

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2026

Notice is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Bowls Scotland will be held via Zoom on Wednesday 28th October 2026 at 6.30pm to consider the following business.

1. To receive the Annual Report of Bowls Scotland for 1st September 2025 – 31st March 2026.
2. To receive the Financial Statements of Bowls Scotland for 1st September 2025 – 31st March 2026.
3. To appoint Henderson Loggie as accountants of Bowls Scotland for the forthcoming year.
4. To set the capitation fee payable to Bowls Scotland by Club Members for 31 October 2027 at £7.20 per Registered Member of that club over the age of 16.
5. To appoint Rae Graham (Lockerbie BC) as President of Bowls Scotland.
6. To appoint Maureen Wallace (Tulliallan BC) as Vice President of Bowls Scotland.
7. To appoint Ian Allan (Dumbarton Rock BC) as Junior Vice President of Bowls Scotland.
8. To appoint as Honorary Members of Bowls Scotland:
 - 8.1. Sandra McLeish (Spittal BC), outgoing President
 - 8.2. Jim Aitken (Allander BC), Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games gold medallist
 - 8.3. Lorna Smith (Linlithgow BC), World Bowls Hall of Fame inductee 2025
 - 8.4. Sarah Gourlay (Annbank BC), World Bowls Hall of Fame inductee 2026
9. Announcement of result of Board Director election.
10. Questions submitted to the Board.
11. AOCB.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Grant".

By Order of the Board

Gary Grant

Chair, Bowls Scotland

BACKGROUND TO RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION 1

To receive the Annual Report of Bowls Scotland for 1st September 2025 – 31st March 2026.

BOARD BACKGROUND NOTE

The Annual Report, circulated with the AGM papers, provides an overview of the progress made by Bowls Scotland in delivering its strategic priorities. The report covers the transitional seven-month financial period from 1st September 2025 to 31st March 2026, following the approval of a change to the company's financial year end at the 2025 AGM. Bowls Scotland has now returned to a standard twelve-month reporting cycle, with future Annual Reports covering the period from 1st April to 31st March.

RESOLUTION 2

To receive the Financial Statements of Bowls Scotland for 1st September 2025 – 31st March 2026.

BOARD BACKGROUND NOTE

The Financial Statements, prepared by our accountants and circulated with the AGM papers, provide an overview of Bowls Scotland's income, expenditure and financial position during the reporting period. These accounts cover the transitional seven-month period from 1st September 2025 to 31st March 2026 following the change to the company's financial year end approved at the 2025 AGM. Future accounts will cover a standard twelve-month period from 1st April to 31st March.

RESOLUTION 3

To appoint Henderson Loggie as accountants of Bowls Scotland for the forthcoming year.

BOARD BACKGROUND NOTE

Following approval at the 2025 AGM to reappoint BDO for a further year to support the transition to a new financial year end, Bowls Scotland undertook a competitive tender process to appoint its accountants for the next three-year period. It was considered good governance practice to review the appointment following a long-standing relationship with BDO and to assess the range of services available within the market.

Following completion of the tender process, Henderson Loggie was selected as the preferred provider. The Board believes Henderson Loggie offers the expertise, value and support required to meet the organisation's financial, accounting and governance needs over the next three years and is therefore recommending their appointment.

RESOLUTION 4

To set the capitation fee payable to Bowls Scotland by Club Members for 31st October 2027 at £7.20 per Registered Member of that club over the age of 16.

BOARD BACKGROUND NOTE

Article 9.14 of Bowls Scotland's Articles of Association requires any change to the capitation fee paid by clubs to be approved by the AGM.

At the 2025 AGM, the Board proposed two options for an increase in the capitation fee, from £5 to £7 or £8, to address the significant financial challenges facing the organisation. The Board welcomed member agreement to set the capitation fee at £7. This rate will be applied for the first time to the affiliation fees paid by clubs in October 2026

While the financial outlook remains challenging, the approval of the increase to £7, additional funding from **sportscotland**, and further steps to control costs have eased the financial pressure in the short-term. As a result, the Board has determined that they do not need to return to the membership with the request to increase the capitation fee to £8 at this time.

However, as with all organisations, as a result of inflation, Bowls Scotland's costs increase each year. One reason for a large increase in the capitation fee being required in 2025 was that the fee had remained flat for the previous four years, during a period of high inflation. During engagement around the AGM last year, some members highlighted a preference that the capitation fee rise steadily in line with inflation each year, rather than being held flat for several years, followed by one-off significant increases.

The Board of Bowls Scotland believe that increasing the capitation fee annually by inflation is a prudent approach and are therefore proposing an inflation-linked increase in the capitation fee for 2027. The Bank of England reported inflation rate in August 2026 was 3.1%. Applied to the current capitation fee, this would mean an increase of £0.22. The Board have rounded this down to propose an increase in the capitation of £0.20, from £7 to £7.20 per registered member over 16.

RESOLUTIONS 5 - 7

5. To appoint Rae Graham (Lockerbie BC) as President of Bowls Scotland.
6. To appoint Maureen Wallace (Tulliallan BC) as Vice President of Bowls Scotland.
7. To appoint Ian Allan (Dumbarton Rock BC) as Junior Vice President of Bowls Scotland.

BOARD BACKGROUND NOTE

In accordance with article 7.1 of the Bowls Scotland Articles of Association, the President, Vice-President and Junior Vice President must be approved on an annual basis by the AGM.

RESOLUTION 8

8. To appoint as Honorary Members of Bowls Scotland:

8.1. Sandra McLeish (Spittal BC), outgoing President

8.2. Jim Aitken (Allander BC), Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games gold medallist

8.3. Lorna Smith (Linlithgow BC), World Bowls Hall of Fame inductee 2025

8.4. Sarah Gourlay (Annbank BC), World Bowls Hall of Fame inductee 2026

BOARD BACKGROUND NOTE

In accordance with article 3.1.1 of the Bowls Scotland Articles of Association, all retiring Presidents shall be nominated for Honorary Membership of Bowls Scotland at the AGM immediately following the end of their term as President. It gives the Board great pleasure to propose our outgoing President, Sandra McLeish, for Honorary Membership.

It is established practice for Bowls Scotland to award Honorary Membership to athletes who win a Commonwealth Games gold medal. Following the outstanding success of the Para Mixed Pairs B2-B3 team at the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games, the Board is pleased to recommend that Honorary Membership be awarded to Jim Aitken. His teammates, Robert Barr and Sarah-Jane Ewing, are already Honorary Members of Bowls Scotland and Jim will now join them in receiving this recognition.

The Board was deeply saddened by the recent sudden passing of Mary Stevenson. Mary was an integral member of the Gold Medal-winning team and played a vital role in their victory. Although Honorary Membership can only be awarded to living members and her nomination cannot therefore proceed, it is important that we recognise and record her immense contribution to the sport and to her team's success. Mary will be remembered with great affection and respect, and her place in the history of Scottish bowls will endure.

In 2025, World Bowls launched its global Hall of Fame to recognise individuals who have made an exceptional contribution to the sport of bowls. In recognition of this prestigious achievement, the Board is pleased to recommend that Honorary Membership is extended to any Scot inducted to the Hall of Fame who does not already hold Bowls Scotland Honorary Membership. Eleven Scots were recognised across the first two cohorts of inductees. This year, the Board recommends that Honorary Membership is bestowed on Lorna Smith and Sarah Gourlay, both of whom have been inducted into the World Bowls Hall of Fame.

Through these nominations, the Board seeks to recognise and celebrate individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to our sport through leadership, competitive achievement, and service to the game at the highest level.