

POTTERS BAR BOWLS CLUB

Minutes of Special General Meeting – 1st May 2025

Meeting opened at 7:00 pm

Item	Minute	Action
	<p>Chairman's introduction. States order of resolution changed with Resolution 1 to the end.</p> <p>65 Members were in attendance with 3 apologies.</p>	
Resolution 2	<p>TO AGREE TO SMART CASUAL TO BE WORN FOR ROLLUPS.</p> <p>Smart casual being defined as a top to be worn with a collar, shorts may be worn but must be knee length or a maximum of 2" above the knee. Footwear would continue to be smooth soled heel-less bowls footwear in any colour.</p> <p>The vote was 40 in favour 24 against. As this did not meet the two-thirds majority required, not carried.</p>	NOT CARRIED
Resolution 3	<p>TO AGREE TO REMOVE THE LADIES AND MEN'S ANNUAL MEETING FROM THE CALENDAR AND TO HAVE THE ONE SINGLE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, TO BE HELD IN JANUARY.</p> <p>4 Against 60 in favour. As this was carried with over a two thirds majority the resolution was carried and will take immediate effect. That is there will be no Ladies or Men's meetings in 2025 with the unified AGM being held in January 2026.</p>	CARRIED
Resolution 4	<p>TO AGREE TO CHANGE 3.3.2 OF THE CONSTITUTION TO: ALL MEMBERS SHALL PAY THEIR FIRST ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEE (OR PRO-RATA IF APPROPRIATE) UPON ELECTION TO THE CLUB AND THEREAFTER BY 1ST FEBRUARY EACH YEAR.</p> <p>This is an administrative change as from 2026 we will be required to submit our full membership list by the end of February.</p> <p>55 in favour 4 against 3 abstentions. This resolution was also carried with a greater than two thirds majority. Membership forms will therefore be sent out in January 2026 with payment for the 2026 season to be received before 1st March 2026</p>	CARRIED
Resolution 1	<p>TO AGREE TO ALL MEMBERS WEARING THE CURRENT MEN'S STYLE SHIRT WITH THE YELLOW STRIP, TOGETHER WITH BLACK/GREEN TROUSERS FOR ALL FRIENDLY AND OTHER REPRESENTATIONAL MATCHES – THAT IS ALL MATCHES WHERE TEAMS ARE REPRESENTING THE CLUB.</p> <p>Your committee set up a sub-committee who worked together on the understanding that their proposal would provide uniformity, clarity and would also ensure a reasonable financial outcome. Any decisions made would be for the benefit of the Club. They took into consideration the large stock of shirts still held by the Club.</p> <p>The Club currently has a stock of 59 men's shirts with the yellow stripe on the collar. It was therefore decided to put this forward as the new standard strip for all playing members. The sub-committee approached the provider who confirmed that it would be possible to provide a ladies version of the same shirt. It is proposed members will purchase their first shirt at a subsidised cost of £15 instead of the full cost of £23.</p>	

	<p>The sub-committee also considered trousers (including shorts, crop trousers) and have agreed to give you as the members the choice between green and black trousers. The Club would be the provider of both shirts and trousers (for trousers the men may wear trousers or bowls shorts and the ladies trousers, crop trousers or bowls shorts).</p> <p>Existing stocks of the ladies shirt and the older style men's shirt to be sold off at a cost of £5.</p> <p>There was a lot of discussion on this topic with many appearing to be in favour of keeping grey trousers.</p> <p>It was agreed to split the resolution into a decision on shirt and then on colour of trouser.</p>	
Resolution 1 a	<p>TO AGREE TO ALL MEMBERS WEARING THE CURRENT MEN'S STYLE SHIRT WITH THE YELLOW STRIP.</p> <p>52 in favour. 6 against 7 abstained. This was carried with more than two-thirds voting in favour.</p> <p>Your committee will meet in the next few weeks and will put forward a plan for the roll-out of the new strip and will advise membership accordingly.</p>	CARRIED
Resolution 1 b	<p>Vote on the colour – those in favour of Black – 10 in favour Vote on Green - 21 in favour Abstentions from both – 31 abstentions.</p> <p>No decision was reached as neither colour met the two thirds majority.</p>	NOT CARRIED
	MEETING CLOSED AT 8:25PM	
	At the end of the meeting there was an informal vote on whether the members would want grey trousers. The results were 35 in favour, 7 against and 4 abstained	