

Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held Wednesday 4th March 2026

Present:, Elaine Beckton (Chairman), Tony Hill (Treasurer), David Woodman (Hon Sec.), Carole Woodman (Ladies Secretary), Sue Kelly (Ladies Captain/Safeguarding Officer), Jeff Askew (Greenkeeper), Andy Lobb (Men's Captain), Linda Strelzyn (Catering Officer)

1. Apologies for Absence – Letitia Rivett Old (Ladies Rep), Anthony O'Sullivan (Fixtures Secretary), David Gadd (Men's Rep), Derek Shermon (President).

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting –

Minutes of the Meeting held Monday 2nd February 2026, previously circulated, were signed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising from previous Minutes / Items Completed.

12 new blue Match Mats have been purchased.

4. Correspondence.

Received

In response to an internal advertisement for a Film Night, a letter was received from the Motion Picture Licensing Company requesting a license fee of £230 for the right to screen films at the Club. The Film Night was cancelled and the fee was not payable.

Letter received from Mawnan Smith BC informing us of the appointment of a new Secretary, Chris Crouch

Letter received from Falmouth BC informing us of the appointment of a new Secretary, David Jackson.

Letter received from Bowls Cornwall informing us of the resignation of David Parr as the Chairman and County Disciplinary Officer for Bowls Cornwall.

Sent

Application for funding towards a new Clubhouse roof from the Community Infrastructure Levy scheme submitted to Cornwall Council.

Letter describing the above application sent to our local Councillor, Ruth Gripper

5. Matters being Raised

- 1) The Secretary and Ladies Secretary had attended the Local seminar held at Chacewater about the Bowls Development Alliance initiative that was a follow-up from the meeting previously attended by David House at Bodmin. This was basically an exploratory meeting to gauge what Clubs were already doing to improve recruitment and set the scene for further activity in the future. Further meetings are expected to follow.
- 2) Following consultations with Paul Bearham (Chacewater) on possible funding for roof repairs, the Secretary had completed an application for funding to replace the Clubhouse roof and fit solar panels. (See correspondence). Initial scrutiny of all applications submitted to select the projects to go forward to the second phase is ongoing. We should hear if we are selected to move on to the second stage in April.
- 3) The Secretary had circulated information to the Membership sent by Bowls Cornwall on training opportunities for coaching qualifications. Should any of our Members be interested, the Committee agreed that funds would be sought to at least assist with the costs involved.
- 4) The proposed Club Name board intended to be mounted at the entrance of the drive was further discussed and some modifications suggested. Elaine agreed to update the design so that we could move ahead with having one made.

6. Honorary Secretary's Report

The Secretary and Ladies Secretary would be absent for 6 weeks, and another Committee member would organise the April meeting and prepare the Minutes.

The Secretary pointed out that we have had 10 new Members join the Club since the end of the last outdoor season. We need to make provision to properly introduce these Members to the Club, existing Members and look to providing initial coaching adequate to their needs. The two Captains agreed to take on the initial responsibility for initiating a suitable programme.

7. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer reported that funds are in a healthy condition for this time of year and requested that the Secretary send out a reminder to Members that Annual Membership fees will become due at the beginning of April.

He reported that our Insurance premium had risen sharply to £1,271, despite us never having made a claim. He had obtained an alternative quote from All Sport Insurance for the same cover of £931 and it was agreed to go ahead and switch to this alternative insurer.

He reported that the replacement Garage door had been ordered and would be fitted soon. Similarly, the replacement front door had been ordered. 50% of the cost has already been paid leaving a balance of £1,500 to pay on fitting.

8. The Ladies' Secretary Report

Nothing to report

9. Fixtures Secretary's Report

None

10. Greenkeeper's report

The Green has been tined but was still waiting to be treated against moss due to the recent inclement weather. The recladding of the Visitors Changing rooms was almost complete and the doors will be painted when the weather permits.

With the start of the new outdoor season little more than a month away, there are a number of jobs that need to be completed. The bad weather over the winter and lack of volunteers for the Tuesday morning working party has not helped and the Secretary was asked to send out an appeal for extra help.

We also plan to have the Pre-season Spring Clean on Wednesday April 8th, the Wednesday before the Green opens. Once again, Members will be asked to assist in covering the necessary tasks.

11. Safeguarding

Nothing to report.

12. Publicity Report

Elaine planned to have a pre-season article in the local press. John French had prepared a proposed advert based on the similarities between Curling and Bowls, following the popularity of the Curling at the Winter Olympics. Jeff suggested that we might consider including this as a half-page Membership advert as well as displaying it as flyers around the local villages.

13. Application for membership

Sandra and David Kessly had applied for and been granted full Membership.

14. AOB

Andy Lobb had been looking into ideas for widening the Social programme, and suggested that we should consider trying a Bingo evening to which Members could invite friends and family.

It is clear that we need to look to improving our social programme, and now we have an excellent Darts facility installed, a darts themed evening would be a possibility.

Andy has developed some ideas for obtaining funding for new, sponsored scoreboards which he is pursuing.

Sue Kelly displayed a possible candidate for a Club showerproof jacket which would cost in the region of £38, or less if we could get enough orders. She had circulated information and is hoping to get an idea of the level of interest. There is a minimum order number needed.

Sue also noted that we had agreed to replace parasols and benches as well as scoreboards.

Linda raised the question of catering requirements for President's Day. Derek had expressed a preference for beef and chicken casseroles as the main and it was felt that ice cream as dessert would involve less work for those catering. A cost of £10 to cover food and green fees would be reasonable.

Elaine reported that arrangements for the autumn tour to Worcester had been finalised.

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

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Monday 30th March 2026 at 10.00 a.m.

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