

SUSSEX COUNTY BOWLS (Women's section)

MINUTES of an Executive Meeting held on Wednesday 15th April 2026
at Adur I.B.C.

Present: 51 members.

1. The Senior Vice President, Anne Chuter, welcomed the Officers, Past Presidents and Delegates, and thanked them for attending.
Secretary Kathy then introduced the Officers on the Top Table to the Delegates, as she had been requested to do this at a previous meeting.

Before the Executive Meeting commenced, an E.G.M. was held to propose the inclusion of an Assistant Secretary in Section 11(a) Election of Officers in the present Constitution of Sussex County Bowls women's section. This was Carried unanimously. Nicki Dale, Eastbourne, will take up this position for the rest of the season.

2. Apologies received from: Past Presidents: Y.Woodcock, C. Bowles and J. Hawkins.
Delegates: V. Maher, Arundel, D. Cooke, Bognor Regis, A. Wickens, Cross-in-Hand, D. Hemmings, Crouch, R. Ludbrook, Downsman, J. Thomas, East Grinstead, F. Middleton, Felbridge, A. Harwood, Henfield, J. Cottingham, Herstmonceux, Horsham Park Club, J. Goodman, Hurstpierpoint, M. Winton, Isle of Thorns, J. Lambert, Nutley, J. Gray, Pulborough, C. Reuter, St. Francis, S. Gilbert, Storrington, T. Gethins, Wadhurst.
3. The Minutes of the last Executive meeting, held on Wednesday 10th September 2025, having been circulated, were taken as read, accepted as a true record, proposed for adoption by R. Hanbury, seconded by K. Johns and signed by the S.V. President.
4. Matters Arising – None
5. Secretary's Report - Kathy Flood reported as follows:
The Points required for a County Badge has been revised, and 8 Points will be required, to be accrued over 8 years. At the present time there are 192 ladies on the Points waiting list, and this year, 20 members will be presented with their County Badge.

For the first time in many years, Sussex have an entry in the National Amy Rose competition (females aged 24 years and under), and this will be managed by Jamie Dunk, Worthing Pavilion B.C. as he is the Manager of the mixed Junior team. The boys and girls amalgamated some time ago. The first round of the Amy Rose will be held on Sunday 14th June, more details to follow.

Sussex have also entered a team in the National over 60s Mixed fours. (See report by Wendy Davies below).

The date of the County Luncheon this year is Wednesday 7th October, at the usual venue, Mid Sussex Golf Club, just outside Ditchling.

A Draft copy of the proposed Sussex County Bowls Joint Constitution had been forwarded to each Delegate, and those present were invited to comment or ask questions:

The Middleton Sports Delegate spoke on the role of the Safeguarding Officer. This position is appointed by the Sussex County Bowls men's section and is at present held by a male. She suggested that this role should be split into two, with a man and woman being appointed, so that anyone with an issue on Safeguarding or Disciplinary matters would have the choice as to which gender to approach. This suggestion will be forwarded to the appropriate men's Officer.

The Drive Delegate wished to ask a question concerning the Benevolent Funds of both genders, but was advised that, since the publication of the proposed Joint Constitution, it had been revealed that the subject was far more complicated than at first thought, as the men's section Benevolent Fund is managed by an outside body of Trustees, not the County. Therefore, further information had to be sought before any details could be discussed.

The Gullivers Delegate stated that she thought that the women should stay separate, as eventually, the women would have no voice at all in the management of the Association.

There being no other comments or questions, the Chair, S.V.P. Anne, said that she thought that it was time for Sussex County Bowls to think of the future and move forward.

6. Treasurer's Report – Tricia Fry

Tricia reported that the Bank Balance today stands at £11,931.19. Since the last Executive meeting, £1,218.00 had been paid to Kaylo, for the women's shirts and jackets, and so far, £650 had been paid in from the sale of some of these items. £128.00 had been spent on Top Rink prizes for County matches. Usually, the President would buy these items, but as the role will be shared this year between Officers and Past Presidents, the County has funded the cost. Further income will be received from Affiliation fees after May 31st.

Tricia had intended to explain further details of the Benevolent Funds, but had now been prevented from doing so (see above explanation under Secretary's report) and apologised for the resulting brevity of her Report..

7. Competitions

Sheila Simmons, East area, said that it had been a long winter, but here we are almost ready to commence the 2026 comps.

She once again asked the Delegates to pass on the message to their members that if they had any queries with Competitions or needed help in any way, they should contact her or Wendy Davies, not Rod McBeth or Kim Hudson.

She advised that this year the County/ National 2-wood Competition can again be entered on the day of play – Saturday 27th June at Eastbourne B.C. for Area 1 and Southwick Park for Area 2. Please arrive by 9.30 a.m. to enter.

She finished by wishing everyone an enjoyable season.

Wendy Davies, West area, reported that, as Johns and Walker Manager, she had still not received any details of the Walker Cup, the Regional Final of which Sussex are hosting at Worthing Pavilion B.C. on Sunday 31st May.

The National Over 60s Mixed Fours, will be managed by Mark Strong, with Wendy advising him which women had been selected to take part. The first round for Sussex

will take place at Popes Mead B.C. on Tuesday 16th June at 10.30 a.m. against Middlesex.

There had been a problem with the Trixie Pairs in her Area, but this had been resolved by the fact that Pairs entries do not have to be from the same club.

She reminded Competitors that all completed score cards must be forwarded to herself or Sheila, either by email or post.

8. Any other Business - none

There being no other business, that meeting was closed at 2.35 p.m.
The date of the next meeting is Wednesday 9th September 2026 unless otherwise advised.

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