

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 6th October, 2026

Present: Mark Broadway (MB) (Chairman), Martin G-Hyde(MGH) (President), Geoff Fitch (GF) (Vice President), Peter Copper (PC) (Past President), Rod McBeth (RMc) (Hon. Secretary), Lindsay Bangs (LB) (Hon. Treasurer), Mike Cross (MC) (Match Secretary), Kim Hudson (KH) Comp. Secretary) – plus delegates from 35 clubs, plus Past Presidents and Honorary Members and other Officers/appointees as per the attendance register.

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| 1. Chairman's Opening Remarks. | Action |
| a) The Chairman welcomed all who were in attendance. | |
| 2. Apologies. | |
| a) Apologies had been received from President - Martin G-Hyde, Vice President - Geoff Fitch, Past Presidents – C Morphew, G Leaman and T Sharman, Safeguarding Officer B Hobbs, and Club Delegates from 18 Clubs - Area 1: Bexhill, Herstmonceux, Motcombe Gardens and White Rock. - Area 2: Newhaven, Newick, Rottingdean and Woodingdean - Area 3: Burgess Hill, Haywards Heath, Horsham, Hurstpierpoint, Portslade, St Francis and Southwater - Area 4: East Preston, Maltravers and Marine Gardens. | |
| 3. Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on the 14th April, 2026. | |
| 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, Hon. Competition Secretary, Hon Match Secretary, Disciplinary Officer and Benevolent Fund Secretary, were all accepted. | |
| 6. Nominations for Office 2026 | |
| a) The list of nominations for office for 2026 which had been circulated to all clubs, was accepted. | |
| 7. Update to Joint Constitution. | |
| a) RMc reported that the first Joint AGM was schedule to be held at Popes Mead BC on Tuesday 24 th November at 2pm when the new Joint Constitution as agree by clubs would be introduced. He pointed out that Officers were aware that there were inconsistencies in the constitution which it was hoped would be resolved at future Joint Executive Meetings but that it was essential to have something to work to and what was being presented was a simple amalgamation of the Men's and Women's Constitutions. | |
| 8. Change to Kit | |
| a) RM reported that the Women's Section had agreed to move to wearing the same kit as the Men for 2027 and a large order for additional stock had been made. | |

- b) Any registered member can purchase the blue trousers or shorts. The same as the men, any woman 'County badged player' is able to purchase the county shirt. Following the same procedure as had been used when the Men's Three Martlet shirts were scrapped, any female player who continued to be selected to play for the county will be supplied with a 'free issue shirt'. This is affordable to the men's section, as the women have paid money into the men's funds by their entries into the Mixed competitions where all entrance fees are retained by the men's section.

8. Confirmation of Affiliation Fees and Honoraria for 2027 Fees

- a) RMc notified that the GPC had agreed that the Affiliation fee for 2027 would remain at £4. The Bowls England Affiliation Fee is now index linked to inflation and the 2026 figure of £7.10 is likely to be increased by BE, by a small amount. Clubs will be notified further - when information is received from BE.
- b) The majority of Honoraria for 2026 would remain the same for 2027 – as will the County Competition entry fees and County match fees. The cost to join the VPs remain at £2 with the match fee remaining at £5:00.
- c) It was proposed that an Honorarium should also be paid to the newly appointed position of Disciplinary Officer as required by BE. This was agreed by the delegates present to be £100 - the same as that received by the Safeguarding Officer and County Coach.

9. Competitions 2027

- a) RMc reported that BE had made a considerable increase in competition entry fees for 2027 – as notified earlier to all Clubs. The BE Charge has increased to £5.50 with the additional county administrative charge remaining a £2.00. A cost of £7.50 per person, for competitions that progress to Leamington.
- b) He continued to report that following many comments with reference to how the latter stages of competitions were operated in 2026, Area Finals had been scrapped and the county is reverting back to Quarter finals with two players/teams from each area, once again progressing to the Qtr Finals. The major difference from how these events were organised two years ago – is that all Qtr, semi and Finals will now be scheduled to be played at a weekend.

9. Any Other Business.

- a) RMc reported that the Men's Section Treasurer, Lindsay Bangs, had indicated that he would continue in post for 2027 but would be standing down at the next AGM in Nov 27. Any person who is interested in taking on this position should notify the County Secretary and arrangements will be made for him to discuss with the Treasurer. There was no other business

10. Next Meeting

The next Executive Meeting will be a Joint Executive meeting – on a date to be arranged at Popes Mead BC.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 14:45.

Signed: _____

Mark Broadway (Chairman)

Date: _____, 2027