Bowls Hampshire Executive Meeting

19th November 2026

1. **Apologies:** Jo Mills, Alex Tymon, David Brindley, Min Wright, Mike Squires, Ric Newsom, Anji Smith, Lance Thomas, Mandy Orchard, Jason Wilde, Tom Regan Atkins, Doug Nazer,

2. **To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting** (16th September 2026)
Proposed by Liz Bingley, 2nd by Peter Sunderland agreed by those who had attended.

3. **Matters Arising**
- Competition Review, the document had been distributed prior to the meeting and Richard who had chaired the subcommittee went through the various points that had been raised by the subcommittee and said that in the short term there was one proposal that required the executive to agree on:
"Wherever practicable, the Finals for each individual area should be:
 Played on the same date; and time
 Held at the same venue to be nominated at the start of season with the caveat that changes could be made if appropriate by the Area Secretaries (For example condition of the green originally nominated or if practical to allow a neutral venue NB this is not a criteria within the current regulations"
After some discussion it was agreed that this would be implemented for the 2027 season.

Richard explained as the other points the subcommittee were looking at were not for the upcoming season and as he had stepped down from both his current roles, he had asked Tim Orr who had agreed to take on the role of chair of the subcommittee moving forward.

4. **Provisional Calendar**
Alex Tymon had requested a change for the date of the Semi and Final of the Senior Fours from the 4th of July to 31st July. The 31st of July was scheduled for the Junior men's and ladies' pairs complete competition and would require as a minimum the use of the green nearest the clubhouse. The Chairman asked the other Area Secretaries for their views and after a discussion it was felt it should be left, this date had been used successfully for a few years and as there were fewer entries in the senior competition not as many rounds would be required.

5. **BH Vacancies**
- South Area Men's Secretary: as no one had come forward at the South Area AGM, the Chair explained there could be problems as it would fall to the BH Administrator to sort out any problems arising and organise date and area finals.

Charlie Bumstead agreed to take on the role and Margaret Leppard, Sue Lewis Parkes and I all agreed to assist him. With the online system now working well with reference to the competitions, hopefully there won't be too many problems.

- Development Officer this vacancy is still available.

Addendum - apologies that the County managers positions weren't announced during the meeting.
As no one applied for the Middleton or Johns Managers positions it was agreed to ask the retiring Managers if they would continue for a further year both have agreed.
It has also been agreed that Colin Thresher can arrange all the men's matches to be played at Woolston & District Bowls Club.
Maxeen Fletcher will continue to use Banister Park for all the Ladies matches.
Leo May has been appointed U24 Men's Manager following interview.
Charlie May has been appointed U24 Ladies Manager following interview.

6. **To consider the Secretary's report on Meeting Arrangements for 2026/27 – BH Exec attached.**

A correction has been made to the list as the 2027 AGM date wrong.

7. **Date of Next Meeting / Any Other Business**

Although there was no AOB. Prior to AGM Jo Doust BE Chairman gave an update on the possible amalgamation of the Indoor Association with Bowls England. Following his presentation, there were a few questions from the floor.
Before the year end it is envisaged that a prospectus will be issued so that the Counties can review prior to voting at the February AGM. As soon as this comes out it was agreed that a meeting be held in January to discuss and then the 4 Areas could contact their clubs so that a vote can be taken, so that our county representatives can vote on our behalf at the BE February AGM.