

MERRIOTT BOWLS CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting Tuesday 11th August 2026 at 10:30hrs

Attendance	Apologies
Dave Baker, Roger Collins, Chow Wai Siu, Ed Rush, Pauline Rosewell, Ann Truscott, Alison Mariner, Jim Greenfield,	Neil Mclean, Ryan Self, Christine Kitto,

	Action
1.David welcomed everyone to the meeting The previous minutes were agreed. i.e.7th July 2026	
3.Treasurers report Chow Wai provided financial status as follows:- • Balance of accounts at end of July :-- £27,752.30 • Treasurer asked for clarification of the club's no smoking policy, it remains as previous i.e. only in the designated area adjacent to the bowls store & flag pole, no smoking <u>at all</u> during games, new signage required as original has been lost/misplaced, Secretary will action • The possible inclusion of a lock to the bar was discussed & abandoned as this door is designated a fire exit route & thus must remain open when anyone is in the clubhouse • The decision to replace our very old insecure till was debated with two options one very basic & another far more complicated than what was needed, the Tera device is now on order & will be fitted & keys allocated when it arrives.	
Reports from other committee members • Chairman, welcomed the committee members • Safe Guarding officer, states there is nothing to report, she has also updated the tea rota responsibilities to reflect the impact of the extremely hot weather • Club Captain, In his absence, Vice captain will report. • Club Vice Captain, Jim, reported that we are now in 2nd place in the Wessex 4's & unlikely to win the league this year, we have dropped to 7th place in the Wessex triples league but with several games in hand, SSBL continues to be played with recent wins • Club Secretary, reported the following:- • Solar installation report for July26, EDF account stands at £184.19 in credit,, the charging rates were renewed on 11th July, with a slight increase in the Kwh charge, but a £3 per month reduction in the daily charge • Following reports of discolouration of the glasses after cleaning in the bar glass washer, it has been established that due to our hard water, a water softener is required, this will also extend to life of the heater element by preventing it "rocking" up, a similar device will also be fitted to the kitchen water heater to extend the durability.	

- **Social Secretary** ,confirmed that the Presentation dinner is booked with the same format as last year, planning for the end of season BBQ (on 5th September) has commenced with volunteers providing gas & electric BBQ's. The first post season social evenings has been arranged for 24th October, with a Quiz evening, more to follow.
- **Match Secretary**, Reports in her absence that our offers have been accepted by 15 clubs with 9 to follow after the season completion
- **Membership Secretary**, reports as follows:-
 - We have gained 10 new members this year, membership stands at 62 playing members with 11 Social members
 - Members details are up to date on the club website
- **Head Green Keeper** , Ed reported that we have trialled the pre owned spiker, noting that we would need narrow profile tines for use in the summer, also the machine needs some maintenance, Ed will negotiate with the provider before placing the order which all the committee approved
 - Ed advised that following the receipt of the donated 1000l Ltr water container ,that we would benefit from a further 2×1000 Ltr storage containers, Ed will seek best prices for pre owned tanks .
 - Ed stated that to top dress our green, using a professional service would be cost prohibitive, he confirmed that we could purchase approx 3 tons of material with volunteers carrying out the application to the green with a hired piece of equipment, Ed will proceed as this is vital to enhance our playing surface

Any other Business.

1. The AGM for 2026 has been agreed for Saturday 14th November starting at 1030 hrs., submission of proposals etc. as per club rules
2. Plans for end of season works on both the green & surrounds & the annual deep clean of the clubhouse, Volunteers required to work under Ed's guidance for external tasks, date set for both 15th & 16th of September
3. Close season works, that following the unfortunate incident with one of the hanging basket brackets during the pre season, the committee concluded that to prevent any possible reoccurrence, that the following actions are taken:-
 - a. Upon the closure of the green & after the hanging baskets have been removed, that both stands will be cut off above ground level
 - b. Sleeving will be manufactured to enable reassembly immediately before next years baskets are installed
 - c. In order to prevent any trip hazards, warning cones will be placed over the stub stands.

4. It was noted that the cladding on the eastern end of the roof is showing signs that the protective coating had deteriorated, thus will need some form of surface coating, a volunteer has made themselves available, however given that this will require working from ladders at height , a full risk assessment must take place (maybe Alison could help from her position of Safeguarding officer?) to take place after the season closes 5. Tea, duties, following some misunderstandings as to what the duties entail, & the requisite need for all preselected tea duty members who cannot meet their dates, it is their responsibility to obtain a replacement -some tasks are not being completed 6. Post Meeting Addendum, Secretary failed to raise the issue that our Coaches will need to participate in Safeguarding training (every 3 years) this will permit them to continue as Coaches, the fees for this are £30 per person with 3 hours on line commitment required by them, Isecretary proposesthat the club should fully fund this requirement.	
The next committee meeting will be on Tuesday 13th October 2026 at the club house commencing 1030hrs. The meeting closed at 1300 hrs..	