

Minutes

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 24th June, 2025.**

Members: Mark Broadway (MB)(Chairman), Peter Copper (PC)(President), Martin Graham-Hyde (MGH)(Vice President), Micky Young (MY)(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 – Chris Reynolds (CR), Area. 3 – Graham Scutt (GS), Area. 4 – Paul Chuter (PC).

- | 1. Apologies | Action |
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| a) Apologies were received from Barry Hobbs. | |
| 2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 22nd April, 2025 | |
| a) The minutes of the previous meeting were considered and signed by the Chairman as a true record. | |
| 3. Matters Arising for the Previous Meetings | |
| a) There were no matters arising from the previous minutes. | |
| 4. Reports | |
| a) Reports from officers had been circulated prior to the meeting and all were accepted. | |
| 5. Revised Format for Competitions 2026 | |
| a) As agreed in a previous email poll of the GPC the revised system for competitions for 2026 was agreed. A discussion took place as to the order in which the competitions were played and it was agreed to remain as is, Fours, Triples, Pairs and Singles. | RMc |
| 6. Problems with Competitions | |
| a) Problems where players gave a walkover without notifying the Competition Secretary of the reason why, players failing to arrive for the 2 wood day, results being entered incorrectly and full names of players not being entered were all discussed and RMc was tasked with formulating amendments to the Men's Section Rules to ensure specific penalties were in place. | RMc |
| b) It was agreed that as discussed two years ago, now that competitions are entered online, there was no longer a requirement for Assistant Competition Secretaries and that RMc would draft a proposal to remove these posts from the Constitution. Individuals would be selected to organise the Two Wood days. | RMc |
| c) It was agreed that following loss of revenue by clubs through players failing to turn up for the Two Wood day, clubs would no longer be required to provide food for the competitors – although they may retail food if they wished to do so. Players would be informed that they should expect to take food with them. | |
| d) RMc was tasked with writing to BE to ascertain their view on certain clubs/players offering dates for BE direct Competitions on dates when fixed date County Competitions were scheduled to be played or an Inter County match was scheduled. NB: Actioned 24/6/25. | RMc |
| 7. Complaints re Standard of Greens | |

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- a) Several complaints had been received concerning the standard of the playing surface of certain greens. Whist it was understood that several clubs are maintaining their own green for the first time this season it was agreed that when a formal complaint is received in writing, RMc should write to the club in question notifying them that a complaint has been received. RMc

8. Area Three Vice Patrons

- a) RMc had been notified that Barry Hobbs and David Page, was prepared to assume the duties of the VP Controller for Area 3 for 2026 so friendly fixtures against in the area would be arranged and the standard format for the Billingham League and PC Cup would apply. RMc
- b) It was confirmed that to enable sufficient fixtures to be arranged to allow players to qualify for the Billingham League, an area may play a maximum of two fixtures against any club in their area. GF,CS, BH,JW
- c) It was agreed that the requirement for a player to have played in a minimum of two friendly fixtures to be qualified for the Billingham League would not be reduced.

9. Payment to Clubs for Hosting the Pullen Cup Final

- a) It was agreed that the sum paid to a club for the provision of a small buffet meal after the Pullen Cup Final would be increased to £150. Payment for Billingham League matches and Pullen Cup Semi finals would remain at £125 as 'only snacks are required 'to be provided after such matches and no additional officers are present.

10. Hosting of County Events in 2026

- a) Allocation of County events to clubs who had applied to host in 2026 were made and will be issued by RMc asap. RMc

11. New County Jackets

- a) It was agreed that the County would purchase a stock of waterproof jackets to match the current County shirts. RMc to attempt to obtain a sample from Henselite our current supplier and then to negotiate a price. MB

12. Attendance of Senior Officers at County Quarter Finals

- a) Following the revelation last year that the President travelled over 1.000 miles in a two week period whilst attending County Quarter and Semi Finals with a MC Cup match on the weekend in between the two weeks, it was agreed that he would not be required to attend at the Quarter Finals and a local Officer would act on his behalf.
- b) It was agreed that the Chairman, Mark Broadway - would attend at Popes Mead on Mon 30 Jun and at Lindfield on Wed 2 Jul, Assistant Secretary, David Page - would attend at W Pavilion on Thu 3 Jul and that Vice President, Martin Graham-Hyde – would attend at Peacehaven on Fri 4 Jul. MB, DP, MGH

13. Any Other Business

- a) There was no other business. All

14. Date of Next Meeting

- a) The date of the next meeting is Monday 9th September, 2025 – at 10.00 hours – at Adur IBC.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12.28.

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Signed:

Mark Broadway (Chairman)

Date: 24 June,2025