

HOOK BOWLING CLUB GENERAL COMMITTEE MEETING

10.00AM TUESDAY 1st July 2025

Present: Tim Shenton-Taylor – Chairperson; Elaine Hill – Secretary; Albert Johnson – Treasurer; Dave Clark – Captain; Desiree Gow – Membership Secretary; Steve Wintermeyer – Green Manager; Brenda Walker – Fixture Secretary; Malcolm Gow – President and Bar Manager; Elaine Bennett – Trustee.

Apologies: Jane Tatnall – Ladies Captain

Matter Arising from June's Meeting

**Action to
be taken
before next
meeting.**

1. Minutes approved for June's meeting.
2. Amendments to Constitution – see below.
3. Fire alarm tested. Nigel to be asked to test every Monday at the roll up. A list has been put up and ticked off. Signage for the Marshalling Area is completed. Tim
4. The sunblind has been repaired.
5. Security – discussion with Securitas is ongoing.
6. The aircon unit in the bar is to be removed. Tim
7. Cleaning chemicals are to be moved to the ladies' and gents' toilets. Equipment is to be left where it is in the men's changing room. Tim/David F
8. There are two bowls bags left for sale - £5 each – money to charity. Desiree
9. COSH signage is still to be completed by David Fisher.
10. Grab bag for the fire exit is still to be done. Tim/David F
11. Fire Procedure for people running events is still to be done. Tim/David F
12. Moving the bins – the hardstanding still needs to be done. The key holder is responsible for putting out the bins. Tim/David F
13. To prevent the walls from being marked by people leaning against them it was proposed in an earlier meeting to put a Perspex/acrylic buffer strip on the wall all around the room. However, after further discussion it was decided this was not necessary because it would be expensive and the Perspex would also need cleaning. Next time there is a repaint we will use better quality paint that is washable. Steve
14. Safety film to be fitted to glass of the internal doors.
15. Greenkeeper – a meeting took place with Steve Larby – see below. Elaine H
16. A new green brush has been ordered.
17. Some of the moss has been cleaned from the paths. This is ongoing.
18. David Fisher is talking to the council about the drains, this is ongoing. David has a contact name. We would like to see a copy of the site plans.
19. The grant request by us from the Parish Council may require them seeing our accounts – see further discussion below. Dave/Steve
20. Rink bookings are now ok and not being overwritten. Elaine B
21. A tablet for the bar is not required. The bar prices have been reviewed.
22. The mains water stopcock has been found.
23. The feed for the gas is with the meter and located outside.
24. Pole of players to be conducted to see if they would like an additional morning roll-up for the indoor season via the newsletter in September. Elaine H

New Business

1. Chairperson's report

- a. HPC have agreed to pay for the asbestos survey. We have given an up-to-date account on the completed actions they required.

2. Treasurer's report

- a. The bill for the men's toilets has made the accounts £400 less than published. Income is down from last year by a small amount, but less friendly games are being played and the U3A are not hiring the hall.
- b. Our electricity bill is going up.
- c. We will leave the bank account where it is rather than looking for a more interest one.
- d. We have quite a good reserve of funds which means it could be unlikely that we will be granted funds from HPC. We must therefore decide if we want to make an application.

Elaine B

3. Captain's report

- a. Congratulations were given to Brenda Grout who won her Bowls England Senior Pairs semifinal. She is now through to the area semifinal. We can watch her this Sunday morning at 10.50am against a pair from Bedhampton, Havant. Dave to put a note in the newsletter.
- b. Score cards – we are running out. We have used 1000 cards, but McCarthy Stone will not supply more. They are overspent at the moment. They might reconsider in November. We will write to them thanking them for their sponsorship support and ask them if they would like their banner back. The same action will be taken with the Rawlings although the banner has been binned. Dave shared a quote for new cards, and it was agreed that he should go ahead and purchase them.
- c. Friendlies – a game was cancelled. It was Fathers' Day, but the opposition were able to field a team. Games are opened 14 days in advance and the following Saturday, teams are selected. For friendlies perhaps we should give a window of a week for people to sign up. Dave will also remind people at the roll-ups and ask them to play. We need more experienced skips to come through, but hopefully with the competitions releasing players there should be more people to call on.
- d. External competitions – Mike Drapper and Martyn Kee are out but they did very well. Lynne Voce and Alan Phillips are in the quarter final of the over 60s pairs.
- e. We hosted the Ladies Rinks Final which went very well. Thank you to Brenda for the teas.
- f. We are not hosting the men's Bowls Hampshire final. They have changed the booking to Alton.
- g. We will say yes to hosting the Bowls Hampshire Men's County Pairs on Wednesday 23rd July.

Dave/Elaine

Tim
Dave

Dave

4. Ladies Captain's report

- a. In Jane's absence, Brenda mentioned that someone didn't like it that the team wasn't published for the Top Club and Tony Alcock, these are major competitions. This item needs to be discussed when Jane is present. It was felt that Captains needed to do more in the newsletter to get people to watch. The strongest side should always be picked.

Jane/Dave

5. Fixture Secretary's report

- a. July is very quiet because we have cut down on games. Games like 100up and the Australian Pairs were very popular. Perhaps more games should be organised for September before the green closes.

Brenda

Dave Moore's 321 is to be played. Social play is always very well supported.

6. Bar Manager's report

- a. Storeroom update – the rug has gone. An ice-cream tub has filled the hole and been taped down to stop the tripping hazard. Someone is donating a small safe for under the bar. A meeting is to be held with all the involved people so that we can move on with this refurbishment.

7. Green Manager's report

- a. The meeting with Steve Larby, greenkeeper, went very well. The green is looking excellent. He is not going to give us a hard detailed contract but will speak to the person who mows the lawn, and we will maintain and informal dialog with him. Steve
- b. The markings will be painted.
- c. The tarmac with be repaired.

8. Maintenance Update

- a. Tim put together the 25 maintenance things. Tim to meet with Dave and bring updated version back to the meeting. Tim

9. Constitution

- a. Who do we want on the committee? 8 people is a good number. We can always invite extras in. Should we have someone without a role? Tim to produce a draft of who should be committee members.
- b. Should we have a maintenance co-ordinator officially? Yes.
- c. The president role is currently for one year, but the president can be re-elected.
- d. No need for sub committees.
- e. New member process. Are we happy for Dave and Desiree are entitled to decide there and then they can have membership? Yes.
- f. Do we have Public Liability? Yes, with Aviva.
- g. Visitors book – No visitors fees. Not required. Members are responsible for their visitor's safety.
- h. Of the people who join as pro rata members how many renew in September? Should we also offer a whole year membership? No, people drop out because they don't want to play bowls not because of the fees. Pro rata payments for part year joining will continue.
- i. Borrowing – leave it in.
- j. Indemnification – should it stay in? Yes.
- k. Rules of play – three organisations are mentioned is this correct? Yes.
- l. Tim to rejig.

AOB

1. It is thought that a wheelchair would be very helpful for people to use if there was an unfortunate accident. Malcolm is to ask St Mary's Hospice if they have one that they don't require and could give to us. Tim
2. Cleaning – we have persistent offenders who do not do their allocated dates. Desiree is to get a quote for a cleaner, then we will discuss further. Malcolm
Desiree
3. Discussion took place about who should be given Life Membership. Should it apply to playing members and social members? People can be nominated by the committee, and these points will be reviewed at the AGM. Tim

Meeting closed 12.35pm. Next meeting – **10.00am Tuesday 5th August 2025.**