

# CHELTENHAM WHADDON BOWLING CLUB

## MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

**HELD AT THE CLUBHOUSE ON THURSDAY 03 APRIL 2025 AT 2.00PM**

Present: Jill Whistler, Dave Hooper, Dave Simmons, Gail Gilbert, Micky Martin, Debby Hooper, Julie Beaven, Peter McGiffie, David Hearle, Ken Campbell

### APOLOGIES

Andy Todd

### MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. Jill Whistler took the chair and, with the approval of the meeting, signed the minutes of the previous meeting on 06 March 2025 as a true record.

### MATTERS ARISING

2. Updates to the Action List:

- 2501/04: The memorial bench for Don Hughes has arrived and is awaiting surface treatment by the maintenance team. Mike Newman will pass the information on obtaining a plaque to Ken Campbell.
- 2412/10: Julie will ask Pete McGeechan to take new photos of Committee members on Open Day, as outdoors will achieve a better result

### OPEN DAY

3. We confirmed that the Open Day hours would be shortened to 12.00- 4.00pm. Dress for club members to be club shirts with greys. David Hearle will get in touch with Colin Bassett for contact to update the banner. Tea and biscuits will be provided and the bar will be open. David Hearle and Gail Gilbert will compile a running order and enlist helpers as per previous years. **Action: 2504/01**

### UPDATE ON SPONSORSHIP/FUND RAISING

4. David Hearle advised that **Iglu Bars** would contribute £100 this season, but promised an increase next season due to greater use of our premises for more games. Accepted by all.

5. **Cellar Supplies** have committed to 3 casks of beer over season, with a value of approx £300, which was a good deal. Casks to be drawn on for peak times to maximize quick turnover of beer. Accepted by all.

6. David Hearle will contact Bishop's Cleeve to see what level of commitment they receive before approaching **Avonmore**.

7. The potential new website would allow for Sponsor advertisements and Debby Hooper advised that a new member, John Burns, has skills to help with establishing a new website. We would need someone to follow up on this.

### AOB

8. Andy reported that **Cheltenham Probuss**, whose first meeting at the club will have taken place earlier today, are paying £50 per weekly session. They break over the Christmas period and occasionally have outside events, but expect to use the club about 45 weeks per year, so this represents an annual income of c. £2.5k. He has cleared storage space for their equipment in the room behind the Ladies changing room.

9. Since far more men than ladies sign up for the **Mixed Pairs**, Graham Hughes had suggested that we should turn it into a triples competition (2 men, 1 lady), which would mean that more could play. Andy believed this would be a fair solution to an ongoing problem and the full Committee all approved.

**Action: 2504/02**

10. Andy had received a proposal from John Newsham, who is on the committee of Cheltenham University of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Age (U3A). The organization is trying to reach more people in their target age group and have launched a '**Mutually beneficial advertisement**' campaign. U3A will advertise our events to its membership (about 2,000) and in return the club will put up a poster and circulate U3A newsletters / booklets for their members to read. The Committee agreed that this was a good idea and approved joining the scheme.

**Action: 2504/03**

11. Dave Simmons' **skittles team, Batmen**, asked to continue using the the club for home games next season. They also requested use of the club for their AGM on 25 April 2025 (held outside last year). Both these requests were approved. They also enquired if TV terminal could be fitted in skittles alley so that players could see the diamond. It would essentially be a dumb terminal for skittles use only. Not resolved at meeting.

12. Deb Hooper had had a suggestion from Avril Wood for a **summer coffee morning** when club is not in use. All agreed it is a good idea but logistically could be difficult. Who will be in contact with Avril?

13. Debby expressed concern over **declining numbers for social activities**, which we agreed may partly be due to the current squeeze on household expenditure. David Hearle felt that bar price rises had generally been accepted as necessary and would not be a major reason for lower numbers. No single glaring reason for this situation. Gail will circulate a poll to members to see what their preferred social options are.

14. Debby also expressed her feeling that the '**New Bowler**' membership discount should be discontinued as it has been abused by people claiming to be new to the game but in fact are not. She believes it needs to be better defined and discussed at the next AGM to resolve. Andy to note for next AGM.

**Action: 2504/04**

15. Julie Beaven stated that **Ladies Night dinner** had been very successful and thanked all involved for their work on the night. Dave Hooper added that the Men's team would like a dinner in similar format, supported by Micky Martin Dave would work out a suitable date.

16. Ken Campbell listed some upcoming **expenditure for maintenance** to be signed off:

- Approx £200 for timber for two exit ramps suitable for disabled persons. Roy Kirby will build ramps.
- Approx £200 - 300 for an outdoor shed to store paint and chemicals out of building. This is subject to a donated shed from Angie Uttridge being of suitable size. Ken to organize a measure up.
- Replacement for two door fridge in bar – David Hearle to speak with Cellar Supplies, who may have contacts for second hand option or even assist with funds and will check online second hand sites to establish approx value.

All agreed in principle, subject to final details and costs.

17. Gail advised that a **Fire safety inspection** was scheduled for Monday (07 April). Ken and Gail to be present.

18. Jill Whistler reported that the **Afternoon Triples v. Fairford** on 23 April would now be played at home NOT away. Selection sheets to be altered.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee agreed that their next meeting would be Thursday 08 May 2025 at 2.00pm.

Prepared by:

Andy Todd

Secretary

Signed as a true  
record:

Jill Whistler (President)