

# GOSPORT BOWLING CLUB

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 at 9.30am**

**Committee chair** – Jim Oswell

**Committee Members** - Carol De Neuville (CDN) Paul Tansley (PT) Jason Wilde (JW) Jim Oswell (JO) Janet Cowan (JC) Barry Sykes (BS) Mandy Wilde (MW) Andrew Sherwen (AS)

**Apologies** - Carol De Neuville (CDN) Paul Tansley (PT) Graham Olden (GO)

### **1. Minutes of the previous meeting**

Acceptance of the minutes of the Mancom meeting held on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 was proposed by JW and seconded by AS and unanimously agreed by all present.

### **2. Matters Arising - There we no matters arising**

### **3. Presidents Report – NTR**

### **4. Secretary's Report**

We have had 2 clubs on the peninsular email to say they are unable to provide teas/coffees for league games due to lack of volunteers, I was at a game on Monday, there were 36 players and numerous spectators, the announcement was there were no volunteers to make hot drinks, but don't worry the bar is open.....

This is not something I would like to see happen at GBC and I feel this is the time continue our level of hospitality in all we do. A minimum of tea/biscuits and continue to offer more as we do for men's league games

The cub/scouts have a pencilled in "come and try" evening on 8<sup>th</sup> July on the AWG. 19 excited juniors!

An update on membership is that we have a current total of 107 members, and 18 social members. With an increase of members YOY its imperative to contemplate how we future-proof this and sustain the level of commitments for our members.

I am sure we all recognise the need to address certain challenges to ensure the clubs longevity. As we strive to drive the club forward which including friendlies, open days, competitions and roll ups, with the use of the kitchen for hospitality. These all require volunteers and I personally feel now is the time to succession plan for the future. Time will be invested to ensure we do as much as we can to keep the club running and sharing the workload.

### **5. Treasurer's Report NTR**

### **6. Mens's Captain's Report**

Season has got off to a good star opening day being well attended, the green looking the best it has for a number of years so thanks to Mike and the team. Combination opened their 2024 Campaign with a win over Fareham away from home lets hope this is setting the tone for the rest of the season. Pre-league friendlies against Lee-on-the-Solent and Rowner went of well with mixed fortunes, Rowner winning on the green, but Bob reported healthy takings from

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the bar. The Men's Top club against Leigh Park being the first casualty of the weather last Sunday the balance between when you cancel and when you go a head going against us as weather proved to be okay, this has now been rearranged for Sunday 5th. The First Team opened their campaign against Vosper's last night (Friday 3rd) The Crofton friendly with a little ducking and diving on the day due to health issues went off well and once again all I heard were great comments thanks to Rita and Chris for their tea coverage and Bob for the bar. On the friendly note I have had a discussion with Pete that although Friendlies are good for the club I was concerned at the number that were taking place on a Saturday afternoon as this has always been the club afternoon where green should be open to all. An update on Centenary planning we now have two confirmed games Men's P&D 28th June and Friends of English Bowls 6mx Saturday 19th July. We await EBA and Hampshire dates and the P&D ladies game Centenary Club Stickers have been purchased and the plan is to give all members a full set any additional sets will be bought as normal. A number of sponsors have been identified and we are in the process of finalising. A new flag is in the process of being produced and the team continue to explore other avenues. I have to arrange a meeting with the catering committee to begin looking at costings of meals for the representative games.

### **7. Ladies Captain Report**

Apologies for my non-attendance.

Nothing particular to report. Very busy setting up/arranging matches which seem very early play by dates etc but seem to be getting them sorted out, with help!!!

Hoping coffee morning will be successful and indeed helpful. Looking forward to having the chance to chat to members

I am away from 28 April to 12 May but am confident Sue Hillary can answer any queries anyone might have during those two weeks.

### **8. Social Committee Chairman's Report**

Rocks and Groynes was a well-attended evening and I am so pleased to be able to keep the acts local. Tony Winkworth The Mundy Band are booked for an event on 19th May, with Horse racing the same month. We welcome Deral as Quiz master in June, It's great to see so many members getting involved in Social activities. Deral is also championing the "round tables" and I thank him for his support in this. Cribbage league played their last game of the 2024 season on Tuesday and I thank Carol, Mandy and the team for their commitment, If you would like to join the cribbage team for 2025, then please let us know. David Tabb has managed to secure a venue for Tai Chi on Wednesday nights at St Francis hall during the Summer and it's great to see many of our members are keen to continue this during the Summer. Bingo continues to be popular and thank You Richard for your continued support in running this event. If you have any ideas for social events then please let me know, We will be making more bookings for later in the year soon and we will share once confirmed.

### **9. Maintenance Manager's Report - NTR**

### **10. Safeguarding Officer's Report – NTR**

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### 11. Agenda Items

#### 11.1 A proposal that the centenary year would run from April through to December (JO)

**It was unanimously agreed**

#### 11.2 A Request to run an over 70's Open on the AWG (RF)

It was agreed that we would look to run this Open in Sept 2025 to tie in with the Centenary celebrations

**It was unanimously agreed**

#### 11.3 A proposal to reintroduce the Saturday Tea duty roster (MW)

To try to share the load of helpers it was agreed that we would call for helpers on named days as generally Saturday roll ups are played straight through with post-game drinks.

**It was unanimously agreed**

#### 11.4 AOB –

##### Clarification on the use of Rollators on the Green (AS)

Bowls England state that you can use only use specific types on Grass, A quote for 2.2k for us to have 3 rollators and a suitable chair, to ensure we are as inclusive as possible, AS requested approval from the Mancom so he can seek financial support in regard to raising funds outside of the clubs funds.

**It was unanimously agreed**

##### A proposal to support the charity VIBE (MW)

The club has received a letter from VIBE (Visually Impaired BE) - Mandy proposed we support the charity on our Turnbull - Oswell event and funds raised from the Spider would be donated to VIBE.

**It was unanimously agreed**