

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held Monday 8th September 2025

Present: Elaine Beckton (Chairman), Christine Robinson (President), 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), Sue Walker (Ladies Rep)

1. Apologies for Absence – David House (Fixtures Secretary)

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting –

Minutes of the Meeting held Monday 11th August 2025, previously circulated, were signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising from previous Minutes / Items Completed.

It was confirmed that the Secretary would arrange for the purchase of 12 new delivery mats in time for the start of the new season.

No further news from the supplier of the provision of a new smart meter. Treasurer to follow up.

The installation of electric hand dryers was ready to go ahead.

Elaine planned to purchase the new vacuum cleaner later this week.

Elaine would follow up the preparation of laminated Club information sheets with John French.

4. Correspondence.

Received

E mail from Debbie Charles about members of Mike Diston’s family attending Captain’s Day. The family would like to donate a trophy in Mike’s name to recognise a Club Member who is considered to have achieved something significant to the benefit of the Club. This was welcomed and will be followed up on Captain’s Day with the family.

A list of Propositions received from Bowls Cornwall for Clubs to decide how they wished to vote at the BC AGM.

Agenda for Mining League Committee Meeting at Bickford Smith on 16th September 2025.

Request from DH on behalf of David Gadd to start Short Mat roll ups while the Club is away on tour and the Green remains open. No objections.

Sent

Letter sent to Kay Deeming (House opposite the Club entrance) to inform her of the Coach pickup of Members at 9.00 on 17th September.

5. Matters being Raised

- 1) Captain’s Day. Catering arrangements are in hand and Team selection is under way. Seven Members are due to receive 80’s Badges on the day.
- 2) It was confirmed that the Committee had agreed that the Club would participate in the County Mixed Triples competition next year. A Team Captain will need to be recruited.
- 3) NFC Technology. The position paper on NFC technology prepared by David House had been circulated, but in David’s absence it was decided to defer discussion for the next meeting.

- 4) The Secretary had circulated a suggested design for the Club Name Board to be installed at the entrance to the Club. Everyone agreed to bring to the next meeting alternative designs or modifications to the next meeting so that we could move forward with this.
- 5) Club Competitions. Results available have been published, but due to incapacity, the mixed Pairs has had to be carried over to the start of next year.
Trophies will be awarded on Captain's Day.
23 Men and 17 Ladies entered at least one competition this year and 5 Ladies and 9 Men won Trophies. There was a low entry for the Mixed Triples, and some discussion followed on whether this would benefit from being changed to an Open Triples competition. It was decided to keep it as a mixed competition and to try to encourage more Members, especially Ladies, to enter.
The problem of finals not being played due to illness was discussed. It was felt that carrying finals over to the next season was not ideal. There were three finals that were in danger of not being played this year, so we were fortunate that only one was lost. It was decided that a better alternative was to allow substitutes where possible. That is, if one member of a pair or triple was indisposed and unable to play, they could be replaced by a substitute who had not already played in that competition.
For Singles competitions, the semi-finalist who had lost to the indisposed player would play in their place.

6. Honorary Secretary's Report

Planning for the AGM needs to start soon, and it was agreed to schedule the AGM for 7.00pm on Tuesday 18th November. A number of Committee positions will need to be filled and volunteers need to be identified before the AGM if possible. A list of vacancies will be displayed on the noticeboard on Captain's Day.

7. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer tabled a draft statement of accounts to be finalised for the AGM. Generally, Club funds are in a healthy condition despite having incurred significant costs for repairs to the watering system control box. Potential increase of Club Membership fees was discussed as significant cost increases had been seen generally this year. However, considering the current state of Club finances, Jeff proposed and Tony O'Sullivan seconded a motion to hold 2026 fees at the current level. This was accepted unanimously and will be put to the AGM.

8. The Ladies' Secretary Report

We are still awaiting final League Tables for the Rippon and Date teams.

9. Fixtures Secretary's Report

No Report

10. Greenkeeper's report

Work on repairing the car park shed roof had been completed.

James Collins, who has been undertaking a lot of the major work on the Green, was deciding whether to deep scarify or overseed. A decision will be made shortly. The top dressing that we already have will be used to improve the level of the top end of the Green.

The front elevation of the Visitors changing rooms will be reclad over the winter and new windows installed.

Jeff has had continued discussions with Fox, a Company from Perran Foundry on the potential Clubhouse roof project. They should have prepared an estimate by the next meeting to allow us to start discussions with Paul Bearham on how best to fund the project.

11. Safeguarding

Nothing to report.

12. Publicity Report

The local Magazine is late this month due to printing problems but should be available imminently. Elaine is planning an article on Club Competition winners for the next edition.

13. Application for membership

None

14. AOB

Sue Walker proposed that we investigate having a zipped, showerproof jacket in the Club colours for colder conditions. Possible alternative designs will be made available for those Club Members interested.

Tony O’Sullivan suggested that the Men’s Meeting is currently too close to the start of the new season and would benefit from being held earlier. It was agreed that this deserved serious consideration, but as the Men’s Captain was due to change, the views of the new Captain should first be sought.

Elaine reported that arrangements for the tour were good with arrangements organised and in order.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 11.05am.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 6th October 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

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