

## Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**Present:** Elaine Beckton (Chairman), David House (Fixtures Secretary), Tony Hill (Treasurer), David Woodman (Hon Sec.), Carole Woodman (Ladies Secretary), Sue Kelly (Ladies Captain/Safeguarding Officer), Anthony O'Sullivan (Men's Rep), Norman Sancto (Men's Captain), Jeff Askew (Greenkeeper),

1. Apologies for Absence –Christine Robinson (President), Sue Walker (Ladies Rep)

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting –

Minutes of the Meeting held Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025, previously circulated, were signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising from previous Minutes / Items Completed.

Progress on the new door ongoing.

The consensus view on siting of the Club noticeboard was that it should be sited at the end of the drive on the wall on the uphill side. The design of other Club's boards would be used to see what would be best for us.

Jeff has had initial discussions with a Company in Devoran on the potential roof project. David House has also had initial discussions with Paul Bearham of Chacewater who provides advice on funding of such projects. It was agreed that we should invite Paul to our next Committee meeting to discuss our options.

4. Correspondence.

Received

Call from Bowls Cornwall for Propositions for the Bowls Cornwall AGM. These need to be with Christine Hore by 31st July.

Confirmation from Graham Irons that he would present the Badges to Members who turned 80 this year at our last game on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

A request had been received from Chepstow Bowls Club for a Tour Match on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2026. This was agreed and would be included in next year's fixtures.

Sent

Confirmation for six 80 Badges sent to Graham Irons.

5. Matters being Raised

- 1) Tony Hill raised the cost of catering for the recent VPs Friendly game. We had provided afternoon Tea including a selection of cakes but only received a Green fee of £1.50 per head, so made a loss on the day. While we wish to support the VP's benevolent activities, it was felt that the cost and effort to the Club was excessive. The VPs decide themselves what they will pay, and it was decided that in future the level of catering would reflect the income generated.
- 2) The problem of communications was raised. A recent Change in Group 4's requirements for use of our Green had led to a potential clash with a planned Strollers match. It was felt that the practice of Strollers booking their own fixtures and the Fixtures Secretary booking everything else left the possibility of changes not been clear to all those affected. It was decided that this could be avoided if all fixture bookings were made by the Fixtures Secretary. Some clarification of the booking page on the website would also be helpful and David House will consult John French on how best to deal with this.

6. Honorary Secretary's Report

Nothing to report

#### 7. Treasurer's Report

Club funds are in a healthy condition with no significant change in the last month.

#### 8. The Ladies' Secretary Report

The Rippon A team have won 4 and lost 5, Rippon B won 4 lost 7. Date have played 4 and have 4 points with 2 to play. Evening League played 3 won 1.

Group 4, in the Mixed Pairs Jeff and Sue Walker are in the semi-finals, in the Kernow Cup, Sue Walker and Sue Kelly are in the semi-final, in the Golden Years Pairs Linda Storey and Sue Kelly, and Elaine Beckton and Carole Woodman are in the Quarter finals, and in the National Foundation Pairs, Sue Walker and Sue Kelly are in the last 32

Sue Walker has been selected for Group 4 in the Group Knockout and Sue Kelly selected as a reserve..

#### 9. Fixtures Secretary's Report

David House had qualified for the semi-Finals of the men's unbadged singles and Secretaries 4 wood singles. David is giving up organising the winter Short Mat programme. At present, no one else has expressed a willingness to take over from him. As the coming season organisation is becoming urgent, we need to identify a successor or face the likelihood that we do not take part in the coming season's games.

NB Sue Kelly raised the possibility that we devise some way of reporting and celebrating Members successes both in selection and successes in County fixtures. These are not always made clear to the Membership and represent important achievements for the Club.

#### 10. Greenkeeper's report

Work on the car park shed roof scheduled.

#### 11. Safeguarding

Nothing to report.

#### 12. Publicity Report

Elaine suggested that in addition to her regular reports in the local parish magazines, we should have a running advert for the Club. This will cost £14 per month and it was felt that this is a worthwhile investment in maintaining the Club's profile and presence in the Community.

#### 13. Application for membership

David Rich has been accepted as a new Full Member of the Club.

#### 14. AOB

Community Day was ruined by bad weather and it was suggested that next year we try to coordinate it with Bowls England's 'Big Bowls Bash'. However, the Sunday Morning Roll ups have been successful on several levels and have attracted interest and new Members, so these will continue.

Christine requested that the Club offers a prize of a free Bowls taster session for the Village Horticultural Society. This was agreed.

We are due to host further events for Group 4/Bowls Cornwall on 24<sup>th</sup> July and 7<sup>th</sup> August. Elaine is coordinating the catering on these days and will also oversee the handing over and closure of the Green for these events.

Charity Day is planned for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August and Carole reported that Linda Storey will organise a Bowls Drive and Chris Lane will organise the BBQ.

It was suggested that at the AGM in October we have a presentation on what is expected of Club Members in the running of the Club. Sue Kelly offered to do this.  
Tony Hill suggested that a monthly Newsletter May help keep Members informed of details of events, and offered to try to set this up.

The possibility was raised that future Bowls Tours may include venues abroad. This may be difficult or too expensive for some Members and it may need to be a joint tour with other Clubs, but it was suggested that this should be raised at the AGM to estimate interest.

The blinds on the Clubhouse doors need replacement, and the fixed unit costs £312. Purchase of a new replacement unit was agreed.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 11.30am.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

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