



Bowls Hampshire Executive Meeting

19th March 2025

Prior to the meeting commencing, Ladies President Liz Bingley congratulated the incoming Men's Vice President Tom Regan Atkins and presented him with his Vice-Presidential Badge to a round of applause from all present.

1. **Apologies received:** Geoff Jessup, Alex Tymon, Carol Broomfield, Doug Nazer, Tim Orr, Michael Andrews, Ric Newsom.

2. **Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 2024** (previously distributed) Proposed by Mary Varndell Seconded by Min Wright and unanimously agreed.

3. **Matters Arising**

Hazel informed the meeting about a new BE Inter County competition "Mixed over 60's" and due to the lack of time to advertise for a manager for this competition, the Management & Finance committee invited two experienced bowlers Kay Kerley and Tim Orr to manager the County team. Thankfully both accepted and Kay has already sent an email to all clubs inviting members to let to email Kay with their interest. Kay informed the meeting that she had received 43 replies so far. Following receipt of the dates for both the Men's and Junior Home Counties matches, the 2025 calendar has been completed and will be sent out with these minutes.

There were no other matters arising.

4. **Finance Update**

Carl informed the meeting the for 2025 the Friendly match fees would remain at £10.00 but stated that both the match fees and the affiliation fees would have to increase in 2026. For 2025 cash will be collected at the matches by the Match Secretaries. For 2026 the County will be looking to either use BACS for the matches or a card machine so people can pay at the match with a card, due to the amount of cash involved it will be discouraged.

As the stock of match gifts (slate coasters) is low, Michael Andrews has kindly agreed to look at a small selection of replacement gifts, from which a new gift will be chosen and the Executive informed.

IOW Matches, the County has always assisted players with their transport to the Island, following a review for all matches on the IOW each individual will be given £20.00 each towards their travel costs. Should players share car it would be expected that the individuals give their money to the driver towards the ferry costs.

Officers Allowances, it has been agreed that there will be no changes to the 2025 allowances but a review will be taking place during the year and a meeting is planned for July to review all the BH positions to take into account the implementation of the online system.

5. **New web application**

Affiliation -Carl informed the meeting that at the close of the affiliation process on the 28th February nearly all clubs had completed and by the 5th March all but one club was finalised. With some assistance the final club completed their affiliation and so all 106 clubs are now on the system. Both Hazel and are delighted that the feedback has been very positive and considering its a new system we haven't had too many teething problems. As with anything new this year is

obviously going to have some highs and lows but over-all everything is going well. Richard thanked both Carl and Hazel for their outstanding work on ensuring the implementation of the system went well and all their hard in assisting members with any queries.

Competitions – Hazel stated that following the club’s input of their competitions on the 8th March the Area Secretaries met and the draw took place for all areas, simply by pressing the button on the system. The Secretaries spent the rest of the meeting filling in the dates for all the rounds. Hazel asked the Area Secretaries how they felt it all went and everyone was extremely positive. Mike asked if a short document could be produced for the Competition contacts so that they had something to refer to when adding their teams and entering their results. Hazel agreed to pull this together **Action: HM**

Administrative Regulations. Due to the implementation of the new system, Hazel did a review of the administrative regulations and updated them. These were then sent to the Management and Finance Committee for review, a few changes were made and the new updated regulations are on the website.

6 **BH Vacancies**

Following the resignation of David Wildman the East Area Secretary’s position came vacate. Hazel emailed all clubs within the East and recently an individual has come forward for this position. Hazel is meeting with the member to go through the system and discuss the position prior to announcing the members’ name. Once confirmed Hazel will email all the Executive.

7. **BH Uniform**

Hazel confirmed the BH uniform for 2025 and onwards. For 2025 dark navy below the waist and for all friendly matches the old white BH shirt will be worn. Any members playing their first game for the County will be given on the returned or new shirts until there isn’t any stock, at that point for the rest of the year a plain white shirt will be allowed. There is no change to the BH jacket. For 2026 the new colourful BH shirt will be used for all games played within the County.

8. **Date of Next Meeting / Any Other Business**

Margaret Holden asked a question about the online system which Carl answered and agreed to show Margaret after the meeting.

Hazel informed the meeting that the time for the next meeting would be 7:00pm and in future all meeting would be the same time in the evening to stop any confusion. She would reissue the meeting agenda with the new time.

Richard thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

Next meeting Wednesday 17th September 2025 7pm at Banister Park.

Meeting closed 20:30pm