

GOSPORT BOWLING CLUB

Management Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Thurs 5th May 2022

Attendees Barry Sykes - Chair

Christine Hall (CH)	Malc Weston (MCW)	Simon Batcheler (SB)
Graham Pistorius (GP)	Tom Start (TS)	Chris Goodchild (CG)
Mandy Wilde (MW)	Paul Tansley (PT)	Andrew Sherwen (AS)
Jim Oswell (JO)	Janet Cowan (JC)	

Apologies Received JO, TS, AS.

1. Treasurer's financial proposals with Assistant Treasurer Ros Baxter

The Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer made a presentation to the committee showing various ideas to save money and aid the club to operate more financially effectively in the future. Various ideas were discussed, some were held over for further thought and discussion with the below items voted on by the committee.

a. The need for a club phone which is paid for on a monthly basis but is not monitored and with the current number of mobile phones carried by members is not required as an emergency device.

The committee voted unanimously in favour of disposing of the club phone.

b. The gas used by the club is supplied by British Gas and it has been a long time since we had searched the market for a possibly better deal.

The committee voted unanimously in favour of the proposal to search for a better deal and approved a transfer if one was available.

c. The use of expensive outside accountants to audit the club accounts annually when it is now common practise in most bowling clubs / associations to use two suitable club members. These members would undertake the annual audit for the year end on 31st Oct 2022 and this proposal is not in conflict with the terms of our constitution.

The committee voted unanimously in favour of the proposal to approve two members for this role to be voted in by the membership by Nov 1st for checking the 2022 year end accounts.

It was also noted that it had become evident that there would be a surplus of the funds donated for the installation of the accessible toilet in the clubhouse and the question was raised was there any plan made if a surplus existed at the end of the project.

The Secretary confirmed that when the donation had been given to him it was stated by the benefactors that any surplus of the fund at the completion of the project was to be transferred into the club funds.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Acceptance of the minutes of the Mancom meeting held on 2nd April 2022 was proposed by PT, seconded by GP and unanimously agreed by all present.

3. President's Report (CH)

It was with much regret that I was unavailable to attend Derek Collins's wake as I was abroad at the time. I conveyed my apologies, through the secretary, to all concerned.

Opening day on the 9th of April was well attended with Dame Caroline Dineage in attendance. I had the pleasure of entertaining Dame Caroline in the clubhouse after she delivered the first bowl of the season. She was very impressed with the changes to our club since her last visit 7 years ago especially the new pavilion and AWG.

Our first friendly of the season was a great success and enjoyed by all, although it was unfortunate the next friendly against Southampton County was cancelled as they could not field a team.

It is encouraging to see the Saturday afternoon roll ups are becoming popular again. I would like to wish everyone good luck in all competitions internal and external throughout the season.

4. Secretary's Report (MCW)

Environmental Health Inspection

We had a health inspection visit from Sue Butler the Senior Environmental Health Technical Officer of Fareham and Gosport councils.

Following an inspection of the kitchen and a check of our procedures we were praised for the cleanliness of the kitchen, commended on our procedures and given an Environmental Inspection 5 Star Award.

Change of Trustees.

We have received the Deeds of Variation: Lease of land and buildings at Anglesey Gardens to Gosport Bowling Club from Andrea St John, Senior Legal Adviser for Head of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer, Corporate Services, Hampshire County Council.

This is the first legal stage to facilitate the change of Trustees of the club, once signed by the current trustees the deeds of variation shall be forwarded to the Land Registry to start the process of transfer.

5. Treasurer's Report (SB)

Banking is now online. Requires 2 of 3 of MW, SB RB to be able to authorise ANY payment.

