

# **HAUGHLEY PLAYING FIELD BOWLS CLUB**

## **Minutes of Committee meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

Present: B.Mayhew, N.Hammond, T.Offord, T.Nicholas, P.Mead, R.Lillistone, I.Bonnett, Grant Nunn, J.Hawkins, D.Ribbans.

Apologies: R.Gill, B.Norman, A.Manning, L.White.

B.Mayhew took the chair in the absence of the chairman and signed the minutes of the previous meeting as a true record.

**MATTERS ARISING.** R.Gill had now updated the constitution on our website to include Bowls England related matters.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT.** T.Offord had received a letter from Bowls England accepting our application to enter a team for the Ipswich League Triples (Wednesday Evening) plus Norton and Millennium Trophies. They are willing to send a team to play a game against us before the season starts.

We received a cheque for £100 from the EBF County for allowing our green to be used for Newton Cup games last season.

We have received a letter from the Stowmarket League informing the club that we must give the secretary 24 hours notice of any postponed matches. Also for any postponed match a new date must be arranged within 10 days and again the secretary must be informed.

**GREEN.** J.Gill said the green was up to date and we will be opening on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April next season (weather permitting). T.Nicholas said the pump would be removed in the next two weeks and also he would service the bowls pushers.

**GREEN SURROUNDS.** A.Manning had informed the committee that he would be pleased to form a group that would look at funding and construction of the ditches around the green. This was agreed by the committee, and the following members would be asked to form this group:

A Manning (Chairman), S.Allington, R.Gill, J.Gill and B.Mayhew.

**SOCIAL EVENTS.** P.Mead reported that he had issued a list of events that were due to take place over the winter months with the Presentation Evening due to be held on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November.

**NEW MEMBERS.** Following a request at the AGM the committee agreed to encourage new members by holding open days on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> April. Also a letter will be sent to both Stowmarket and Stowupland High Schools to try and get youngsters to take up the game. It was also suggested we advertise in the Parish Magazine to encourage families to join. B.Mayhew said he would talk to B.Millard to come along and coach new members.

ACTION R.Gill, B.Mayhew, P.Mead.

**WEBSITE.** For the season of 2017 all captains were asked to update the website with their team selections. R.Gill would be asked to help with any training necessary.

**CLUB SHIRTS.** If any member would like to buy another or replacement shirt they should contact R.Gill (01449 673487) as we may have to place another order.

**Date of Next Meeting Wednesday February 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7.30pm in the Clubhouse.**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20pm