

CHELTENHAM WHADDON BOWLING CLUB

MINUTES OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

Held at the clubhouse on Thursday 04 September 2025 at 2.00pm

Present: Graham Hughes, Dave Hooper, Andy Todd, Gail Gilbert, Debby Hooper, Peter McGiffie, David Hearle, Ken Campbell

APOLOGIES

Dave Simmons, Julie Beaven, Micky Martin, Mike Newman

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. The minutes of the previous meeting on 12 August 2025 had been circulated and there being no objections were approved and signed as a true record by the President.

MATTERS ARISING

2. Peter McGiffie complained that he had not been informed of the change of date for the previous meeting. Andy apologised and would make sure it did not happen again, when a meeting date was changed at short notice.

3. We then discussed the outstanding items on the updated Action List:

- 2409/01: David Hearle reported that we had some commitment from Cellar Supplies and Avonmore to provide sponsorship but had not agreed what form it would take. Remains in progress.
- 2501/01: Andy would put out a reminder to members that we needed ideas for the Centenary. Dave Hooper passed on suggestions arising from conversations with opposing captains: a game with the Royal Household at Windsor Park, for which we could use one of our coach trips and, despite some limitations, would be attractive to members. We might also consider games against the Barbarians BC or with representative BE or GBA teams. Experience from other clubs indicated that playing a BE team was expensive and GBA might be a better solution.
- 2502/03: no real progress. With regard to safety handrails for the corners of the green, Gail much preferred a design with rounded, rather than angular tubing.
- 2506/03: Andy was continuing to add more content to the trial website and would have something to demonstrate to members by the AGM.
- 2508/02: Dave Simmons had confirmed renewal of contract with Avonmore. Completed.

REPLACEMENT OF CHILLER IN CELLAR

4. David Hearle had obtained 2 quotes, both between £3 and 4k, to replace the failed unit. He noted that the beer and lager had lasted much longer than expected, despite the lack of cooling, and the cider and Guinness were still OK. He had advice that kegs kept best at a steady temperature, so with the weather turning cooler, we have the opportunity to consider other potentially cheaper ways to achieve this.

5. Since most of the heat generated in the cellar came from the beet cooler unit, Dave Hooper suggested that we could install a large extractor fan to dissipate it, which would probably be sufficient in cooler weather. In hotter conditions we could acquire a portable air conditioner to reduce the cellar temperature. A

further suggestion was to turn off the cooler, when not needed, however, this was probably impractical. A better idea would be to arrange for a service (not done for a long time), which may improve performance. We resolved the following plan of action:

- Install a large extractor fan in the cellar
- Arrange for the cooler unit to be serviced
- If required, purchase a portable air conditioner to regulate temperature in hot weather.

AOB

6. Andy reported that arrangements for **Finals weekend** were in hand. Gail was organising sandwiches and cakes and was confident that catering would be sufficient.

7. Andy asked whether the Committee wished to put forward to the AGM a proposal made earlier in the year to **abolish the discounted subscription for new bowlers**. While there was potential to deter new players from joining the Committee felt this was outweighed by the potential for unfairness to full paying members. Andy would draw up a resolution to put to the AGM. The Committee had no further proposals for the AGM.

Action: 2509/01

8. In previous discussions on club uniform we had considered the possibility of a **standard grey for shorts & trousers**. Graham had asked Andy to research the pricing and options for the Aceit tailored shorts which looked suitable. Current price of these for both men and ladies is £34 for shorts, £37 for trousers and they do a $\frac{3}{4}$ length for ladies. They also offer the option of customising, for example a club logo/crest. They also have a slightly cheaper range in a less tailored style. If we did select a standard club shorts, we should put it into the club rules, which every member agrees to. Andy agreed to find out whether there was any discount for bulk orders and whether they would provide samples of the fabrics offered. **Action: 2509/02**

9. Graham was concerned that members who did not serve at the bar still had **sets of bar keys**. There was also a set of keys in the key safe and the combination was widely known. We concluded that this was an issue for the Bar Review subcommittee to consider.

10. In view of recent **thefts of trophies** from other clubs Graham asked about **alarm system**: we have the security cameras but the old alarm system had long since failed. We knew that some trophies were silver (hallmarked) and therefore of more value but even the EPNS ones would be expensive to replace, though we do have insurance.

11. Gail was aware that BE **policy on smoking** prohibited it both on the green and on the surrounds, but allowed clubs to set their own rules on this. We do not have a formal policy or rule, however the convention is that smoking on the green itself is forbidden. Though the club has very few smokers we felt that we should have a policy, which Gail agreed to draft.

Action: 2509/03

12. Gail also asked about the use of **glasses and bottles around the green**. Again, we have no formal rule, though it is generally accepted that glasses must not be taken onto the green. She noted that there had been a number of falls around the green recently, fortunately none serious, but could have been much worse if people were carrying glasses or bottles. As a matter of safety, therefore, we should make it a rule that only plastic glasses should be allowed outside.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

13. We agreed that our next meeting would take place at 2.00pm on Thursday 09 October.

Prepared by:

Andy Todd

Secretary

Signed as a true
record:

Graham Hughes (President)