

GOSPORT BOWLING CLUB
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

1000 – 6th December – 2025

1. The Chairperson opened the Meeting and hands over to the president for his welcome and asked the assembled members to observe a minutes silence to remember those members who we had sadly lost over the last year.

The minutes silence was honoured and respected by all present.

2. Attendance/Apologies

The Club Secretary (Mandy Wilde) advised that the 2025 Summer Membership numbers were:

Total Membership entitled to vote at AGM = 133

Quorum required = 25% of members entitled to vote = 33

Numbers attending = 48

Apologies = 18

With the required number for a quorum present the AGM has the authorisation to proceed, this is in accordance with the constitution. See attached sheets of attendees.

3. Acceptance of the Minutes of 2024 AGM

The Club Secretary proposed acceptance of the 2024 AGM Minutes.

Proposer – Deral Putt

Seconder – Kim Martin

Those present voted unanimously in favour of the proposal.

4. Matters arising

No matters arising

5. Presidents Report

As I come to the end of my term as President for the Centenary year let us reflect on a very successful year for the Club. The Ladies and Men's captains I'm sure will go into both team and individuals' achievements in more depth.

We had a busy year, which started off with a well-supported opening day, and it was good to see so many of the clubs' ex-presidents in attendance. The increased number of Centenary games and all the friendlies meant the green got little time to recover we were also lucky with the weather so that helped. I am happy to report that we won nothing but praise for the green (even rink 2 and its bend at the end) and the club hospitality this not being a surprise to me as we have always been at the forefront of ensuring guests are looked after.

The Big five Centenary games were well supported. Results below –

- Bowls Hampshire: Gosport Win
- Bowls England : Gosport Win
- Men's P&D : Gosport Win
- Friends of Bowls : F.O.B Win
- Ladies P&D :- Gosport Win

In addition, we hosted a Men's County game against Sussex, I must have seen which way the wind was blowing as I got co-opted to play for the winning team, unfortunately in this case Sussex.

These events could not have been as successful as they were if it was not for all the support that was given by members who were not playing I hope they will all accept my personnel thanks for their hard work, Some great food being produced the Lasagne being a welcome addition to the menu thanks to Andy, Paul, Jason and Mandy and all the teams that work to prepare and serve. Not, forgetting Bob and his band of bar staff who kept us refreshed throughout.

As I said the friendly calendar was very full and we only had to cancel one away game. We at the same time rekindled ties with Chichester and found a new link with Twyford , I know all who played there found it a great little Club with an interesting green.

The Green stood up well and once again Mike and Jason did us proud unfortunately damage towards the end of the season forced us to play only across another reminder that we need to self-police ourselves and players we are playing with, You will have noticed that a lot of work has been carried out on the green with a big effort put in to try and get the aforementioned rink 2 back in check ,we thank them for their continued efforts

Once again successful opens brought nothing but positive comments and Mandy, Jason and Andy's organisational skills ensured these ran seamlessly as always, the Ladies open as always attracted good numbers and Jocelyn Weston who founded this attended. Ron Sellwood saw good numbers and in Centenary year it was nice to see a Gosport Trio take the honours thanks to Lara and Clare for giving me an easy day.

Let us not forget the lower green and the Spring and Winter opens once again attracted teams from far and wide and as I said at Memorial/Founders Day another successful addition to Gosport Bowling Clubs continues to keep us at the forefront of Bowling not only on the peninsula but throughout the P&D/G&F area. With 150 winter members signed on it shows that people want to come to Gosport to play, also borne out by the winter Friendly list.

Once again Paul carried out his maintenance to ensure the Clubs structure was kept sound and with the Lower Green maintenance team keeping it up to scratch we should make it to the projected surface replacement without any issues.

In short, we continue in my opinion (and after 39 years I may have made my mind up) to provide the best value for money around.

