

HAUGHLEY PF BOWLS CLUB

Minutes of Committee meeting held on Thursday 7th February 2020 at 7.30pm.

Present: B.Mayhew (Chairman), C.Mayhew, P.Mead (Treasurer), T.Offord (Secretary), G.I.Nunn, Gr Nunn, I.Bonnett, D.James, R.Fosker, D.Walker, D.Ribbans, P.Green, M.Ormes, J.Leith, T.Nicholas, J.Gill, J.Hawkins.

Apologies: B.Norman, D.McKay, G.Walker, P.Shepherd, C.Baynes.

The minutes of the meeting on November 7th 2019 were read and duly signed by the Chairman. There were no matters arising.

Chairman's Report: B.Mayhew began by paying tribute To Ray Gill and how he hoped he would be able to fulfil the role as Chairman after many successful years in which Ray had taken the chair. He praised everyone who helped at Ray's funeral and wake and the support of so many members.

Secretary's Report: T.Offord said that he was still awaiting the fixtures from Area D. He also told the meeting that the Stowmarket League had introduced a new rule for Clubs who had more than one team. The Club can now have members playing up to three games in either team but this will be closely monitored.

Treasurers Report: P.Mead told the committee that the Club needed to ask more members to sign cheques with the passing of R.Gill and with R.Pedge in a hospice. We needed two more members to help and said that B.Mayhew (Chairman) and Grant Nunn (Club Captain) had been asked and both had accepted. The committee unanimously accepted this proposal. He said that the Clubs balance at present was around £6500 as we had paid out £2100 for 50% of the cost of the new gazebo. He warned that the Club will need to take every opportunity to raise funds for the Club in the coming season. He would pursue Gary Nunn to organise a race night to help the funds. He reported that we had received a locality grant of £1500 to help fund the cost of the gazebo. **ACTION**

P.Mead

Playing Field Reps Report: P.Mead told the meeting that he had recently attended a meeting of the committee and they would like to talk to our Club about the proposed changes to the building. He would let the committee know when this would take place.

They had asked if we could re-site the assembly post but there was some confusion on where it should be placed. He said he would find out and report back. **ACTION P.Mead**

Club Captains Report: Gr Nunn told the meeting that P.Shepherd had decided to stand down and immediately thanked Phil for his work in the last year. He said he had approached R.Fosker to act as vice-captain and he had agreed to this. He asked for the committee's approval and this was accepted by all.

Club Competition Secretaries Report: Gl. Nunn said he had been asked if it was possible to play a mixed pairs competition this season. He felt there was a need for this as we now have a lot more lady bowlers in the Club. The meeting agreed to this but asked if we should perhaps make it a nominated competition and drop the nominated pairs we already have. Glenn said he would report back at the next meeting after he had discussed it with members. It was agreed that Finals day will be held on Sunday 13th September. Glenn was asked if he would be responsible for updating the honours board and he agreed to this.

ACTION Gl.Nunn

Ground Committee Report: M.Ormes said the green was looking very well and that with both D.Ribbans and M.Shepherd agreeing to again cut the grass they will be able to cover during the season. J.Gill said he would need to order fertiliser before the start of the season.

Club Improvement Project: B.Mayhew gave a brief talk saying that the Club would be purchasing a kit form gazebo and produced a drawing to show the meeting. We would have to lay a concrete base for the gazebo. It was agreed to name the new gazebo The Ray Gill Pavilion. He said that the top soil had been placed on site thanks to Alan Herbert, Taz Ormes and himself. We now needed to flatten the soil in readiness to apply the grass seed. However the soil needed to dry out but as soon as this was ready we will need extra hands to proceed. We would also need to plant a new hedge which again would hopefully be completed before the start of the season. Also it was proposed to move the equipment shed to its new site.

ACTION B.Mayhew/M.Ormes/J.Gill

Social: C.Mayhew reported and thanked everyone who had helped in any way at the wake of Ray Gill. She said that the response from members was truly magnificent and she felt proud of the way in which the afternoon progressed. The group of walkers had enjoyed their ramble in the Haughley area and were looking forward to the next planned walk on Thursday 5th March meeting at Needham Market Bowls Club at 10.00am. The response to the Games night on 15th February has been slow but she hoped numbers would pick up. There will be a craft afternoon on Tuesday 10th March at 2.00pm in the Clubroom. This is open to all member and friends and the cost will be £5 per head which includes refreshments and any materials used in the making of various items. Also our Annual Cheese and Wine is on Saturday 18th April with a special presentation.

Food at Wednesday Federation Matches: The AGM had agreed to provide food at our home matches to those teams who do the same at their home games. All players who play in these games will receive a letter stating that two different members will be asked to provide food at each home game when this happens. Also members will be asked to arrive no later than 30 minutes before the start of the game to help prepare the green for play.

