



Bowls Hampshire Executive Meeting

17th September 2025

1. **Attendees:**

Richard Shelley, Carl Taylor, Geoff Jessup, Liz Bingley, Hazel Marke, Lesley Taylor, Dough Nazer, Sue Lewis Parkes, Allan Leppard, Jim Marsland, Margaret Leppard, Mike Squires, Mandy Wilde, Min Wright, Margaret Holden, Charlie Bumstead, Chris Brett, Adie Booth, Maxeen Fletcher, Tim Orr.

Apologies received:

Colin Bingley, Mary Varndell, David Bindley, Kay Kerley, Tom Regan Atkins, Marian Bailey, Malcolm James, Paula Haynes, Mandy Orchar, Alex Tymon, Carol Broomfield, Lynn Booth, Debbie Dance.

2. **Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 2024** (previously distributed)
Proposed by Sue Lewis Parkes seconded by Maxeen Fletcher unanimously agreed.

3. **Matters Arising**

Allan asked if the Coaching query had been resolved, Margaret Holden who had raised the point at the last meeting said it had now been resolved and Coach Bowls had now taken over the responsibility for any coaching via the Hampshire appointed coaching coordinator Anji Smith.

There were no other matters arising.

4. **Finance Update**

Carl informed the meeting that due to the success of Hampshire teams this year as well as both ladies and men's friendlies being played on the IOW, this year would see a deficit of £8000 for the County. He also informed the meeting that as identified at the last AGM and discussed at the recent Management and Finance meeting there would have to be increases for 2026. These are as follows;

- **Affiliation fees:** There hasn't been an increase by Bowls Hampshire since 2011. Currently the Bowls Hampshire charge £2.50 which needs to raise by £1.00 to £3.50. Bowls England charged £7.10 in 2025 which will rise in line with Octobers CPI figure this means an approx. increase of 30p. Making the affiliation charge for 2026 £10.90. This increase was proposed by Carl the and seconded by the Management and Finance committee, the Executive committee voted unanimously to agree this increase.

- **Competition fees** are currently £5.00 of which Bowls England take £4.00, in previous years Bowls Hampshire received £1.50 from the competition fees but in 2025 this was reduced to £1.00 due to the Bowls England increase. Bowls England have already informed us that the figure will increase to £4.05 in 2026. Bowls Hampshire will increase the competition fees to £6.00. This was proposed by Carl and seconded by the Management & Finance committee, the Executive committee voted unanimously to agree this increase.

- **Match Fees** remained at £10.00 in 2025 but with a loss to the County this figure is not sustainable, Carl recommended an increase of £2.00 which was seconded by the Management and Finance committee. The chair then asked the floor for any comments, following a lengthy discussion by the members Executive who felt it should raise by £2.50 or £3.00. It was agreed to go with the Treasurers proposal and increase the match fees by £2.00 to £12.00. This was unanimously agreed by the members of the Executive.

- **Honorariums** Richard explained that the honorariums were discussed at the Management and Finance committee and requested Carl and Hazel do a review and make recommendations to the Executive. Carl explained that there was no rational for the current discrepancies and following the implementation of the

online system, it was agreed that the workload had decreased and it was hoped would further decrease with all the BH members becoming even more familiar with it.

He explained there would be no change to this year's honorary which would be paid following the AGM. For 2026 the recommendation is that the honorarium is £450.00 for Area Secretaries, Match Secretaries, Year Book Secretary and Assistant Secretary, with no change to the Treasurer and Secretary. Carl proposed and Hazel seconded this change which was put to the Executive for a vote. One member abstained and all other members agreed to the change.

Carl also mentioned that moving forward the current BH structure should be reviewed with the possibility of some roles being combined. Richard suggested this should be initially looked at by a sub committee which could be formed after the AGM.

5. BH Officers Nominations

Hazel informed the Executive that a nomination for the 2026 Men's Vice President had been received from Fleet United nominating Peter Sunderland. He has been sent the Presidential guidelines and will be voted in at the AGM as no one else has come forward.

With reference to the 2026 Ladies Vice President, there was a nomination but the individual had to withdraw due to moving area and clubs. Since the meeting I have had an enquiry from a lady who has been asked by her club if they can nominate her but I am now awaiting confirmation as to whether this is going to happen. We have also had a volunteer come forward for the Webmaster position but this needs to be confirmed as to whether the individual wishes to assist Carl with the Web or take over the position.