I said at the beginning the Ladies and Men's Captains will go into more detail about achievements in the club this year, but I would like to pass on congratulations to Debs Batten, Di O'Conner, Bev Long and Wendy Homeyard for being runners up in the County. Senior 4's Simon Batcheler, Tony Horne, Ian Homeyard and Richard Taylor Area finals and Mandy who managed to juggle work, Secretary

duties for the club and win two internal comps and be runner up in 2. Winner of P&D Consolation singles and G&F ladies Singles, the first woman to win the P&D secretaries and Treasures cup in its history, won 3 out of 4 county area finals only to miss out of a trip to Leamington on defeat at Banister Park. As always and as all visiting officials say she is held in the highest regard by them all and know that if they contact her Gosport will rally to the call.

My thanks to all of you for the support you gave me for my chosen charity Sophie's Legacy for those not aware we raised £ 1561.76 which was handed over to Charlotte Sophie's mum and founder of the charity on closing day.

As always I turn now to my thanks to the Mancom who freely give their time to ensure the club runs smoothly, we have a number of vacancies remaining open and the Mancom will be looking to Co-opt people into these roles as without them we cannot function and fixtures cannot be arranged, Friendlies cannot take place and we run the danger of losing all the goodwill we have worked so hard to put in place.

To the 2025 Mancom many thanks for your continued efforts. Graham is standing down and handing over the keys to the safe thank you for all your efforts

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish Sue all the very best for next year and hope she enjoys her term as Gosport Bowling Club President 2026. I know you will all support her and for Bob Hart as Vice

Can I also take this opportunity to thank Chris Hall for the cleaning activities she carries out and If I have missed any one out when thanking people for their efforts, I am sorry.

Can I take the opportunity to wish all those bowling over the winter a great season, you all a Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you all on the Green next year.

And as always remember what makes Gosport Bowling Club Gosport Bowling Club is you.

6.Secretary's Report

It's been another growth year for membership, we closed the books on Summer with a 11% increase in membership, sitting at 132 members and Winter currently sits at 152 members a current growth of 2%

At recent AGM's both the P&D and BH have requested secretaries to encourage all members to consider attending luncheons and presentation evenings, these associations we are affiliated with work hard throughout the season to deliver an end of season celebration and these events are not just for the winners of competitions, but invites that are open to our full membership, so please next year when you receive email or see notices displayed these invites are for all of you and not just the winners of comps.

BH run a weeklong Tour in Dorset, this is Mon-Friday in November and there are spaces, so please if you are keen to attend a residential then please let me know. As usual I will share info closer to the time, but if you are keen, it's great to get in early.

Following the BH AGM, I am pleased to mention that we have 2 more representatives within BH, Jason Wilde represents the East on the General executive committee (alongside members of LOS, Priory and Milton Park)

Kim Martin is the Social Media Assistant.

I will continue as BH yearbook and members secretary and the presence of GBC members at county level will continue to raise our profile as a club, and we do see benefits of our efforts.

The BH portal enters its second year and with this to accommodate dates set by county we will be moving our summer registration to weekend of 7-8th February, which gives us time to manage membership affiliation before the window closes around the 24th February.

As a county BH did very well in the competitions for 2025, remember you have to be in it to win it, so please add your names to the comp lists once available.

County competition fees will increase to £6.00 for 2026, £4.05 of this goes directly to BE and BH receive the balance.

Ladis P&D comp fees will remain as last year and I am awaiting an update from the men's P&D I did seriously consider my role as Club Secretary for 2026 as the busy centenary year was a lot to manage, it did impact my family life and employment significantly. I am committed to GBC, so this year with a very disciplined approach and only managing areas that I am accountable for I would like to continue as your club secretary. I would like to thank those who took the time to thank me for my efforts and those who emailed thanks these words meant a lot, so thank you.

I would like to thank my fellow mancom colleagues for their support in driving the club forward. Officers of the club are volunteers; they do their best and it is a lot of work. I would also like to thank the members who have helped throughout the year never underestimate how helping in a small way can make a difference.

I would like to close by wishing you all a Happy Christmas and thanks you one more time for your comments and feedback.

7.Treasurer's Report

(see end of minutes for financial tables)

In summary, the club accounts for the year ending 31st October 2025 provided an overall trading profit of £11,094.02, due significantly to our increasing levels of membership and their support for both our bowling and social activities. Members should not assume from this one figure that Gosport is a 'cash rich club', as this surplus has already been allocated in support of this year's reserve towards the future replacement of the all-weather green carpet (£6,500+) and 2025 electricity invoice (£3,500) due from Gosport Borough Council.

