



Gullane Bowling Club

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2023 GBC AGM Agenda

Venue, Date and Time – The Village Hall. Saturday 4th Feb 2023 @11.30

1. AGM minutes 2022

2. President's Report

3. Secretary's Report

➤ Including New Clubhouse proposal

4. Treasurer's Report

5. 2023 Fees Committee proposes subscription to increase to £110

6. Election of Committee Members

Committee propose Trevor Wood as President

Committee propose Kevin Omand as Committee Member

Committee propose Paul Hay as Committee Member

Eric Thomson remains on Committee for 2023 as Past President

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Minutes of Gullane Bowling Club AGM held 4th February 2023

Committee present:	Eric Thomson (President), Caroline Hitchen (Treasurer), Bill Lowe (Treasurer), Trevor Wood (Vice President) and Colleen Bonar (Committee Member), Kevin Omand (Co-opted Member and Match Sec.) and Paul Hay (Co-opted Member and Greens Convener).
Member Apologies:	Apologies were received from: - Jeff and Isobel Aitken, Kevin Thomson, Paul Anderson, Murray Saunders, Scott and Gail Douglas, Steve Roberts, Hazel and Davey Saunders, Eric and Paula Gleacher.
Members present:	Please see attached register of attendees – 34 members total

1. AGM Minutes 2022

The minutes of the 2022 AGM were approved as a true record.

2. PRESIDENTS WELCOME AND REPORT – Eric Thomson

Eric welcomed all attendees and Committee Members

Thank you to all members for their continued support over the last year when we have been able to play without restrictions

Thanks to committee members for their support, knowledge, and input to running the club.

Thanks to the many volunteers who help in the background: particularly Isobel and Jeff Aitken who tend to the garden, Maureen Hunter who looks after the flower containers, Hazel Saunders and Scott Douglas who keep refreshments and nibbles well stocked, Gail Douglas for running the Bingo, Mary Lou Watkins who looks after the Hundred Club and the Sponsorship Boards.

Thanks to Catherine Mackenzie for assistance and input with newsletters and publicity

Thanks to Gary Eaton who has taken on greenkeeper duties and has improved the condition of the green

Thanks to Jim Dickson for organising several competitions throughout the season. We intend having more club competitions running throughout the next season.

Congratulations to Liz Thomson and Brian Thomson for successes in winning their respective club championships and commiserations to Eilis Bradley and Davy Saunders, runners up in 2 hard fought finals.



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Congratulations to club Division 4 league team success as cup winners and to the Thursday afternoon Seniors team gaining promotion.

Eric and all meeting attendees acknowledged the sad passing of club member Joyce Hunnam.

Congratulations to Liz and Stan Shearer on their awards of Honorary Memberships. Stan and Liz have been stalwarts of the club over the years and Stan was a key point of continuity during the transition when the club was in danger of folding and the club property placed for sale.

Thanks to you all for putting up with me as President for the last 2 years.

3. SECRETARY'S REPORT – Bill Lowe

Bill thanked Eric for his report and service as President over the last 2 years – Eric will remain on Committee for a further year as 'Past President'.

3.1 Thank You

Continuing the 'thanking theme' - Bill thanked the following

- Martin Everett for his contribution to the club and training of new members
- Bobby Cowper for his contribution to the club and Committee including being the Match Secretary for recent seasons
- Irene Cunningham for her contribution to the club and running the Ladies Wednesday afternoon league Team
- To the many volunteers that have helped roll, water and maintain the green this year – particularly when our irrigation failed and the new perimeter turfing required constant attention. A special thanks goes to Trevor Wood and Robert Jack for providing their domestic water pipe hoses and to Davie Saunders for providing a new cable and digging the cable trench.

3.2 Team News

We hope to build on our developing success from last season and have entered the following leagues.

- **Senior Mixed Team** – 2 rinks of 4 playing Thursday afternoons – Jim Dickson will continue to manage the Team with assistance from Jeff Aitken
- **Senior Ladies Team** – 1 rink of 4 ladies playing Wednesday afternoons. Managed last year by Irene Cunningham. This league has only recently been confirmed and we still need to discuss future management with Irene.
- **GBC Club Teams** – 2 separate Teams comprising 3 rinks of 4 players playing Friday evenings (24 players total). Kevin Omand will be the Match Secretary.
The 'second team' is an ambitious project for our club! All members are encouraged to 'have a go' - the emphasis will be on development, etiquette, coaching, inclusion and enjoyment.

We have also secured a club shirt sponsor (Revive! – Car repair and Maintenance) – which will allow us to provide heavily subsidised club polo shirts.

3.3 GBC Clubhouse

The clubhouse continues to be hired and available for member and non-member functions.

- Hire for GBC members is free with a voluntary contribution.
- Hire for Charities and non-profit organisations is £15/hour
- Hire for Commercial let is £20/hour.



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This year - the clubhouse has been used for bridge clubs, dominoes, bingo, coffee mornings, craft evenings, carpet sales, World Cup evenings and other events. Please contact any Committee member for hire enquires.

The Committee would request that anyone using the clubhouse ensure the heating is off or return to frost setting when leaving.

We now have an option for several days of alcohol licencing - these will be used for club events and matches.

3.4 New Clubhouse Proposals

We are conscience that our clubhouse will soon require major renovation, expansion and development. Initially driven by Kevin Thomson – we have drawn up a Schedule/scope of works combined with sketch proposals.

