

**BERKHAMSTED BOWLS CLUB**  
**Meeting Number 24 - 9**  
**Tuesday 1 October 2024**  
**17:00 at The Clubhouse, Berkhamsted Bowls Club**

**Committee Members:** Colin Shortall, Janet Hart, Christine Sims (chair), Becky Davis, Alison Maddison

**Invited members:** none

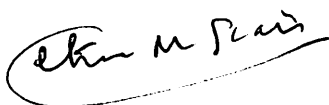
**Apologies for absence:** Chris Gray

		<b>Action</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Minutes of Meeting No. 24/8</b> Minutes of the meeting on 10 September 2024 were signed by Christine Sims in the meeting and were subsequently filed in the Green file in the club and on the website.	
<b>2</b>	None in addition to those already covered in the Agenda	
<b>3</b>	<b>Treasurers report including Green expenditure report</b> Colin presented his draft financial summary for the year to 30 September 2024, showing an overall profit of £3,487 for the year although this is still subject to further adjustments.  Colin also then presented the committee with a breakdown of the Green and Surrounds costs for the year to 30 September 2024 and an estimate for the year to 30 September 2025. In this next year, we anticipate an overall expenditure of about £15,000 on the greens and grounds including £5,600 for Kevin Brazier and £5,000 to Stay Sharp for the servicing of 2 lawnmowers and new cylinders – up from £12,200 this year.	Colin
<b>4</b>	<b>Update regarding Chris Gray</b> Christine had contacted Chris Gray over the complaints received – mostly over the finals weekend and various emails. In summary, Chris Gray does regret his behaviour and actions over the Finals' weekend and apologises to all Members for any offence caused. He also mentioned that he will not be seeking to renew his club bowls membership next year, but wishes to remain a social member for the purposes of joining in the various activities, especially during the winter months.  The committee agreed that the matter was closed and decided not to send the email to all members. It was decided that Christine would let the complainants know the outcome.	Christine
<b>4</b>	<b>Club Captain update</b> None	
<b>6</b>	<b>Facilities update</b> Bob Anderson had reported that none of the Clubhouse checks had recently been completed and recorded – including fire and defib. Etc.	

	The committee concurred that this aspect needed attention and for next year must be part of the club manager role	
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Lone Working</b></p> <p>Based on advice recently given by both County and District, no person should be working in the clubhouse, on the green or on the surrounds on their own, and another person should also be on site. The committee agreed that this rule should be enforced and well publicised for the start of the new season.</p>	
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Life membership</b></p> <p>It was agreed by the committee that Mike Low should receive Life Membership at the beginning of next season on the same criteria as Terry and Anne. He is one of the founder members, has held various positions of responsibility both on and off the committee and has now stopped playing bowls. He had, over the years, been clubhouse manager, club treasurer and was involved in the clubhouse extension.</p> <p>The committee agreed that there should be a Criteria for the definition of Life membership, but need to look into it further before future awards are made.</p>	Christine
	<p><b>AGM planning and motions</b></p> <p>It was agreed that we would have to have a 2 part AGM again this year, as some of the motions were so diverse, it was not clear as to what the structure of the committee would be. It was also clear that there was no benefit in updating the Organisational Proposal, written in summer 2023 in conjunction with John Molson and agreed in the AGM in 2023 as we did not have enough members willing to take on most of the roles. In addition, the current constitution could not be updated until the Committee Structure had been resolved.</p> <p>Hence – AGM part 1 in November would have to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Various reports from Chairman, secretary, club captain and selection team leaders</li> <li>- Treasurers report and Approval of accounts</li> <li>- Membership fees for 2025</li> <li>- Motions</li> </ul> <p>An AGM part 2 in January would then have to include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Appointment of committee</li> <li>- Appointment of non committee positions</li> <li>- Approval of a new Club Constitution with accompanying Handbook</li> <li>- Discussions and vote on the various motions and options on Bowlsweat – shirts and trousers, hopefully with samples</li> </ul> <p><b>Motions as published to date with amendments.</b></p> <p>It was agreed that:</p>	

	<p>Clothing – motions 1-4 would be dealt with in January</p> <p>Membership and Membership fees – motions 5-6 should stay, but in summary form for ease of reading by the members</p> <p>Committee structure motions 7-12 + 22 should stay but in summary form</p> <p>Timing of motions – no. 13 – should stay</p> <p>Motions 14-19 could be withdrawn as they were not motions, no longer relevant or now being acted upon</p> <p>Other motions – 21 – should stay</p>	
<b>13</b>	<p><b>Other matters</b></p> <p><b>Clubs 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations in 2025</b></p> <p>There is now a 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations committee made up of Kevin, Colin, David B, Jackie C. and Emma. Plans are beginning to take shape including FoEB, an event for the “Juniors of Yesteryear – currently under age of 40, Choir on the Green, Super Elite Gala on Monday 26 May 2025 and an End of Season 1985 event</p> <p><b>Green Keeper – Kevin Brazier</b></p> <p>Kevin has indicated to Colin that 2025 may be his final year</p>	
<b>18</b>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>Next meeting would be on 5 November 2024 at 5.00pm.</p>	

Signed on behalf of the committee



Date

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