

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 11.20 hours on Tuesday 4th November, 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
a) Apologies were received from Lindsay Bangs and Micky Young.	
2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 2nd September, 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.	
b) RMc added to his report that BE had recently requested that each County establish a post of Disciplinary Officer.	
5. Presidential Time spent at Leamington	
After considerable discussion it was agreed that the Presidential Job Responsibilities should be amended as follows:	RMc
PRESIDENTIAL JOB RESPONSIBILITIES	
a) President:	
Travelling to arrive for the evening of the day prior to the commencement of the Championships and receiving payment for overnight stays for that day and subsequent nights up to and including the night prior to the last day of the Championships. (for 2026 18 nights overnight stays).	
b) Vice President	
Travelling to arrive for the evening of the day prior to the commencement of the Championships and receiving payment for overnight stays for that day and the ensuing seven nights.	
6. Middleton Cup Manager Assistant	
a) Following a request from the Middleton Cup/HCL Manager for assistance with the relevant paperwork it was confirmed that there was already in place the provision for an Assistant to the Manager. It was agreed that the MC/HCL Manager should be notified that he can arrange for an assistant and notify the County Secretary as to who that person is to be. That person would then be able to travel with the team and deal with all paperwork/finance etc, for matches. In addition that person would be paid the relevant assistant manager honorarium and travelling expenses	RMc

for matches outside of the county – if not a playing member of the team on the day.

7. Updated Job Responsibilities for the Under 25 Manager

- a) These had been considered, updated and circulated to all GPC Members and it was agreed they be forwarded to the Under 25 Manager.

RMc

8. Updated Job Responsibilities for the Competitions Secretary

- a) The current Competition Secretary JR document had been produced prior to the Competitions Portal being set up and was considerably out of date. A revised, JR had been produced, circulated to all GPC Members and it was agreed by the GPC Members and the current Competition Secretary.

RMc

9. Updated Billingham League and Pullen Cup Rules

- a) Following a season where only three areas were involved in 2025, the BL/PC Rules have been considered and revised by the GPC during the season. Revised payment to Umpires as agreed at the recent Joint Management committee were included and the new set of rules were confirmed and it was agreed that the Secretary would send to all VP Controllers for use in 2026.

RMc

10. Joint Management Committee Meeting report.

- a) The Chairman and Secretary gave a brief report of matters dealt with at the Joint Management Committee Meeting held last week.
- i) The Men's Section will continue to award points for the Mixed Competitions even though the Women's section do not wish to do so. The method of awarding county points and the number of points required - is different in the two sections and we are at the moment two totally independent organisations.
- ii) Following comments received from Club Secretaries, the women's section delegates were asked to consider notifying additional information for entry onto the County website.
- iii) Following the request from BE for counties to establish a county Disciplinary Officer it was agreed that our Chairman who currently deals with all disciplinary matters would be temporarily appointed and a formal appointment made at the AGM.

ALL

12. Any Other Business

The area 4 GPC Delegate raised his concern about the lack of club delegates who attend at Executive Meeting with representatives from only 35 of 95 clubs being present at the last Executive Meeting when decisions that affect all clubs were made.

A considerable discussion took place and various options considered but it was ultimately considered that it was important that delegates attend at such meetings to express their views and enable discussions to take place and changes to be made - if necessary.

It was finally agreed that when proposed changes are sent out for consideration at Executive meetings all clubs should be reminded that they should arrange for a delegate to attend but that if they were unable to do so they should notify their Area Divisional GPC Representative if their club had strong views they wished to be considered.

14. Date of Next Meeting

- a) The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 10th February, 2026 – at 10.00 hours – at Adur IBC.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.05.

Signed:

Mark Broadway (Chairman)

Date: 10th February, 2026