ACTION P.Mead

Thursday Nights: J.Leith said he had spoken to P.Shepherd as to the format for these evenings and they would be meeting at the end of this month to finalise details which will be published thereafter. **ACTION P.Shepherd/J.Leith**

P.Shepherd County BE Junior Vice-President: P.Shepherd has been asked to stand as Junior Vice President for BE Suffolk for this season and he had accepted the post. This would mean that next season he would be vice president and in 2022 he would be president. This would mean that Semi-Finals and Finals of various competitions would be played at our Club. The committee unanimously congratulated and accepted this appointment and agreed to back Phil in his year in office as president

Fixture Lists: J.Gill had produced a draught copy of our fixture list and in the short term B.Mayhew said he would do all that was necessary to produce the list on time before the start of the season. P.Mead was asked to find a suitable member who would take on the responsibility for the future. He was asked to send the file to those he asked to find a successor to R.Gill **ACTION P.Mead**

Club Shirts: R.Blissitt has agreed to take on this task and he will be producing an E mail to give all members contact details. It was agreed to keep the purchase price of £25.
ACTION R.Blissitt/P.Mead

Club Stickers and Scorecards: B.Mayhew had agreed to order these. Also there would be a reminder to all members that they must purchase the stickers at a cost of £1 for four stickers. An honesty box would be with the stickers behind the bar. **ACTION B.Mayhew**

New Captains: The following changes were agreed by the committee:

Monday Stowmarket League A Vice Captain R.Fosker

Wednesday BE Captain I.Bonnett

Vice Chairman: B.Mayhew asked J.Leith if he would like to fill this vacant role. John said he would consider the request and let B. Mayhew know. **ACTION J.Leith**

New Members: T.Offord said that Linda Sillett, and Philip Faires had already joined. P. Mead said he was hoping to sign another two who were interested before the start of the season.

Assistant Secretary: B.Mayhew explained to the committee that he felt the need to introduce this role. He said we have learned that it is best for the Club if we appointed someone with computer experience to help T.Offord our secretary. D.Ribbans agreed to do this and the committee gave its approval. Also David would act as our contact for all federation correspondence. T.Offord agreed to let the various leagues know and how to contact David. **ACTION T.Offord.**

Area D Contact.: P.Mead agreed to continue in this capacity.

Website Administrator: The Club will be looking for one of our members to take up this very important position **ACTION All members**

Clubs Facebook Page: D.Walker agreed to find out more about this and how to access the site. **ACTION D.Walker**

Insurance: B.Mayhew produced a letter from N.Tye asking for valuations for our trophies. P.Mead was asked to speak to Neville to see exactly what he required. **ACTION P.Mead**

BE Vice Presidents Request for Friendly: As a result of an enquiry T.Offord was asked to arrange a date for this fixture. **ACTION T.Offord**

Sheringham Trip: P.Mead was asked to arrange a bus for this annual trip already arranged for August 1st. **ACTION P.Mead**

Keys for access to the building: Gr. Nunn accepted the bunch of keys for access to our Clubroom and pavilion. P.Mead was asked to see if the buzzer situated in our Clubroom could be re-activated. **ACTION P.Mead**

Rink Rotation: It was agreed by the committee that in our to use all our rink settings the following would apply.

Monday Stowmarket League A and B 6 rink setting

Tuesday Afternoon Any rinks shortways

Area D shortways or 6 rink setting

Wednesday BE 6 rink setting

Wednesday Stowmarket League 5 rink settings

Squads for Mondays and Tuesdays: T.Offord asked if all those captains could get together as soon as possible to decide on their particular squads. Gr. Nunn as Club Captain said he would like to share his thoughts in those meetings.

ACTION Mondays D.Walker/P.Mead Tuesdays B.Norman/D.James

Short Mat: P.Green told the meeting that the club was doing well and now had 18 members of which two may be interested in playing outside. Peter said he would ask them both and report back. **ACTION P.Green**

Outside Noticeboard: Gr. Nunn agreed to repair the broken rinks board J.Gill asked all members to ensure they filled in this board when they arranged any games.

ACTION Gr. Nunn

Holidays: T.Offord said the new diary was in place and asked all members to fill in the dates when they were unavailable. **ACTION All Members**

Bloor Homes Development: R.Fosker suggested we approached Bloor homes to see if they were willing to help us in any way with our new plans for our green and surrounds. Gr. Nunn agreed to follow this up. **ACTION Gr. Nunn**

50/50 Club: J.Hawkins asked if all members could pay their dues soon as possible as there were still several outstanding. **ACTION All members**

The meeting close at 9.450pm

Date of next meeting Wednesday 4th March at 7.30pm