These documents have been used to obtain fee proposals from several Architects – from this, we have now appointed CDT Architects and a club sub-committee (Bill Lowe, Hazel Saunders and Gary Hitchen) to manage the initial design proposal process.

When our initial Scheme design options have been established, we will offer a date at the club to all members – development proposals, drawings and Specifications can be viewed and discussed with the Committee.

After this process - the 'approved plans' will then be used to obtain sponsorship and funding.

If any Club Member is interested in contributing to this process – please contact Bill Lowe.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT – Caroline Hitchen

TREASURERS REPORT @ AGM 2023

GULLANE BOWLING CLUB

FINACIAL REPORT YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2022

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2021

INCOME			EXPENDITURE	
Subscriptions 2021			Clubhouse	£4,744.24
Subscriptions 2022			Greenkeeper	£3,899.97
Donations/Grants/Advertising Boards			Green and Hedge	£10,806.43
ELC Grants	£22,050.00		Meetings/Events	£535.89
Ad Boards	£3600.00		Utilities	£2,549.08
Donations	£898.38		Food drink supplies	£120.70
Fundraising and Refreshments			Affiliation fees	£611.00
Events + Visitors			Misc	£535.51
Lockers, Shirts + Jackets			Insurance	£699.99
			Club Jackets	£840.00
TOTAL			TOTAL	£25,342.31

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 2022

INCOME			EXPENDITURE	
Subscriptions 2022			Clubhouse	£4,135.49
Subscriptions 2023			Greenkeeper	£3,841.63
Donations/Grants/Advertising Boards			Green and Hedge	£11,729.91
	ELC Grants	Nil	Meetings/Events	£594.91
	Ad Boards + sponsorship	£4,400.00	Utilities	£3,323.63
	Donations	£1208.00	Food drink supplies	£300.28
Fundraising and Refreshments			Affiliation fees	£870.00
Events + Visitors			Misc	£295.67
Lockers, Shirts + Jackets			Insurance	£747.47
Bank Interest			Club Jackets	£Nil
TOTAL			TOTAL	£25,838.99

First, thanks to Jeff Aitken for agreeing to audit the 2022 accounts. The closing balance on 31 December 2022 was £43,182.33. We have retained £35,000 of this in a savings account, put aside to develop a new clubhouse, as our current building is coming to the end of its useful life.

Our income in 2022 was £23,466.72 - of this £11,340 came from members subs. The advertisement boards and new shirt sponsors raised £4,400. We have received donations from long-term supporters whose generosity is much appreciated. Fundraising and refreshments income was up in 2022 - Hazel Saunders and Mary Lou Watkins have again done a brilliant job running the 100 club which creates a substantial sum. Also thanks to Hazel and Scott Douglas who keep all the snack and drink supplies topped up and they also ran some highly successful events over the football world cup. During winter, Gail Douglas kindly organised the popular Bingo sessions and a successful Xmas raffle.

Regarding expenditure, this reached £25,838.99 in 2022. The cost of running the clubhouse included the usual expenses of safety checks, cleaning, general maintenance etc. The interior paintwork was refreshed, and a new fridge was purchased, necessary for safe storage of supplies. The cost of employing the greenkeeper was on a par with 2021.

Expenditure on the green itself has been high this year. This is due to exceptional expenses - the wooden edge around the green was replaced and then a problem arose with the irrigation system. A survey was arranged and eventually a new pump was installed. We also paid for a major overhaul of the lawn mower.

There was a modest rise in our insurance and affiliation fees. The utility bills for 2022 show a considerable rise of +30% vs 2021 and this will be a significant expense in 2023 with more rises expected and government help being withdrawn.

Regarding the 2023 season we are pleased to have 85 members who have paid subs for this season to date, and with new events, teams and shirts to look forward to it will be an exciting and successful season for sure!

If anyone wishes to examine the detailed accounts, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Caroline Hitchen, Treasurer – 12 January 2023



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5. FEES FOR 2023 SEASON

The Committee proposed an increase of £110 for full playing members this season and have issued a club notice to explain addition club running costs associated with prevailing increased utility costs. Kevin Thomson (by previous email to the Secretary), and a similar question from the floor, suggested that Social Membership fees should also be increased.

The Eric Thomson confirmed the Committee had considered this increase but felt the increase for playing members was sufficient.

A vote was put to the floor. It was unanimously agreed to accept increase the fees for playing members

6. ELECTION OF COMMITTEE and OFFICE BEARERS

The Committee - proposed Trevor Wood as President and was seconded by Mary-Lou Watkins.
The Committee - proposed Kevin Omand as Committee Member and was seconded by Alex Calder.
The Committee - proposed Pay Hay as Committee Member and was seconded by Stan Shearer.

Kevin will take the role of Match Secretary and Paul will take the role of Greens Convener

Bobby Cowper and Anji Carter have resigned from the Committee during the 2022 season.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

1. The Committee confirmed the formal Opening of the Green will be 15th April 2023 however they anticipated play would be permitted in March subject to weather. A notice will be issued to confirm availability.
2. Stan Shearer thanked the Club for the Honorary Memberships for himself and his wife Liz. Stan also thanked the Committee for their management of club affairs.

Meeting Closure

The Committee would grateful if members could return comments on these meeting notes by 25th March 2023