

PENYLAN BOWLING AND CARDIFF BRIDGE CLUB

MINUTES OF THE 115TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 25th February 2025

1. Welcome and Apologies

The meeting commenced at 18:17. The President welcomed everybody to the meeting (50 Members)

Apologies were received from Celia Bailey, Sue Biggin, David and Jane Buttrick, Beverly Godfrey, Johanna Hunt, Chris Jenkins and Simon Lee.

The Meeting stood in memory of departed Members, including Zena Cooper, Ken Caldwell, John Cummings, Paul Denham, Stan Hyett, Frank Hyett, Stephen Kibblewhite and Glyn Meredith

2. Minutes

The Minutes of the AGM held on the 27th February 2024 were approved as a true and accurate record.

3. Matters Arising

Tuesday Evening Bar closure at 10.30 raised by Gwynn Davis, Sarah Amos and Helen Houston. The President explained the reasons behind this but promised to speak to the other two people concerned in the next week or so.

4. The President's Report.

The President stated all Sections Reports had been sent out. It looks successful from a playing point of view but as the Accounts show it has been an awkward year. The PMC have a few ideas but nothing firmed up yet but we are investigating how to increase use of the Bar and facilities.

5. The Treasurers Report

The Accounts for 2024 and Treasurer's Report had been distributed. The Treasurer stated that last year the Income was just over £197,000, lower than last year but that included the generous donation from Eric Hyett's Estate. Bar Revenue lower than last year too. Overheads including wages, gas and electricity have increased. Salaries will further increase in April. The big loss is mainly due to the extra money received in 2023 being spent last year. Restricting repairs and Maintenance to only essential works for the time being. We are proposing a 25% increase in fees of all Sections as well.

In answer to a question about the Grants we had received, the Treasurer said she would send out details to the Enquirer. Further her projections for 2025 include increasing Bar income. Some of the Bowls' expenditure was paid from Grants received.

6. Election of the Officers and Members of the Management Committee

The following were elected unopposed:

- Russell Wall, President
- Martin Joseph, Hon General Secretary
- Suzanna Nesom, Hon Treasurer
- John Edwards, Estate Manager
- Maragaret Letman, Ladies' Bowls Representative
- Chris Jenkins, Men's Bowls Representative
- Simon Gottschalk, Bridge Representative (one vacancy)
- Phil Lloyd. Social Members' Representative

7. Subscriptions

The Proposal of the Management Committee to increase Subscriptions for 2025 was read out. An Amendment proposed by Steve McDonald and Seconded by Mike Hart to spread the Full Bowls Increase over 2 years was defeated. The Original Motion was carried, so that Subscriptions for 2025 will be as follows;

- Full Bowls £170
- Limited Bowls £140

- Junior Bowls £40
- Initial Bridge (ex WBU) £30
- Bridge Table Money £4 (Visitors £5)
- Junior Bridge £10
- Social £40
- Associate £20 (both initial and upon renewal)

8. Motion

To prioritise the refurbishment of the Downstairs Ladies Toilets of the Club Premises proposed by Helen Houston and Seconded by Ann Hirst. The Estate Manager confirmed it was a priority just as soon as the financial situation allows. Motion carried Nem Con

9. Other Business

Bernard Adshead the Treasurer of Monkstone Petanque, who provide 100 Associate Members, expressed their disappointment that the Associate Members fee has now increased by 100% on top of a rent increase.

10. The date of the next AGM

Tuesday 24th February 2026.

The meeting closed at 19:25