

## Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025

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

### 1. Apologies for Absence – Norman Sancto (Men’s Captain)

### 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting –

Minutes of the Meeting held Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025, previously circulated, were signed as a true record.

### 3. Matters Arising from previous Minutes / Items Completed.

No further news from the supplier of the provision of a new smart meter.

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

Elaine had purchased the new vacuum cleaner.

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

Design of the Club Name board was deferred until the next meeting.

Design of the proposed Club showerproof jacket to wear over Club shirts had been agreed and would be available for Club Members at the AGM.

A card entry system to operate the new front door had still to be finalised.

### 4. Correspondence.

Received

Agenda for Mining League AGM at Redruth on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

Notification of Bowls Cornwall AGM at St Stephen on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

Notification of Group 4 AGM at Chacewater on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

Agenda for Bowls Cornwall pre-AGM meeting at St Stephen on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Sent

### 5. Matters being Raised

- 1) The Club AGM will be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm and Committee Members who are scheduled to table reports were reminded that these needed to be prepared.

The Secretary reviewed the Committee posts that were due to fall vacant and asked if any volunteers had offered themselves as replacements. Tony O’Sullivan has offered to take over the role of Match Secretary from David House, Wendy Fowler has offered to take over the role of Strollers Team Manager from Mike Coe and David Gadd has offered to take over the role of Short Mat Bowls Co-ordinator from David House.

Sue Walker and Tony O’Sullivan have completed their term as Ladies and Men’s Representative respectively, Christine Robinson, Norman Sancto, Elaine Beckton and Linda Storey were resigning their posts as President, Men’s Captain, Catering Officer and Catering Officer Assistant respectively and will need to be replaced.

Our thanks go to all those retiring for their efforts on behalf of the Club.

The Secretary will this week post the list of Officers on the noticeboard and Members are asked to record their names as candidates for any of these positions. Any of the remaining positions may also be contested, and any Member who wishes to put themselves forward for any Committee position would be warmly welcomed.

- 1) NFC Technology. The position paper on NFC technology prepared by David House had been circulated. Near Field Communication (NFC) is the system used in Bank Cards, Bus Passes, Hotel room keys etc to hold electronic information to be held and interact with other electronic systems and can be used in Bank Cards to authorise payments and transfer money to and from Bank accounts for example. This technology will become more common and as a Club we need to be aware how it might help us going forward.

## 6. Honorary Secretary's Report

No further items.

## 7. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer is finalising the annual accounts to go to the Auditors. Generally, Club funds are in a healthy condition with no major expenditure this month.

## 8. The Ladies' Secretary Report

Carole has taken on the role of results Secretary for Carpet Bowls, and thanked John French for his help. Ten Ladies will be attending the Group 4 lunch on November 5<sup>th</sup>, three of whom will be collecting trophies. Well done!

## 9. Fixtures Secretary's Report

David House reported that we have already received a number of requests from Bowls Cornwall for use of our Green next season. Winter League started yesterday and Short Mat today.

## 10. Greenkeeper's report

The Green had been scarified and James Collins would be undertaking further maintenance work on the Green shortly.

The Tuesday morning working party attendance is very low and any extra help would be very valuable.

Jeff has had continued discussions with Fox Construction Solutions, a Company from Perran Foundry on the potential Clubhouse roof project and has now received some projected costings.

Fitting of 24 Solar Panels would cost around £12,600 but it is estimated that this investment would be repaid over a period of 4 years. Thereafter they would contribute significant income to the Club and have a projected life of around 25years.

The Clubhouse roof, which is approximately 50 years old, is leaking and it is not feasible to repair it as it is not known where the leak is situated. Replacement of the roof would require major expenditure as removal of the Asbestos cladding and replacement of damaged support structure would cost in the region of £37,000 and if insulation were included would rise to around £48,000. It is proposed to consult Paul Bearham on the possibility of obtaining grants towards these costs to a point that would make the project feasible. The Clubhouse is a vital Club asset, and we need to ensure that everything possible is done to maintain its structural integrity.

Jeff has put a lot of time and effort into moving this project to this stage, and the Committee wished to record their thanks for his ongoing efforts.

## 11. Safeguarding

Nothing to report.

**12. Publicity Report**

The local Magazine carried a very good article on the Club Competition winners and Elaine is planning an article on the Club Tour to South Wales for the next edition.

**13. Application for membership**

None

**14. AOB**

Christine had been approached by the neighbour opposite the driveway, Kay Deeming, whose husband has just died. She had enquired if it would be possible to use the Clubhouse for hosting refreshments after the funeral in the village Church on Monday afternoon 20<sup>th</sup> October. There are no matches scheduled on that afternoon and it was felt that as part of the local community, it would be appropriate to agree to this request. We have good relations with our neighbours, and this would cement that relationship with others in the village. We already have volunteers to prepare the Clubhouse and man the kitchen and bar. It was agreed to go ahead with Christine acting as co-ordinator.

Tony noted that the Club license was due for renewal and that the insurance certificate displayed in the Clubhouse was no longer current. The Secretary apologised for the oversight and would display the current certificate without delay.

Tony O’Sullivan asked if it might be possible to ask John French if the Cleaning rota could be displayed more prominently on the website, as a number of Members had not attended or arranged for a replacement. Tony will speak to John to see how this improved visibility might best be achieved.

Elaine reported that the tour went very well with the Club winning at Hay on Wye, losing at Croesyceiliog? and drawing at Ross on Wye. Arrangements were already in preparation for next year’s tour to Worcester.

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

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 at 9.30 a.m.

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