

## **Knowl Hill Short Mat Bowls Club**

### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting** **Held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

The Chairman welcomed nineteen members to the AGM

#### **1. Present**

Robin Phillips, Sandra Phillips, Glenice Woodhouse, John Nicholson, Carole Couchman, Arnie Hornsey, Liz Kushin, Carol Bailey, Tom Bailey, Ken Docking, Margaret Docking, Mick Stocks, Paul Tootill, Susan Tootill, Sue Bendell, Michael Yates, Gerry Thorne, Moreen Thorne and Maureen Jupp.

#### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Ian Taylor, Pearl Taylor, Marsha Stone, David Lambton, Doris Nicholson, Ivy Parnell and John Blake.

#### **3. Minutes of the 2025 AGM**

Approved by John Nicholson and seconded by Ken Docking.

#### **4. Chair's Report**

Robin thanked the nineteen members for attending the AGM. The past year has again been a steady one for the Club. Monday remains the most popular play day with the need for three playing mats becoming regular. The number of players on a Wednesday is more variable but with more members not playing outdoors in the summer months three mats are often needed. Mick Stocks continued to maintain and expand the Club Website as well as continuing to keep the club finances in order. Sandra Phillips has continued to collect and record the receipt of fees and advise members when they are due. Currently, payments are made in cash but a possible change to a card payment is kept under review. Glenice Woodhouse continues to look after the tea/coffee making at break time.

We had a home game with Charvil on the 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025 with a return away match on the 15<sup>th</sup> February 2026. We won both games and keep the winners cup. We were invited to play a friendly match against Bourne End but were unable to get a team together. We have another opportunity to meet with them on September 27<sup>th</sup> this year so hopefully can get a team together this time.

Christmas Lunch was again held at The Shire Horse, Maidenhead on 15<sup>th</sup> December where we filled the cosy back room as well as the adjacent area. We have already booked again for this year's Christmas meal for Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2026.

Over the year we have welcomed six new members into the Club. This gives us 32 playing members. Unfortunately, four players have had to give up playing due to health issues.

I would like to thank all members for their help, patience and encouragement when child-minding duties have resulted in us having young players with us. I know the youngsters have appreciated and thoroughly enjoyed the chance to try a new activity.

#### **5. Secretary's Report**

I continue to collect any monies as it comes in and then pass on to Mick Stocks for banking.

#### **6. Treasurer's Report**

##### **KHSMBC – Accounts at 31 March 2026**

The Balance Sheet is presented in a similar way to previous years. Showing a comparison between this and last year.

Summary (bottom right) gives the headline figures:

c/f **£8,418.47** compared to **£7,551.88** previous year. An increase of **£866.59**.

Breakdown being:

Deposit **£2,763.03**

Current **£5,632.35**

and **£23.09** held in petty cash

We did make a couple of efforts in the year to transfer some of the current account to the deposit account. But both attempts failed. A transfer can only be made by telephone (can't be done online or at a branch). The telephone call needs to be a three-way conversation between Santander and two signatories.

Most of the transactions are similar to the previous year, eg:

- Annual subscriptions (membership) fees – much the same

- Attendance fees – slightly up

- Hire of Hall – much the same

- Insurance – exactly the same (unusual)

Away match fees not showing because team skips collect the cash and pass directly to Charvil

- ie: the cash didn't pass through our accounts.

Christmas lunch income and expenditure higher due to increased numbers attending the meal. The subsidy also higher at **£416**

In line with most, if not all charity accounts, we now pay a monthly bank charge of just under £5 per month and a small fee for use of cheques. We don't use that many cheques.

I have been doing some research to see if we can change bank to avoid charges and have full online facilities. But there are many restrictions and limitations, eg:

- No local bank branches near to me and I don't want to go into Reading to pay in cash (using Santander means I can pay in cash at local Post Offices)

## **7. Subscription/Playing Fee**

It is proposed that the subscriptions to play all year round stays at £10 for the year. Members who join the Club to only play during the summer and those who join to only play in the winter will pay half the subscription fee (£5). Playing fees will remain at £15 for ten sessions. This proposal was agreed by members.

Subscriptions are now payable.

## **8. Club Constitution Review**

Section 5, Members guests, sub-section (c) has been modified to read:

*Junior guests may be permitted to use the bowling mats and equipment, provided they have suitable footwear and are always supervised by a responsible Member of the Club.*

This is to reflect current practice in the Club.

## **9. General Data Protection Regulation Review**

The privacy policy is on the reverse of the renewal application form.

## **10. Health and Safety**

Unfortunately, Ian Taylor is unable to be with us today so we are unable to give an update.

## **11. Social Events and Trips**

Christmas lunch has been booked for Monday 14th December 2026 at The Shire Horse, Maidenhead. Ideas and suggestions for social activities would be welcome. Ideally, it would be good if someone could step forward to take on the role as Social Secretary.

## **12. Club Competitions**

Bowls matches will continue to be arranged with other Clubs.

## **13. Election of Officers**

Robin Phillips – Chair, Sandra Phillips – Secretary, Mick Stocks – Treasurer. Proposed by Tom Bailey and Paul Tootill. All Club members agreed with this decision. We would like to add a Vice Chairman and a Social Secretary.

A vote of thanks to the Committee for the work done for the Club was given by Tom Bailey. All members present were in agreement.

With no other business the meeting closed at 15.10.