

SUSSEX COUNTY BOWLS (Men's Section)

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

Minutes of a Meeting of the Executive Committee

Held at Adur I.B.C. at 14.00 hours on Tuesday 7th October, 2025

Present: Mark Broadway (MB) (Chairman), Peter Copper (PC) (President), Martin G-Hyde (MGH) Vice President), Rod McBeth (RMc) (Hon. Secretary), Lindsay Bangs (LB) (Hon. Treasurer), Mike Cross (MC) (Match Secretary), – plus delegates from 34 clubs, plus Past Presidents and Honorary Members and other Officers/appointees as per the attendance register.

- 1. Chairman's Opening Remarks.** **Action**
 - a) The Chairman welcomed all who were in attendance.
- 2. Apologies.**
 - a) Apologies had been received from Imm. Past President M Young, Past Presidents – G Leaman, T Mitchell, C Morphey and T Sharman, Competition Secretary K Hudson, Safeguarding Officer B Hobbs, Area 2 GPC Delegate C Reynolds and Selector D Thorogood, Area 4 GPC Delegate & Selector P Chuter, and Club Delegates from 21 Clubs - Area 1: Horam, Motcombe Gardens, Rosemount, Sidley Martlets and White Rock. - Area 2: Peacehaven, Newhaven, Nutley, Ringmer and Saltdean - Area 3: Burgess Hill, Hangleton, Haywards Heath, Henfield, Hove & Kingsway, Southgate Park, and Steyning - Area 4: Chichester, Goring Manor, Maltravers and Worthing Pavilion.
- 3. Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on the 7th October, 2024.**
 - a) The minutes of this meeting were accepted as a true record.
- 4. Matters arising from the above Minutes.**
 - a) There were no matters arising from the minutes.
- 5. Officers Reports – (as issued with paperwork for the meeting)**
 - a) Reports as previously issued from the Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Competition Secretary were all accepted. No report was presented from the Benevolent Fund.
- 6. Nominations for Office 2026**
 - a) The list of nominations for office for 2026 which had been circulated to all clubs, was accepted.
 - b) In reply to a query it was confirmed that David Page would be assuming the role of VP Controller for Area 3.
- 7. Proposed amendment to Men's Section Rules.**
 - a) The following proposals which had been circulated to all clubs prior to the meeting - were all agreed:
 - i) To change the number of ends to be played in the Double Fours Competition (Abergavenny) to 18 ends - to bring into line with all other fours Competitions.
 - ii) To add a paragraph to prohibit the wearing Cargo shorts in County Competitions;

- iii) To remove the requirement for players in County Finals to have a current year date stamp on their woods – paragraph to be removed completely.
- iv) To amalgamate all current paragraphs concerning penalties for failure to take correct actions in Competitions – all together under one para.
- v) To amend the requirement for a player to be awarded his county badge through playing in Middleton Cup matches - from playing in one match to being - an original selection and having played in three matches.
- vi) To confirm that from 2026 each area will play an Area final on a neutral green with the winner progressing to the Semi Finals.
- vii) To amend dress requirements for all matches prior to the Semi Finals.
- viii) A proposal to introduce a Top Club Competition was withdrawn by the proposer and was therefore not discussed.

8. Confirmation of Affiliation Fees and Honoraria for 2026 Fees

- a) RMc notified that the GPC had agreed that the Affiliation fee for 2026 would remain at £4. The Bowls England Affiliation Fee is now index linked to inflation and the 2025 figure of £7.10 is likely to be increased by BE, by a small amount. The total fee for 2026 is likely to be £4 County plus £7.10+ inflation for BE so circa £11.10 plus a little. Clubs will be notified further - when information is received from BE.
- b) Honoraria for 2026 would remain the same – as will Competition entry fees and County match fees. The cost to join the VPs remain at £2 but the match fee has been increased to £5:00.

9. Any Other Business.

a) Umpires Fees

RMc informed the delegates that payments as umpire/markers fees had remained the same since 2019 and that following a request from the County Umpire co-ordinator, at the next Joint Management Committee Meeting later this month, they will be being discussed to consider any increase.

10. Next Meeting

The next Meeting Executive Meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th April, 2026 at 14:00 at Adur IBC.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 15:08.

Signed: _____

Mark Broadway (Chairman)

Date: 14th April, 2026