



Bowls Hampshire AGM 2024

Minutes of the AGM of BH

The Annual General Meeting of Bowls Hampshire was held at Banister Park Bowling Club on Thursday 21st November 2024 with BH Chair Richard Shelley presiding.

- 1 Attendance & Apologies for absence** – 16 Officers and 13 delegates were in attendance with apologies being received from Allan Leppard, Alex Tymon, Margaret Holden, Paula Haynes, Sue Ward, Mandy Orchard, David Brown, Adie Booth, Tom Regan Atkins, Wendy Brown.
- 2** Richard requested all attendees stand for a minute's silence to remember members who had passed away this year.
- 3 Minutes of the previous AGM** – The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd November 2023 had been previously circulated and were proposed by Doug Nazer, seconded by Sue Lewis Parkes and unanimously agreed by all attending and formally approved and signed by Richard Shelley Chair.
- 4 Matters arising** – There were no matters arising
- 5 Reports for 2024** - The following reports had been available at the Area AGM's the Chair, Richard asked if there were any questions on the reports, as there were none Richard asked Carl to give an update prior to approving the accounts.
 - Annual Report from the Secretary
 - Umpires Report
 - Middleton Cup Manager's Report
 - Johns Trophy Manager's Report
 - Finance Report
- 6 Accounts for the Year Ended 30th September 2024.** The Treasurer informed the meeting that the County had again made a loss mostly due to the increases by Bowls England and the reduction of travelling allowance for the competitors representing BH at Leamington at the Championships, which the County hadn't been informed about. He also informed the meeting that BE had increased their affiliation fee in line with the October CPI figures but that in 2025 BH wouldn't increase their affiliation but stated that there would have to be an increase in 2026 as BH hadn't made any increases since unification in 2011. He also reminded everyone about the increase in competition fees which had been discussed at the last Executive meeting.

As the Accounts hadn't changed since sending the draft accounts out for the Area AGM's they had been audited and these are attached. Carl thanked Neil Fletcher for auditing the accounts and Neil has agreed to continue to audit the accounts annually.

Dave Wildman asked Carl for more information on the expenditure items of equipment and meeting expenses. Carl answered explaining the money had been used to purchase boxes for shirts and the new badges plus contributions to attending extra meetings and donations to clubs for using them for other meetings.

Richard asked for the accounts to be accepted, proposed by David Wildman, seconded by Sue Lewis Parkes, unanimously agreed so the accounts were duly adopted.

7. **Bowls Hampshire Benevolent Fund.** The Treasurer reported that the fund remains in a healthy state with, and stating there was only one requests during 2024. He stressed the Trustees would still welcome applications for deserving cases. Proposed by Charlie Bumstead, seconded by Jim Marsland with all in favour.

8. **Appointment of Authorised Representatives**

Tim Orr and Carl Taylor will be the BH 2 nominated representatives going forward, As I stated at the AGM, I would check the BE Articles of Association and under “Membership of the Company” it states;

The County Associations may elect two Authorised Representatives, one of each gender, to undertake any actions as described under Article 4 and in the absence of such person a County Association may elect a deputy of either gender to fulfil the role of the Authorised Representative in his or her place.

I will inform BE that the County have elected Carl Taylor to be our second authorised representative at the AGM in February 2025, due to my absence.

9. **BE Board and Vice President Nominations**

Following a discussion on the five Bowls England Board nominations, it was unanimously agreed to give the Bowls Hampshire 4 votes to Foster Johnson, Sian Honor and Steve Warren.

There were three male nominations for the BE Vice President role and as one of the candidates was Past BH President Neil Roderick the BH 4 votes would go to him this was agreed by the attendees with the exception of one member who voted against.

As there was only one nomination for the role of Ladies Vice President which was Kim Harris who was the West Area Secretary prior to her move Devon. Kim informed the AGM that she had been offered the position and had accepted it. She thanked Hazel and all the Officers for their support during her term of office as BH President and time as Area Secretary.

Action. The secretary was requested to send our votes for both the Board and Men’s Vice President nomination to BE. The relevant voting forms have been submitted.

10. **Retiring Presidents addresses**

Sue gave her thanks and wished Liz every success in her year (Sue’s full speech is attached), Richard then presented Sue with her Presidential plaque for her year in Office.

Doug then gave his thanks to Geoff for all his help during the year and also to Dave Wildman and Jim Marsland for their help and assistance with the matches. He wished Geoff a great year in 2025. Richard then presented Dough with his Presidential plaque for his year in Office.

11. **Confirmation of Presidents for 2025**

Doug presented Geoff Jessup Banister Park with his chain of office and Presidents’ badge and Sue presented Liz Bingley Bournemouth with her chain of office and President’s badge. Richard congratulated both our new Presidents in their role for 2025.

12. **Confirmation of Vice Presidents For 2026**

Liz then welcomed Marian Bailey on board and presented her with her Vice Presidents badge. Hazel then explained the new men’s Vice President Tom Regan Atkins was unable to be at the AGM due to recuperating following a major operation and we all wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to presenting him with his Vice Presidents badge at the March Executive meeting.

13. **Confirmation of Officers**

Following the resignation of our Ladies Match Secretary, Wendy Brown for health reasons. An advertisement has been put on the BH website and it is hoped that the position will be filled quickly. In the meantime, Lesley Taylor the Assistant Secretary has agreed to stand in.

On behalf of the County, I would like to extend our sincere thanks for all Wendys hard work and dedication in undertaking her role as the Ladies Match Secretary. It has been a pleasure to work with her

and wish her well with the hope her health improves quickly. Chair Richard added his thanks for Wendys hard work and wished her well.

With Kim moving to Devon, she had emailed all clubs and also asked the ladies at the Area AGM to think about taking on the role of Ladies West Area Secretary without success. So, she was delighted to inform the meeting that the previous day Carol Broomfield from Ringwood BC had come forward to take over the role. Hazel thanked Kim for her hard work and wished her well in Devon and her forth coming appointment as Vice President of Bowls England

With the good news that the West now once again have an Area Secretary, Hazel will email Carol to welcome her on board.

The following Officers were confirmed:

Chair		Richard Shelley (Banister Park)
Vice Chair		Kay Kerley (Oakley)
Secretary		Hazel Marke (Alton Social)
Assistant Secretary		Lesley Taylor (Andover)
Treasurer		Carl Taylor (Cove)
Women's Match Secretary		Vacant
Men's Match Secretary		Doug Nazer (Braeside)
Communications Officer		Vacant
Membership and Yearbook Secretary		Mandy Wilde (Gosport)
Area Secretaries	East (Women)	Alex Tymon (Milton Park)
	East (Men)	David Wildman (Leigh Park)
	North (Women)	Mary Varndell (Oakley)
	North (Men)	Jim Marsland (Cove)
	South (Women)	Margaret Leppard (Four Marks)
	South (Men)	Richard Shelley (Banister Park)
	West (Women)	Carol Broomfield (Ringwood)
	West (Men)	Mike Squires (Boscombe Cliff)

15. The General Executive Members as shown below were confirmed.

East: Min Wright; Mandy Orchard; Sue Ward; Tony Ingram; David Brown; Allan Leppard
North: Paula Haynes; Margaret Holden, Ric Newson; Michael Andrews, David Brindley
South: Chris Brett; Lyn Booth; Maxeen Fletcher; Charlie Bumstead; Malcolm James; Adie Booth
West: Liz Bingley; Tim Orr; Colin Bingley;

The meeting concluded at 14.00 hours.