Income increased by £4,089.35 this year with good contributions being received from all our main income streams, whilst expenditure increased by £7,766.61, due largely to significantly increased electric charges, new clubhouse furniture and all-weather green repairs.

Looking at the accounts balance sheet, which combines our end of year cash in hand with other existing financial assets and liabilities, the overall net worth of the club has increased this year by £3,929.12 to £44,153.28, a positive indication that subject to the club maintaining its high level of membership, its finances continue to remain strong.

One notable success this year, other than of course enjoying our successful centenary year, is that the club now has sufficient reserved funds in hand for the eventual replacement of the carpet and underlay of the all-weather green, although hopefully this will not be for a few years yet!

Looking ahead to next year there will undoubtedly be increased pressures on the club's profitability. Replacement of the clubhouse central heating system, increased affiliation fees payable to each of Bowls England, Bowls Hampshire and Portsmouth & District B.A, as well as an increase in the club's lease payable to Gosport Borough Council to name a few.

In conclusion, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking Kim Martin and Andrew Sherwen for providing a very detailed examination of the club's accounts for this year, which they reported as

'extremely detailed and found to be in good order'. Also, to thank all members of Mancom over the past 3 years, who have supported me in my role as club treasurer, it has been a pleasure to work with you all.

And very finally I would like to offer my best wishes to whoever will be shortly elected as the new club treasurer for 2026 and assure him of my full support as his assistant treasurer.

A very happy Christmas and peaceful and healthy new year to you all.

Before moving on, there was a vote of thanks from Andrew to Graham

Further to Graham's report, it doesn't really reflect the huge workload that he has undertaken over the last 3 years. In addition to looking after the day-to-day cash flow in and out of the club, Graham has;

Firstly, challenged our energy VAT rating with our electricity supplier, which is effectively Gosport Borough Council and managed to get our club a 5% rating rather than the 20% we were previously paying, something that has saved the club around £450 on last year's energy bill alone.

Secondly, He has sorted out the club's corporation tax liability which involved a mountain of paperwork going back 3 years as demanded by HMRC. This job was a very lengthy process, compiling records and working with an accountant who inspected the club accounts and carried out the tax returns on our behalf and all for a nominal fee.

And thirdly, Graham once again put in a lot of work on our lengthy application for CASC status with HMRC. CASC was discussed in detail at the Mancom, I do know that there have been some mutterings within the club that we didn't need it. But, if you understand CASC you will know the benefits are clear and huge for the club, we finally achieved approval in January this year; This year alone we have saved approximately £600 in corporation tax because of our exemption CASC status has now given us, plus no ongoing accountants fees for future corporation tax submissions. With business rates we were in a position where the club has to apply for 100% 'discretionary' relief every year to GBC, and strictly speaking we do not fully comply with their requirements, relief could be refused at any time, it was a huge risk to the club finances. Under HMRC CASC rules we now have a mandatory 80% reduction in business rates, so we only have to apply for the remaining 20% each year as a discretionary. This has reduced our potential rates bill from £6250 a year down to £1250. Other potential benefits include use of Gift Aid, more favourable grant applications etc. etc.

So, I would like to record a huge debt of Gratitude to Graham for all his hard work. And of course his assistant Pauline who is always there both working behind the scenes and counting the cash at all of the clubs bowling and social events. Many thanks to both of them.

8. Mens Captain's Report

Finding myself in the "unusual" position of acting men's captain.

This report will be short. Much of the relevant information has been covered in other reports.

I have looked after with the ladies' captain 2 friendly games this winter. Firstly, the annual Dales cup against our friends from Cowplain. As you may know Cowplain were a tremendous help and support to the club when we were pursuing getting an all-weather green.

The Dales cup is an annual match played between the 2 clubs. As the current holders we were looking forward to retaining the trophy but on the day we came second.

We were due to play a home match v Portchester but with both clubs unable to field full teams this game had to be cancelled.

