

Signed:

Mark Broadway (Chairman)

Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2026