

HAUGHLEY PF BOWLS CLUB

Minutes of Committee meeting held on Thursday 7th November 2019

Present: Gl.Nunn, T.Offord, P.Mead, B.Mayhew, C.Mayhew, Gr. Nunn, T.Nicholas, J.Leith, P.Shepherd, D.Ribbans, M.Ormes, D.Walker, G.Walker, B.Norman.

Apologies: I.Bonnett, J.Hawkins, Jam Gill, D.McKay, D.James.

Before the meeting started the Chairman welcomed M.Ormes, C.Mayhew and G. Walker onto the committee in their new roles.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and duly signed by the Chairman.

Matters Arising:

Project: B.Mayhew gave an update and told the meeting that the hedge had been removed and thanked those who had helped. M.Ormes said the site would be cleared the next day by A.Herbert and himself. The plan of action was as follows.

- A Dig trench for chicken wire (B.Sillett to arrange)
- B Top Soil (P.Mead to arrange collection)
- C Level the area with soil (M.Ormes and B.Mayhew to arrange)
- D Fix base for equipment shed (B.Sillett has enough slabs for this)
- E Move equipment shed (P.Mead to arrange help)

P.Mead said he would send out an Email for help at the next working party.

B.Mayhew suggested we used two concrete posts to hold the chicken wire in place. Also he hoped after the work had been completed to add a gazebo but this would probably be next year.

Proposal for changes to Bowls England league format:

P.Shepherd told the meeting that some Clubs had agreed with the proposal to have teams reduced to 9 players. He said that it would probably mean that the top 3 leagues would still have 12 players and the lowest league would comprise of all the teams with 9 players but this would be subject to the league AGM.

Chairmans Report: B.Mayhew by thanking R.Gill for his work over many years as Chairman and said he hoped he would be as successful as he was a hard act to follow.

Secretaries Report: T.Offord said there were only two outstanding members who had not yet returned their forms. He told the meeting that E.Grover and B.Oshea were not rejoining.

Club Captains Report: P.Shepherd said he had nothing to report.

Competition Secretaries Report: Gl.Nunn said that all the trophies were engraved and ready for the Presentation Evening. He said he would be getting the prizes.

Grounds Committee Report: M.Ormes said the green was looking good after the work at the end of the season. All the ditch mats had been taken out and pressure washed and he thanked all those who had helped.

Treasures Report: P.Mead reported that the Club had a balance of £6300 after we had paid for the top soil and scarifying. However as yet we have not banked the money from the membership fees which would be around £1300.

Thursday Evenings: P.Shepherd gave a summary to the committee on how himself and J.Leith felt the Club League should operate. They proposed it would take the form of a 4 wood pairs league played under EBF rules. Also there would be a handicap system and a points system. 24 players had said they would be available to play on a Thursday evening so he asked the committee for their comments. All were in agreement and hoped it would be a success. P.Shepherd said he would draw up the rules and give everyone a copy.

Presentation Evening: P.Mead said everything has been planned for the night but was not sure how many were attending as D.Mckay had been in Spain. He said he would arrange a meeting with D.McKay, himself and C.Mayhew to discuss this during the week and also send out another E mail reminding all members.

Meal at Beyton White Horse: B.Mayhew thanked D.McKay and C.Mayhew for their work in organising this very successful evening and proposed we do it again sometime. He proposed that we could possibly use Stowmarket Golf Club next time.

Race Night: The Chairman expressed his disappointment that the proposed race night had not taken place this year. P.Mead said he would try to ensure this would happen during the next season.

Food at League and Cup Games: There was a long discussion about this and it was agreed that we will now be providing food at games but not on Monday evenings as all the teams in this league had never had food after games. P.Mead said D.Ribbans and himself would discuss how they will cover the Wednesday Stowmarket League games.

Rules of the game for new members: B.Mayhew asked if the Club had a set of rules that would help all new bowlers to understand the laws of the game. R.Gill said he would help B.Mayhew with this.

Club Trophies: P.Mead told the committee that N.Tye had asked us to obtain valuations of our trophies. As a result it was agreed to increase our payment by £50 per year to cover the replacement value.

Bowls Stickers and Result Cards: R.Gill was asked to purchase these before the start of next season.

Club Shirts: P.Mead was asked to E mail all members to ask if they require new shirts. If there was a demand R.Gill was asked to order some.

Members List: P.Mead said he would circulate an updated copy to all members within the next two weeks.

The meeting finished at 9.05pm.