The Men's 1st team gained promotion to Div 1 of the P&D. the combination team had a solid season and the red mid-week triples were runners up.

Last year was a busy season. My thanks and congratulations to all players and captains.

Here s to 2026.

9. Ladies Captain Report

This has been my first year as Ladies Captain & must say I think we have done very well in our individual teams for the Hampshire Competitions with some Ladies becoming new County 'badged' players. (Bev, Debs B, Di, Sue H, Jen, Carol T, Kim and myself)

Several teams reached the Quarter Finals at Banister Park, Mandy in the Singles, a Triples team also reached the Quarter Finals (Mandy Kim, Wendy) plus a team of four also made it to the Quarter Finals (Mandy, Carol T, Sue & Jen) but I must mention that the Senior Fours reached the Final & were Hampshire Runners Up (Debs B, Bev, Di, Wendy) & at the Hampshire lunch on 19th October we were presented with a plate which now sits in the club trophy cabinet. Since I have been at the club, I'm not aware of any Ladies team making a final so I am very proud of our achievement.

A well done to Lara Taylor who was selected to play in the Amy Rose representing Hampshire.

With Ladies inter club competitions we have unfortunately not been so successful finding that on more than one occasion 'play on dates' we've known about for months suddenly seem to clash with individual competitions or even our own club finals. I had tried to rearrange games but was not successful due to a full calendar for us & our opponents & unfortunately we were also not successful in any of our Mixed Inter Club games earlier in the season.

Then to the Ladies B League, which was sometimes challenging, we had 4 grass & 4 all-weather teams in our league, but we did our best & that's all I can ask, winning is nice but enjoying the game is what counts & next year will be exactly the same as we lose Hayling but gain Portchester.

10. Safeguarding Officers Report

It is good to see that after some initial resistance safeguarding has finally moved forward at a pace, not just within our area, but nationally with over 99% of clubs compliant, as of June this year only 9 clubs remained non-compliant. Bowls England is handling several new Safeguarding cases each month, some involving complex statutory liaison.

Just as a reminder, we are now in a position where having a trained Safeguarding Officer is a mandatory condition of affiliation to Bowls England, Safeguarding training and DBS checks are now also an integral part of coaching.

Whilst issues have been raised within our club as potential Safeguarding over the past year, some did need very careful consideration, but none required any action under the

Safeguarding Regulations. Having said that, I am happy to receive many Safeguarding reports which end up being dealt with as non-safeguarding issues, rather than receive nothing and have that one

issue which does fall under Safeguarding slip through the net. So many thanks to individuals who do feel that they were able to raise concerns.

If anyone feels that they would like to discuss safeguarding or simply wishes to have more information, please feel free to contact me any time. There is free introduction to safeguarding training available from Bowls Development Alliance.

11. Social Secretary's Report

As we come to the end of what has been a particularly busy and memorable year, I would like to share a brief reflection on our social calendar and extend my thanks to everyone who has supported the Social Section.

This year was not only a full bowling season but also our Centenary Year, which naturally brought a very full and congested diary of celebrations. Because of this, our usual social programme was lighter than normal. I would like to offer my apologies to any members who felt there were not enough social activities, including live bands and other events. The focus on honouring the club's 100-year milestone meant we had to prioritise certain commitments, but your feedback has been heard and appreciated.

As the busy summer and bowling season ended, we were delighted to bring back and support a few well-attended activities, including horse racing evenings, quizzes and our traditional carol service. A huge thank-you to Richard and his team for keeping bingo running so smoothly and consistently all year round, which continues to attract great numbers.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the helpers and volunteers who have supported the Social/catering Section throughout the year. From the kitchen—manic but always fun—to the organisers working behind the scenes, your efforts have been invaluable. My appreciation also goes to the bar staff, who have always supported our social events whenever needed.

As I step down from my role, I want to offer my very best wishes to the individual who will be taking over. It has been an honour to serve as Social Secretary for the past few years, and I am extremely proud of what we have achieved together. I will always be here to support the club as it continues to grow and move forward.

Thank you all for your support, enthusiasm, and dedication.

