



Bowls Hampshire Executive Meeting

25th March 2026

1. **Apologies received:** Peter Sunderland, Anji Smith, Margaret Leppard, Mandy Wilde, Allan Leppard, David Brindley, Margaret Holden, Mandy Orchard, Jason Wilde, Min Wright, Ric Newsom, Maxeen Fletcher, Lynn Booth, Richard Purchase, Malcolm James,

2. **Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 17th September 2025** (previously distributed)

Proposed by Doug Nazer, seconded by Liz Bingley, unanimously agreed.

3. **Matters Arising**

Richard introduced and welcomed the new County Disciplinary Officer Lance Thomas, who has already been involved and Hazel added her thanks for the work he had already completed.

Update from the Bowls England AGM and Zoom meeting earlier in the day.

Hazel gave an update on items presented at the BE AGM. The key points were

- Following David Tuckers retirement, the New BE Chairman is Jonathan (Jo) Doust
- Kim Harris is the Bowls England President for a 3-year term
- Affiliation is up by 3% Men and down by 9% for Ladies
- Expenses increased but at a lower rate compared to income (planned surplus of £17988 actual surplus on balance sheet £20,030)
- 3 new competitions in 2025 proved very successful. BH did exceptionally well winning U17 Grace Read, Foundation Pairs Charlie Crook & Aksana Nevlev and the County over 60's mixed runners up.
- Various education club session, all free including a recommended "Annual Club Health Checker". HM to emails the clubs informing them of these offerings.
- £300k funding from Sport England for Junior Pathway development. Approximately six clubs to be chosen to push this development. HM to contact Banister Park suggesting they apply.
- No Big Bowls Weekend due to Commonwealth Games instead B.E are pushing Big Bowls Summer. HM checked with B.E. as to whether new members will still get first year free affiliation, the answer was NO.

Tim then gave an update from the Counties Zoom meeting held in the morning;

- There is a free package on line to advertise the Big Bowls Summer.
- There is a lot of work being done with the Armed Forces to encourage them to try out bowling.
- Competitions are up in most areas.
- Change of date for the Counties Meeting usually held in November, this year it will be 24th October 2026
- There were two vacancies for Area BE Vice Presidents, no one applied from the South East B.E. have appointed Danny Holland Vice President South West.
- Update on the work to amalgamate the outdoor and indoor Bowls Associations. Following a presentation at the AGM, Steve Warren contacted Tim to discuss their proposals, it appears both the options on the table move towards the Indoor Bowls Association Structure moving away from Counties. It appears the consultants believe that it is not feasible moving forward that 35 Counties have control of the Board. It would appear that there would be a new

Company set up moving away from the current structure. The Executive don't believe this is doable! Steve Warren is looking to talk to as many clubs and Counties as possible, Tim informed him we would let him know when it was suitable to come to Hampshire.

Provisional Calendar

The calendar will be finalised once the dates have been added for the Junior Singles and Pairs. This year their competitions have been merged and the format may have to change but until B.E. send me their latest calendar, I am not able to finalise the dates. Action: HM

4. Finance Update

Carl confirmed:

- Match fees for 2026 as £12.00 which was agreed at the Sept Executive.
- Some Coasts have been returned to the cupboard, so there is a choice this year of a coaster or a key ring.
- IOW matches, no friendlies this year but both the John's and Mixed Over 60's will be playing on the IOW as was agreed last year £20.00 will be paid to each player who then makes their own arrangements to travel to the IOW.

5. New Online System

Carl informed the Exec that the membership affiliations had all been completed on time, although there were a few who left it to the very last minute. From a competition view point overall the men's entries are down but the ladies are up.

Hazel informed the meeting that following a few hiccups the competitions had been drawn with the exception of the Ladies in the South and the Men in the East. Most draws with dates will be finalised by close of business tomorrow. Hazel suggested that the once the Area Secretaries were happy, they had everything completed to let the clubs in their area know they were available.

6. BH Vacancies

There are currently three vacancies, County Administrator, County Competition Secretary and County Development Officer. All vacancies have been sent to all the clubs but as yet no one has replied requesting further information or interest.

Hazel stated that if no one came forward prior to the AGM she was prepared to close the books and walk away. The Chair Richard said she had his full support and encouraged everyone on the Executive to speak with members within their area to see if there was anyone suitable to come forward.

7. BE Uniform

- Effective the 2026 season the new shirt will be worn for all matches. Carl has purchased some new stock so there should be enough. Bottoms should be dark navy and the current Jacket is still to be worn. The price of the shirt is £25 and the price of the BH Jacket is £50.

8. Date of Next Meeting / Any Other Business

Hazel informed the meeting that Hayling Island had applied for a mixed match to celebrate their 50th Anniversary in 2027. A date to be agreed later in the season and will be confirmed at the September Executive meeting.

As there were no further questions. Richard closed the meeting at 19:50pm

The next Executive Meeting is Wednesday 16th September 7:00pm