6 New Online system

Just a quick update on the new online system, following the Management and Finance meeting where the Match Secretaries and the Area Secretaries were asked for feedback which was predominately positive. There were some suggestions for changes which have been added to the list for discussion at the User meeting with all the other Counties who currently use the online system. I have also had feedback from club secretaries and their members which also been positive. Richard asked if Carl had anything to add and he said it had all been covered. Richard then thanked both Carl and Hazel for their work and said in his experience being involved in systems, he felt it had been extremely successful for its first year.

7. Over 60's Mixed Competition Manager.

Hazel congratulated the Managers Kay Kerley and Tim Orr who pulled together the new Mixed Over 60's team which did brilliantly and reached the National final to be piped in the final by 6 shots by Northamptonshire and win the Silver. Due to their success Hazel recommended rather than advertise for a manager if Kay and Tim were willing to continue the Executive endorse that they remain for a further year when all the County Managers for the senior and junior competitions would be due to be advertised. Tim agreed if Kay was also willing to continue. Since the meeting Tim has contacted Kay and she has agreed to continue with Tim as Managers. They won't be having a trial but inviting players to apply and choose the team from them.

8. Changes to BE County Competitions

Hazel went through the changes recommended by BE for the Walker, Balcomb, Amy Rose and White Rose which would be discussed at the BE Counties Meeting in November and then ratified at the AGM. The BE document will be attached with these minutes so that any views and recommendation can be given following the AGM at the Executive meeting prior to the Counties meeting taking place.

9. Bowls England Update

Hazel explained that Bowls England would be holding a Special General Meeting to propose article changes in relation to the recruitment of the Chair and President of Bowls England. The agenda and papers for the Special General Meeting and County Conference will be sent out ahead of the event.

The changes which will be voted on are as follows;

BE President changes.

- Six elected Regional Vice Presidents (serving two-year terms)
- One appointed National President (serving a three-year term)

Clarifications were also made:

- Regional Vice Presidents can serve a second term
- The Nominations Committee will confirm eligibility only—not shortlist candidates

The Board has agreed that the National President should be selected through an appointment process, not an election.

BE Chair Appointment

Consider introducing appointed Chair role; address through article changes and timing alignment.

Raise appointed Chair proposal at ANBF county consultations; include in Article 2.19 amendment

Timing of Chair Appointment: Discussion around aligning Chair appointment with governance reforms.

10. BH Luncheon – 19th October 2025

Hazel updated the Executive with the current numbers for the luncheon which stands at just over 50 attendees. Currently the Mens Single's Pairs, Triples and Fours winners and some of the runners up aren't attending and from the Ladies the Triples, Pairs winners and some of the runners up are also not attending. This is extremely disappointing for all the players who took part as previously we have always had most of the winners and runners up attending. I will be chasing some of the players again to see if I can increase his number.

11 Date of Next Meeting / Any Other Business

Prior to the meeting, I received an apology from Paul Haynes who was unable to attend the meeting but requested I give the following feedback.

I would like to feed back to the committee how lovely it was to play in the county friendlies this year. The president and secretary have been encouraging and supportive and it has helped to encourage us all even when we lost.

They have really worked hard with the new systems!

I think their hard work should be recognised.

Richard asked the floor for any further business.

Maxeen informed the Executive that Neil as Treasurer of the HB Coaching Association which has no longer operational. Coach Bowls now looks after coaching with an appointed Hampshire Co-ordinator Anji Smith. Maxeen explained there were still some funds within the account. It was agreed that the funds be transferred to Bowls Hampshire and Carl would keep it separate to be used to assist coaches with their courses. As Hampshire has four areas, and there was approximately £800.00 to be transferred, that each area would be able to assist four coaches with £50.00 each.

Chris Brett then explained that a local charity for the homeless would welcome the old Bowls Hampshire Shirts. Hazel explained that Julie Greenwood also knew of a charity where old sports shirts are donated and sent to Africa for their use. It was agreed to assist both.

Lastly, Hazel informed the Executive that she would be looking to step down. She had already informed the Management and Finance committee, who felt it would be better to split the current role into two to encourage possibly two people to come forward. With the Secretarial and admin being one role and a County Competition Secretary being responsible for running the County competitions from the quarter finals onwards. Hazel was requested to do job descriptions for both and she would email all club secretaries to advertise for someone to shadow her with the view to taking over at the 2026 AGM.

As there were no further items, Richard thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8:05pm.

Next meeting Thursday 20th November 2025 following the AGM at Banister Park.