Before moving on

Jim spoke and thanked Jason for his hard work over the 3 years he held the post as Social Secretary and mentioned to have better use of annual leave now we had made it through the centenary.

12. Maintenance Managers Report

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the AWG maintenance teams for all the hard work during the year. A few members have stood down this year after a few years in the teams and welcome to the new members that have joined the teams.

A big thank you to the ladies for their excellent work maintaining the ladies' toilets, changing room foyer and lounge area. I'm looking for male volunteers to maintain the gents' toilets and changing room and cleaning windows.

Mike has been busy preparing the green for next season as well as cutting the hedges down to a manageable height. The council have been down to look at the trees around the estate and

It's hoped that they will pollard the trees and repair the path round the All-Weather Green due to damage by tree roots.

Chubb carried out the annual inspection on our fire Extinguishers. Gas safe check were carried out and all passed. Unfortunately, our central heating boiler failed a week later

We already had quotes in hand to replace the central heating boiler with a combi boiler.

Thanks again for your support

Wishing you all a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year

13. Proposals

a. G&F Green fees

Jim proposed that there should be a £1 greens fee for home teams playing each other - Seconder Ken Stanbury

Those present voted unanimously in favour of the proposal.

b. Membership fees

Andrew proposed an increase of membership fees as follows

Summer membership fees full member £90

No change to Junior or Associate members fees

Winter membership fees

GBC Summer members £40 and Winter only membership fees £53

Steve Cory seconded this proposal

Those present voted unanimously in favour of the proposal.

c. Election of Officers - Club Secretary

There was to be a vote during the AGM for Treasurer, however during the meeting, one person withdrew their name as a contender, so the vote did not take place

The following posts were highlighted as vacant, and these posts would be co-opted in at the first mancom meeting of 2026.

- Fixtures Secretary
- Independent account examiners
- Assistant Competition secretary

Before the AGM minutes were distributed, another Post became vacant and this would also be co-opted in by the management committee.

- Blue Team Captain

The following officers were duly elected for 2026

Management Committee	
Club Secretary	Mandy Wilde
Treasurer	Andrew Sherwen
Men's Captain	Neil Roderick
Ladies Captain	Wendy Homeyard
Assistant/Ladies Secretary	Kim Martin
Social secretary	Mandie Bedford
Maintenance manager	Paul Tansley
Safeguarding Officer	Andrew Sherwen
Vice President/Chairman	Bob Hart
Non Management Committee Posts	
Assitant Secretary	Kim Martin
Assistant treasurer	Graham Olden
Members Secretary	Mandy Wilde
School Liaison	Colin Mckinley
Web Master	Kim Martin
Independent account examiners	Kim Martin
P&D	
Men's First Team Captain	Ian Homeyard
Men's Combination Captain	Paul Tansley
Men's MWT Red Captain	Paul Tansley
Men's MWT Green Captain	Jason Wilde
Ladies Vice Captain	Bev Long
G&F	
G&F Co-ordinator	Ian Homeyard
White Team Captain	Ian Knowlton
Silver Team Captain	Jason Wilde
Amber Team Captain	Sue Hillary
Gold Team Captain	Ian Homeyard
Internal competitions	
Competitions Secretary (summer)	Di
Winter competition Secretary	Di
Hospitality	
Catering Manager	Jason Wilde
Bar Manager	Ged Evans
Assistant Bar Manager	Bob Hart
Greens Committee	Andrew Sherwen
	Ian Homeyard
	George Newton
Social Team	Carol de Neuville
	Mandy Wilde
	Paul Tansley
	Tony Winkworth
	Cathi Lund
	Jason Wilde
Gardening Team	Dave Hillary
	Janet Cowan
	Carol De Neuville
	Nick De Neuville
Catering team	Andy Starr
	Mandy Wilde
	Helen Austin
	Janet Cowan
	Tony Peelo
	Liz Hart
	Steve Cory
Cleaning Team	Chris Hall
	Bev Long
	Linda Pixley

CLUB TRUSTEES Jim Oswell/ Janet Cowan

***Before agreeing the date for the 2026 AGM

- There was a trophy presentation for “Member of the year”. Linda Pixley was awarded this as acknowledgement of her continued support.

d. DATE OF 2025 AGM – Club Secretary

The Secretary proposed Saturday 5th December 10am as the date for the 2026 AGM.