Treasurer and Assistant treasurer have identified a number of cost saving measures – committee has agreed that they can investigate further

Rates – still up in the air, applied for relief on 14th March no decision as yet

This month's balance, £60,309 plus ladies fund £2035.80, social fund £2,378.36, bar fund approximately £2950 – Total £67,673

Nothing further to report but insurance premiums have risen considerably and we are still waiting for Gosport Borough Council to reply to our submission for rate relief

6. Club Captain's Report (GP)

It is wonderful to have our grass green open once again. Enthusiasm is being projected from everyone to get stuck in to getting used to the still fairly heavy surface, and what would our grass green be without the quirky runs of the bowls on all rinks. I am certainly looking forward to the time our green keeper can get the grass length down to normal playing length so that everyone can satisfactorily reach the long jacks!! Hopefully this won't be too long in coming. Traditionally May is always a busy bowling calendar with this year once again being no exception. All leagues kicking off across the board as well as a number of well timed friendlies which will help get a large number of bowlers into shape. I look forward to a successful and happy season. One of those friendlies has already taken place. The annual preseason game against Rowner was played on our green on Friday 22nd April. A great tussle emerged on the 5 Rinks in a fixture that usually ends up with a Rowner victory. I am very proud to report that this time round our team managed to read the green's quiriness better than the opposition and Gosport ran out victors on two rinks, losing two and drawing on one. However an overall shot victory by 79 to 74 capped off a most enjoyable evening. I should like to take the opportunity of wishing all our bowlers a very happy and successful season."

7. Ladies Captain's Report (CG)

Just wanted to say a big thank you to Janet Cowan and Gill Freeman for stepping in at the last minute, their support enabled us to play full rinks in our first B League match at Waterlooville.

8. Social Committee Chairman's Report (TS) - NTR

9. Ladies Secretary's Report (MW)

Gosport ladies open has 3 teams entered to date.

Spare posters and entry forms are displayed in the ladies changing room. Please try to promote where you can, Use P&D and G&F league games as channel of communication for potential team entries.

I will resend communication to all the club secretaries to try to encourage a positive uptake.

Internal teams can enter, however can we please wait until early June before any Gosport teams submit their entry.

Please note as Grass is our nominated surface of play for P&D leagues, this then means all P&D competitions must also be played on our nominated Green.

10. Maintenance Manager's Report (PT)

The flymatic in the kitchen has been cleaned and serviced and we are currently waiting for a spare part to repair the extractor fan in the kitchen

We still need volunteers for the all weather green and the club cleaning rotas.

11. Safeguarding Officers' Report (AS) - NTR

AGENDA ITEMS

A. Ladies Minibus Fund (MW)

Mandy proposed that the Ladies' travelling fund be retained at £2000 for future travelling expenses to the Ladies' Portsmouth matches.

The proposal was seconded by CH and the committee voted on the proposal for the Ladies to retain the travelling fund at £2000 and all present were unanimously in favour of the proposal.

B. Associated Members (GP)

Graham proposed that we should look into the possibility of inviting local groups, such as running clubs to use our changing rooms and facilities with a view that some may be attracted to become new bowling members.

It was agreed that the idea might have some merit and that Graham should investigate the matter further and report back to the committee.

C. Club Security (PT)

Paul proposed that in the interest of club security the keys currently kept overnight in the kit room key box should be locked inside the clubhouse at night.

The Secretary advised that as we now had 100% CCTV coverage of the whole premises that the insurance company were happy with the current procedure, however as it was not a hardship for the key holders to return the keys onto a hook in the foyer he will change the current procedure as soon as a hook is installed in a suitable location..

D. Plans for the clubs centenary celebrations (PT)

Paul enquired if any plans had commenced yet for the clubs centenary year in 2025.

The Secretary confirmed that an application had already been submitted to Bowls England for an England team to visit us to play a centenary celebration match during the summer of 2025 to play a Gosport club team. It was confirmed that no other plans had been made yet as we still have three years to go and it is still early to start the process.

E. Mats & Jacks (MCW)

The secretary reported back as proposed in the previous meeting that he had enquired to the standard of the proposed mats and jacks and that they were the standard Drakes Pride Mats & Drakes Pride Jacks which we had purchased previously and had been using for a number of years now.

The proposal was to purchase 12 new Blue Mats and 6 jacks at a package price of £240.00, the proposal was seconded by SB and all present voted unanimously in favour of the proposal.

Date of next meeting: 25 / 06 / 2022 Time: 0930 hrs

M C Weston
Honorary Secretary