

## **FLEET SOCIAL BOWLING CLUB**

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FEBRUARY 18<sup>TH</sup> 2026**

Lou opened the meeting and welcomed everyone to the meeting. He thanked all those who have worked hard both on and around the green. There is a good spirit within the Club mainly due to all the volunteers who get involved with all the work for the Club.

Apologies: Received from: Peter Murray, Duncan Paine, Jeff Davis, Michael Ankers, Bill Turner, Bill Moore. There were 54 present at the meeting.

Since the last AGM, John Bryan has passed away and a minutes silence was held for him.

#### **1. Minutes of the previous AGM**

The minutes of the last AGM held in February 2025 were proposed by Ian Shrimpton and seconded by Peter Hudson. There were no matters arising from the minutes and they were approved by a show of hands.

#### **2. Resume of Members meeting**

Peter reported that 42 members had attended the members meeting in November 2025 where many points were discussed. It had been agreed that FS would enter a 4th A&D team and Lou has agreed to captain this team. Everybody is asked to support the Club in all competitions this season, particularly the leagues and friendlies.

He confirmed that we will continue with BIAS and if any member has problems to ask for help. The preservation of the green document arose from members asking what we are doing about those that BOUNCE their bowls. The point is to protect the green and protector mats will be used until the ground is firm enough to play without.

Ben and Peter will be holding more coaching sessions and Anji, our BH coach mentor will be holding some training sessions on building the head and the role of skips.

Much work has been done on the RHS and thanks again to everyone involved. There is still work to be done and Andy will advise when he needs extra hands.

Ben has moved from fund raising membership secretary as well as the A&D competitions sec.

#### **3. Treasurers Report**

Andy Shripton had distributed the accounts at the start of the meeting and gave a quick report on the income and expenses.

There was a surplus of £5000 in 2025, and currently cash in hand is approx £12000.

Around £20000 has been spent on the grounds.

He explained that VAT can be claimed on most expenses.

Future expenses will include the need to purchase a new mower. It was intended to use the legacy from Tim Kite for this but it has been used currently for the grounds work. No further questions were asked, Andy reported that he intended to give up as treasurer and pass the job onto another fairly shortly.

#### 4. Ratification of the Committee.

President – Lou Foulger

Vice President - Judy Brown

Captain - Peter Sunderland

Secretary - Maggie Marsh

Treasurer - Andy Shrimptom

Membership Secretary – Ben Holt

Communication - Mike Gilbert

Green Rep - Trevor Bromelow

Fixtures Sec- Stephen Major.

Other members:

Dan Rogers - A&D

Ian Shrimptom - SC Liaison

Dave Bacon - Competitions

A show of hands confirmed the ratification of the committee members.

Lou reported that we currently have no ladies secretary. He asked if anyone interested to please come and see us.

#### 5. Demo of Website

Kevin has been working hard to update the website and gave a demonstration of it. It has a lot more information on it now and BIAS can be directly accessed from it along with directions of travel for any fixtures. He will put on results of matches and plans to keep it up to date. There is also going to be a member's only area and members may receive a message from Hugo Fox to create a password to access this area. He will store AGM minutes and other documents that may be better out of the public domain.

#### 6. AOB

It was reported that Jeff Bowron is in hospital, our thoughts are with him and his family. Andy Pickup reported that he is now working with Michael Ankers on some fund raising activities but would like volunteers that could help. The next breakfast is on the 21<sup>st</sup> March and there will be a Casino Evening on the 11<sup>th</sup> April. Andy and Mike will be making a plan for the completion of the work on the RHS and will be asking for help when required.

Martin Rogers asked if the Bowls Committee could work with the SC Committee to have the Club and bar open outside of opening times when there are games on the green. Ian to discuss with the SC Committee.

Steve Pape asked if members liked the new look for the bar and all agreed it was a great improvement.

Mike asked that if members wish to order any kit there will be a bulk order going in at the weekend. Please get any orders to Ketan asap. He also asked if there was anyone able to take on the recording and monitoring of the spare bowls in the green cabinet. Not an onerous job but may be necessary to keep an eye on them over the summer.

Ben finished the meeting by saying that enrolment forms can be handed to him and fixture cards collected.

Meeting finished at 7 p.m.