Seconder Tom Start

Those present voted unanimously in favour of the proposal.

Meeting was closed at 10.45am

Gosport Bowling Club - 1st Nov'24 - 31st Oct'25

Income		2024/25	2023/24
Membership Fees (Summer)	£	10,396.25	8,785.70
Member Fees (Winter)	£	6,631.50	6,140.00
Green Fees	£	1,779.10	1,893.01
Competition Fees	£	2,679.40	2,427.08
Bar Contribution	£	8,500.00	10,000.00
Catering	£	3,136.50	1,643.00
Social Club Contribution	£	1,515.60	2,002.60
Locker Fees	£	299.00	271.50
Clothing Stock Sales	£	1,078.60	976.00
Lounge Bookings	£	240.00	320.00
Raffles	£	3,199.84	1,567.28
Grants, Donations & Advertising	£	110.00	350.00
Interest on Accounts	£	3,170.02	2,807.85
Other Income	£	65.60	57.41
Presidents Fund	£	1,556.69	0.00
Centenary Fund	£	891.50	224.50
Ladies MiniBus Fund	£	-	1,509.32
Social Fund	£	-	185.00
TOTAL INCOME	£	45,249.60	£ 41,160.25
Expenditure		2024/25	2023/24
Lease	£	9,600.00	12,000.00
Insurance	£	795.67	765.48
Premises Licence	£	180.00	360.00
Utilities (Electric, Gas & Water)	£	4,563.46	1,817.32
Buildings & Equip. Maintenance	£	1,847.05	2,405.56
Waste Disposal	£	631.13	672.11
TV & Music Licences	£	648.79	169.50
Accountancy & Admin	£	505.90	890.38
Fees & Affiliation Charges	£	2,014.16	1,470.50
Competition Trophies/Prizes	£	1,914.99	1,930.46
Clothing Stock Purchases	£	886.91	630.56
Raffle Costs	£	1,768.14	779.58
Other Expenditure	£	33.95	247.68
Equipment	£	2,284.20	174.35
Lower Green Maintenance	£	3,304.57	658.92
Corporation Tax	£	461.29	286.40
Presidents Fund	£	1,551.69	638.86
Centenary Fund	£	1,163.68	361.31
Ladies Mini Bus Fund	£	-	130.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£	34,155.58	£ 26,388.97
SURPLUS / (DEFICIT)	£	11,094.02	£ 14,771.28

Gosport Bowling Club - 31st October, 2025**Balance Sheet**

Current Assets	2024/25	2023/24
Barclays Current Account	11,831.23	10,677.23
Barclays Deposit Account	27,111.02	23,799.72
UTB Account	0.00	57.07
Cash in Hand	0.29	3.07
Bar Account	1,262.45	1,328.73
Bar Stock	1,496.28	1,452.73
Social Float	114.69	0.00
Catering Float	135.96	0.00
Clothing Stock	924.00	1,040.00
Sundries (Badges, Stickers Caps etc)	26.00	21.00
Sub-Total Current Assets	42,901.92	38,379.55
Non-Current Assets		
UTB Bond (02.11.26)	66,688.57	60,000.00
UTB Bond Interest (02.11.26)	2,700.88	2,856.00
Sub-Total Non-Current Assets	69,389.45	62,856.00
TOTAL ASSETS	112,291.37	101,235.55
Current Liabilities		
AWG Contingency	62,305.28	55,673.88
AWG Repairs	0.00	2,000.00
Electric & Water to GBC	3,500.00	1,000.00
British Gas Lite Electricity Credit	508.49	0.00
Locker Key Deposits	440.00	410.00
Centenary Fund	0.00	363.19
Ladies Minibus Fund	1,379.32	1,379.32
Social Fund	0.00	185.00
Presidents Fund	5.00	0.00
TOTAL LIABILITES	68,138.09	61,011.39
NET WORTH	44,153.28	40,224.16