MANOR PARK BOWLING CLUB (MPBC)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

13/11/2025, HELD AT CORNMILL HOUSE AT 7:15pm

PURPOSE OF MEETING – Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Attendees

Mick Owen (MO-Vice Chair), Dewi Howell (DH-Treasurer), Luke Jones (LJ-Teams Coordinator), Jeff Favel (JF-Greens Coordinator), Neal Linsky (NL-Greens Coordinator), Rob Burns (RB-Minutes Secretary), Paul Marsh (PM-Communications Officer), John Billing (JB-Membership Secretary), Maureen Hargreaves, Sue Linsky, Maureen Douglass, Sophie Briddon, Anne Donnoghue, Pam Taylor, David Overall, Alison Barnes, Barrie Clayton

AGM AGENDA (issued prior to meeting)

Apologies for Absence – Helen Powell, Jane Ingerson, Dave Twigg.

1. Chair (MO-acting chair)

MO welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for the work they do for the club on a voluntary basis.

MO reported that he was concerned for the future of the club in that following last year's AGM it did not have four elected executive officers, with only DH remaining in his role as the Club Treasurer and no replacements being elected. Should this trend continue the viability of the club would be threatened.

The club has struggled to meet all of its objectives this year, even though MO stood as Vice Chair and Joyce Godfrey (JG) as Club Secretary thus taking up two further elected officer positions, allowing the club to operate and committee meetings to go ahead throughout 2025.

Whilst the club has not been able to complete all of its committee positions, it should be noted that the Annual Report reflects a very positive year for the club in many areas.

2. Minutes of AGM meeting 28th November 2024 (issued prior to meeting)

The minutes were agreed to be an accurate record of the 2024 AGM, proposed by DH, seconded by PM.

RB proposed that for completeness the minutes should record that the changes to the Constitution were proposed by JF and seconded by PM. The meeting agreed to this minor amendment.

3. Matters Arising

Nothing to report.

4. Annual Report (issued prior to meeting)

NL proposed a minute's silence in remembrance of our club president (Walter Smith) who passed away 7th July 2025 after a short illness and all other members and past members we have lost this year – the meeting observed the 1 minute's silence.

MO thanked PM for the production of the Annual Report and asked if there were any questions from the meeting attendees on its content – none were forthcoming.

NL asked about the wellbeing of Joyce (JG) – MO reported that he had recently met with Joyce for coffee and that Joyce was steadily getting better but still not yet back to full health.

5. Honoraria Payments

MO stated that in line with the Constitution, Section 8 – Finance, item 'c', honoraria payments should be agreed at the AGM in advance of Elected Officers carrying out the work - DH reported that he had not collected any payment whilst in his role of Treasurer and was happy to carry out this role without payment. The meeting agreed to leave honoraria payments as they are currently, i.e. award payment of £100 to both the Treasurer and Secretary – it would then be up to the individual as to whether they took the payment.

6. Proposed Changes to the Constitution (proposal note issued prior to the meeting) – see Appendix 1

RB summarised the proposed changes to the Constitution as identified in the above note.

Change to Item 3, Membership – a counter proposal was put forward by Pete McMahon (PMcM) such that the membership locality was not restricted to North Derbyshire / Greater Manchester, the rule change would now read

"Membership is open to anyone who is interested in furthering the aims and objectives of the club……"

Proposed by Sophie Briddon (SB), seconded by PMcM. The meeting agreed to this change.

Change to Item 11 – Distribution of Constitution – DO reported that some people do not have access to the internet and queried how those without access obtain a copy of the club

Constitution. RB reported that paper copies could be made available on request. The following sentence is to be added at the end of the rule change

"Hard copies can be made available on request."

Proposed by DO, seconded by Barrie Clayton (BC) – the meeting agreed to this minor addition to the proposed rule change.

Change to Item 14, Annual General Meeting – rule change to delete item 6, proposed by RB, seconded by MO – the meeting agreed to this rule change.

