**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 11.00 hours on Tuesday 3rd November, 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 (TRMC)(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 and Absence** **Action**

**a)** Apologies were received from Mike Cross and Brian Henty.

**2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 8th September, 2026**

**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)** RMc reported that there were two action items that had not been dealt with. Item 5 b. specific instructions for those running the Area 2 wood days. Item 8. B. Award of points if any - for players in the Inter County Over 60's mixed. RMc

**b)** After discussion it was agreed that - in future - one credit point would be awarded to any player who played in a minimum of three Inter County Over 60's Mixed matches during the season. RMc

**4. Reports**

**a)** As the meeting followed closely on from the Executive Meeting where reports had been submitted, there was only one updated report submitted by the Secretary which was accepted.

**5. Financial Policy(FP) Document.**

**a)** The FP document had been circulated prior to the meeting for members to consider if any changed were required. Amendments as agree at the 8 Sep meeting had been included. RMc

**b)** RMc reported that the latest large order placed for shirts, shorts and trouser had seen an increased in the cost prices, so our retail prices needed to be amended. It was agreed that shIrts would increase from £24 to £25, shorts to £28 and Trousers to £30. I was further agreed that whilst county player caps would continue to be provide 'foc' to newly badge players in lieu of a county blazer badge, any cap sold to a badged player would now cost the sum of £10 to compensate for the cap cost of £6 and the increased price of embroidery to £4. RMc

**c)** It was agreed that the item previously referred to as 'honoraria' would in future be called ex gratis payments.

**d)** The current rate of mileage allowance being paid was discussed and it was unanimously agreed that as from today, the mileage payment allowed would be increased to be the same rate as is paid by Gov.uk and Bowls England – 0.55 per mile. RMc LB

**6. Proposal concerning Development and Recruitment**

**a)** A proposal concerning Development and Recruitment had been forward asking the GPC to consider its circulation to all clubs. After considerable discussion it was considered that the majority of the information in the document was available on the

Bowls England website and the document was somewhat complicated. The proposal was rejected.

**7. Annual Lunch**

**a)** The number of attendees for the Annual Luncheon on 6 Dec 26 had fallen considerably able this year as the event was now no longer followed by the Mens Section AGM which is now a joint affair held in November.

**b)** Each year, some of the ladies of people attending, have held an event at the same venue using the same menu as the Men. It was proposed that due to the considerable decrease in the number of men attending, that they all now be written to and asked if their wives/partners would wish to attend. RMc to write to all men attending asking that if the partner wished to attend that information be passed to Brenda Page at - brendapage54@gmail.com. The women would sit in the same room as the men but at separate tables as has been the situation in the past. RMc

**8. Any Other Business**

**a)** GF notified that he was moving clubs for the 2027 season and would be holding his Presidential match at his new clubs, Hailsham BC and asked if the post match meal could be less formal as there was a limited amount of space in the clubhouse and he was hoping to still be able to play the match as six rinks.

**b)** It was agreed that the arrangements for the match v the Presidents clubs were entirely up to the President and his club and that the county simply fall in line with whatever was required. I was agreed that food after the match would be 'refreshments' and the match fee for players involved would be adjusted accordingly. Selection Committee

**14. Date of Next Meeting**

**a)** The date of the next meeting is Tuesday 9th February,2027 – at 10.00 hours – at Adur IBC.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.35.

Signed: ……..……..

Mark Broadway (Chairman)

Date: 9th February, 2027