

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held Monday 2nd June 2025

Present: Christine Robinson (President), Elaine Beckton (Chairman), David House (Fixtures Secretary), Tony Hill (Treasurer), David Woodman (Hon Sec.), Carole Woodman (Ladies Secretary), Anthony O’Sullivan (Men’s Rep), Norman Sancto (Men’s Captain), Jeff Askew (Greenkeeper), Sue Walker (Ladies Rep)

1. Apologies for Absence – Sue Kelly (Ladies Captain/Safeguarding Officer)

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting –

Minutes of the Meeting held Monday 5th May 2025, previously circulated, were signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising from previous Minutes / Items Completed.

Progress on the new door continues but more promising news on keypad which is being pursued.

Discussions with Derek Shermon are proceeding on the proposed match to be sponsored by Penryn and Falmouth Funeral Directors planned for 26 /27 July but not much take up yet, probably due to late organisation.

The Sunday Morning open Roll-ups are being well attended, and the organising rota has been extended to end August.

Elaine had a quote of £265 per sign 2ft x6ft. Discussions on siting to be concluded.

The match against Bowls England had been a great success with perfect weather.

The number of times potential new Members were allowed to play remained a concern for some Committee Members, fearing that without restriction it was open to abuse. Others felt that some potential Members may need to be “won over” and that there should be more latitude where it might help. So while three visits should normally be adequate, we should be sufficiently flexible if we felt it would help. It was suggested that we keep a log book in which potential Members signed in so that we not only have their contact details but should more easily be aware of any potential abuse of the system.

4. Correspondence.

Received

Green fees received for two Bowls Cornwall competitions held at Mylor.

Sent

Request for six 80 Badges sent to Christine Hore.

5. Matters being Raised

- 1) At the recent Group 4 vs Bowls Cornwall match, no one had formally been nominated to set up the Green and hand it over to the Visitors. To avoid this recurring, it was proposed that we have a standing item on the Agenda to identify upcoming events and identify someone to take on this responsibility for the day. The next event is the Men’s National 4 wood singles on 5th and 6th July and David Woodman was nominated to be responsible for this event. Then on 10th and 11th July the Ladies County over 55 Pairs would be looked after by Christine Robinson.
- 2) In her absence, Sue Kelly raised the problem of getting enough Members to sign up for Friendlies. The recent home match vs Truro had gone ahead but only after much chasing and encouragement to get sufficient Members to sign up. At the time of this meeting and less than 1 week from the Probus Friendly at Mylor, only 3 had signed up and the fixture was in doubt. (Post Meeting note, after much encouragement again, sufficient Members signed up for the match to go ahead.) All these Matches are on the fixture list and are open to Players of all abilities so the lack of support is difficult to understand. In addition to the Fixture List on the website, it was decided to advertise these matches on the Club

noticeboard, but that still requires Members to look at the information and sign up to play. It should not be necessary for the Club Captain to have to encourage and chase Members to take part in matches that have after all been arranged to provide a wider opportunity for everyone to get the maximum benefit from their Membership of the Club.

6. Honorary Secretary's Report

In addition to the Members Profile page on the Website, it has been practice for the Secretary to maintain a Members List in the Club's records. However, if a Member changes their details on their profile page, there is no formal provision to alter the Club records, unless the Member informs the Secretary separately. This has led to errors occurring on the Club database. Now the Website is accessed by most Members and is the route of choice for information storage, it was decided that the Secretary would no longer maintain a separate list, but that the Website list would be the sole source of this information.

7. Treasurer's Report

Club funds are in a healthy condition with income from the Bowls England match and the Truro Friendly providing a boost to funds.

The problems with the electricity billing have not been fully resolved, but appear now to be more reliable.

8. The Ladies' Secretary Report

The Rippon A team have won 2 and lost 3, Rippon B won 3 lost 3. Date have only played one match at Falmouth which they lost and the Evening League played 1 won 1.

Carole Woodman won the Group 4 Ladies Secretaries 4 wood singles tournament.

9. Fixtures Secretary's Report

The Men won the last round of the 2x4s competition and must now play Camborne.

The 'A' League and 'B' League results have been disappointing, and it has become clear that Carnon are regularly playing experienced A Team players as Skips in B team matches. David suggested that the Club should bring this up at the Group 4 AGM to get the rules clarified.

10. Greenkeeper's report

The call for additional volunteers for the Tuesday Working Party received no responses and we really do need to find some extra help to prevent those who do turn up on a regular basis being overwhelmed.

James Collins recently scarified and fed the Green.

11. Safeguarding

Bowls England now claim that 98% of Clubs now have a Safeguarding Officer.

12. Publicity Report

A full page report on the Bowls England visit appeared in the local magazine and looked very impressive.

Elaine is planning to prepare an article centred on the Community Day and Sunday Morning Roll-ups.

13. Application for membership

None

14. AOB

Sue Walker reported that Club Edie Ferry qualifying competition draw was now open and that the remaining drawn competitions would open soon.

Christine had donated a clothes rail and the stock of second-hand clothing that we have acquired would shortly be displayed and available for sale.

Lucie's funeral will be held on 19th June at 11.30 at Bodmin Crematorium and afterwards at Lanhydrock Golf Club.

David House reported that Community Day will be 21st June with a Mylor vs Lemon Arms challenge match included. A rota is being prepared allocating 2 hour time slots for which Members will be responsible to help. Many will be there for longer periods, but it is hoped that wherever possible everyone will support the day with 2 hours of their time.

David House had contacted Paul Bearham who has assisted other Clubs in raising funds for Club projects and he would be willing to talk to us about how we might access such funding. It was felt that this would be more useful if we had a proposed project that we could discuss.

The Clubhouse roof is now over 50 years old and it will inevitably need replacement in the not too distant future. It is currently not suitable to carry the weight of solar panels, and it may be sensible to investigate the installation of solar panels as a longer-term investment when this is done.

It would be far better to undertake work of this sort as a planned project rather than when remedial work makes major work on the roof unavoidable. Jeff agreed to be responsible for seeking advice and costings so that we are clearer about the scope and cost of such a project.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 11.20am.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 7th July 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

Chairman..... Date.....