Change to Item 5, Management – Add Women's and Girls Development Officer to the list of Committee Members, proposed by LJ, seconded by PM. The meeting agreed to this rule change.

Note - it needs 4 Executive Officers in place to sign off the revised Constitution and before any of these changes could be implemented.

7. Election of Officers and Committee Members (see Agenda issued prior to meeting)

a. Officers:

Secretary – Vacant

Chair – Vacant

Vice Chair – Vacant (MO is not standing as Vice Chair in 2026)

Treasurer – Dewi Howell

DH queried what is the minimum number of Executive Officers required for the club to continue to operate, it was agreed that a minimum of two Executive Officers were required. NL reported that as a default position the role of club president could be carried out by the Chair unless the membership says differently.

b. Management Committee Members

Membership Secretary – John Billing

Greens Coordinators – Neal Linsky, Jeff Favell

Premises Coordinator – Vacant

Teams Coordinator – Luke Jones

Events Coordinator – Vacant

Social Bowling Coordinator – Vacant

Fundraising Coordinator – Vacant

HR Coordinator – Vacant

Communications Officer – Paul Marsh

Minutes Secretary – Rob Burns

Women's and Girls Development Officer – Lauren Diskin

MO proposed that those identified in post above should continue in the role, seconded by DH and agreed by the meeting attendees.

c. Team Captains / Vice Captains

Stockport Vets -Vacant

High Peak Mixed Pairs A – Luke Jones

High Peak Mixed Pairs B – Jane Ingerson

Longendale A – Luke Jones

Longendale B – Pete McMahon

North Derbyshire (Thursday) – Neal Linsky

North Derbyshire (Wednesday) – Sophie Briddon

LJ reported that there were no plans for another MPBC team in 2026 and vice captains would be confirmed separately – DH proposed that captains identified above should continue as team captains, seconded by RB and agreed by the meeting attendees.

8. Election of Club President

Following the passing of Walter Smith in July 2025, the club were now seeking a new club president – MO proposed Maureen Hargreaves to take on this role, seconded by P McMahon and the meeting were all in favour of this proposal. Maureen said she was honoured to be asked and was happy to take on the role of club president.

9. Any Other Business

1. Pam Taylor proposed that the bottom green should be used for social bowling and the children's development programme and the top green used for league / team players only.

MO reported that at the recent green's maintenance team meeting (8th October 2025), the green's maintenance team were asked to generate a plan for more use of the bottom green but not necessary by moving social bowling to the bottom green. The club's vision is to have both greens of a standard to be able to hold Open Competitions on both greens, e.g. hold Harriett Jackson competition for up to 64 people, therefore upkeep of both green's is required to achieve this goal.

Further animated discussion continued on the use and maintenance of the bottom green, e.g. none members (e.g. school's) should only use bottom green; there is potential to lose the bottom green if it is not used; green maintenance team put a lot of effort into maintaining the bottom green but feel the green is being underutilised; club potentially setting up a 2-tier system for its members in adopting this proposal.

Continued discussion resulted in the following proposal:

“Members who play in the leagues only use the top green to play their league games and practice sessions” – proposed by Dave Overall (DO), seconded by DH – a vote by the meeting attendees appeared to support this proposal although there was no count of acceptors / objectors recorded. At this point a few people left the meeting.

Post Meeting Note; On review of the Constitution, it was identified that this proposal had not followed due process as outlined in the Constitution (see Section 14 Annual General Meeting) i.e. *“Members wishing to submit a motion and/or constitution change must have a proposer and a seconder and be submitted in writing to the club Secretary at least 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting and/or Extraordinary General Meeting”.*

It is believed therefore that this proposal was not submitted in accordance of Section 14 of the Constitution and is therefore not valid and should not be considered as accepted.

Once the club committee is confirmed for 2026, it will probably need to arrange an Emergency General Meeting (EGM) to review this matter again as the topic is very passionate to both sides of the argument, in the meantime, there is still an ongoing action with the committee / green’s maintenance team to look at ways to make better use of the bottom green.

2. DO asked that a clock is provided in the club house – LJ reported that this had already been actioned.

3. In the absence of the Treasurer, NL reported that the club is in a good position financially, current balance is circa £8,700.

4. DO asked if there was any change to Membership Subscriptions for 2026 – MO answered that these would need to be reviewed by the new committee officers/members in 2026.

10. Date of Next Committee Meeting:

Provisionally mid-January 2026, Cornmill House, King Edward Avenue, Glossop, start – 6:30pm – to be confirmed by the new committee.

11. Meeting Closed at 8:40pm

APPENDIX 1 – PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE CONSTITION

In addition to changes agreed at the 2024 Annual General Meeting (24/11) but not yet implemented, further changes to the Constitution are proposed as follows:

Existing Rule

3. Membership
Membership is open to anyone living in the geographical or surrounding area of Glossop who is interested in furthering the aims and objective of the club and who has paid the annual subscription laid down by the management committee.

The club has agreed an Equity and Equality Policy in which we affirm our intention to attract and retain members from all sectors of the community and not to discriminate on the grounds of age, gender, race, ethnicity, colour, religion, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status or ability.

Various forms of membership shall exist, as decided by the management committee.

Proposed Rule Change

Delete 1st line of 1st paragraph and replace with:

Membership is open to anyone living in the North Derbyshire / Greater Manchester area who is……..

Existing Rule

11. Distribution of Constitution
Each member, on payment of their initial annual subscription, shall be provided with a copy of the constitution of the club and the act of joining shall imply acceptance of, and adherence to the constitution. Copies of the constitution shall also be displayed in the clubhouse and will be available to download from our website.

Proposed Rule Change
Delete paragraph and replace with:

Each member, on payment of their initial annual subscription, shall be provided with an electronic link of the constitution of the club and the act of joining shall imply acceptance of, and adherence to the constitution. Copies of the constitution will be available to download from our website.

Existing Rule

14. Annual General Meeting
The Club shall hold an Annual General Meeting in either November or December in each calendar year giving members at least 28 days' notice of the due date. A minimum of 10% of the

membership must attend for there to be a quorum.

Members wishing to submit a motion and/or constitution change must have a proposer and a seconder and be submitted in writing to the club Secretary at least 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting and/or Extraordinary General Meeting.

The purpose of the Annual General Meeting is to:-

1) Approve the Minutes of the previous quorate AGM/EGM
2) Receive reports from the Chair and Secretary
3) Receive a report from the Treasurer including approval of the club's audited accounts for the previous year, and a proposal in respect of the following year's budget for members to amend/agree as appropriate.
4) Receive a report from the club Captains
5) Fix the subscription fees for each category of membership for the following year
6) Agree an outline figure in respect of green maintenance costs for the following year
7) Elect Officers and the Management Committee for the following year
8) Consider any proposed changes to the constitution of the club
9) The awarding of any honoraria payments
10) Election of Team Captains and Vice Captains
11) Deal with any other relevant business

Proposed Rule Change
Delete Item 6
6) Agree an outline figure in respect of green maintenance costs for the following year

Proposed - Rob Burns (Minutes / Interim Secretary)

Seconded – Mick Owen (Acting Chair)

Note: Management change previously agreed at MPBC Committee Meeting No.4, held on the 1st May 2025, but change not yet implemented.

Existing Rule

5 Management
(b) Other Committee Members:

i) Membership Secretary
ii) Greens Coordinator (2 posts)
iii) Premises Coordinator
iv) Teams Coordinator
v) Events Coordinator
vi) Social Bowling Coordinator
vii) Fundraising Coordinator

viii) H.R Coordinator
ix) Communications Officer
x) Minutes Secretary

Proposed Rule Change
Add committee member:
xi) Women's and Girl's Development Officer

Proposed – Luke Jones (Teams Coordinator)

Seconded – Paul Marsh (Communications Officer)