

HAUGHLEY PLAYING FIELD BOWLS CLUB

Minutes of AGM held on Wednesday 5th October @ 7.30pm in the Club House.

PRESENT: M.James, B.Norman, T.Nicholas, K.Elliston, Jam Gill, M.Shepherd, I.Bonnett, N.Tye, R.Lillistone, P.Shepherd, J.Phillips, R.Lewis, M.Lewis, A.Herbert, P.Green, T.Offord, N.Hammond, B.Mayhew, P.Mead, P.Wright, J.Hawkins, Gr Nunn, I.Tydeman, E.Kerry, R.Fosker, K.Ager.

APOLOGIES: A.Manning, R.Gill, Jan Gill, Gl Nunn, B.Knights, T.Hall, M.Ormes, P.Collins, D.James, J.Leith, A.Sparkes, L.White, K.Rooney, S.Allington, D.Paddy, R.Blissitt, D.Hawkins, D.Ribbans.

B.Mayhew chaired the meeting in the absence of R.Gill. The meeting agreed to this. He then welcomed Neville Tye a new member to the Club and wished him a long and happy stay. There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A copy of the report was distributed to all attending the meeting and B.Mayhew highlighted a few concerns from that report. He felt the Club Website was not being used to its maximum capabilities and more of the team captains were asked to enter their teams and results for the benefit of all members. Ray commented on the recommendation of the committee to apply to enter a team in Bowls England and felt it would benefit the Club. He congratulated all the winners of the various Club competitions but again stressed the need for more bowlers to enter next year. He praised the dedication of the faithful few who look after the green and asked if any volunteers were forthcoming from the members to help in any way they can. Overall he felt the Club had a really successful season winning both the Division Two on a Monday, again winning the Thursday League and finishing runners up in the Tuesday afternoon League, Also the Area D in their first season were promoted to the top division next season and T,Offord, I,Bonnett and R.Gill again won the Over 60s Stowmarket Triples, with B.Mayhew and K.Rooney getting to the Pairs Final. He was pleased to report that A.Shepherd put up a really creditable performance in the under 25s final.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

T.Offord reported that it had been a really busy season for the Club with over 130 matches being played. He thanked all team captains for their help during the year and praised all the ground staff for their commitment in keeping the green immaculate. He thanked B.Mayhew for making the new notice board which is already an envy of many of the visiting Clubs. He finished by thanking both P.Mead and R.Gill for their sterling work for the Club throughout the past 12 months.

TREASURERS REPORT

P.Wright proposed that the accounts be signed as a true record before the treasurer gave his report. This was agreed by the meeting.

P.Mead said the Club had made a profit of £2000 this year and now has a balance of just over £8000. The main reason for this was last season we spent £2000 more on purchasing a scarifier and repairs to mowers. He was disappointed that the rink fees were down by £350 and recommended that all bowlers should pay a rink fee of £2 if they play any organised match.

The meeting agreed to this and P.Mead said he would ensure that payment envelopes would be available for this purpose. Fund raising was up by over £500 and he thanked R.Blissitt for his work and help in setting up a few social events. However he warned the Club must take fund raising more seriously as the Club would need a bigger bank balance if we agreed to improve our facilities in the future. He commented on the 50/50 Club which brings in good revenue but said he was disappointed that several members were still not members and felt we needed to encourage them to join.

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

B.Mayhew produced a written report which showed all the leagues in which the Club had taken part this year. Overall he said the results had been encouraging as no side finished any lower than midway in their respective leagues. However he said he was disappointed with results in our Cup competitions as we only managed to get to the second round in two out of the five we entered. He thanked all the team captains for their hard work throughout the year especially their work on a match night in ensuring everything was completed. He praised the ground staff for the work on the green and in producing the excellent surface we all enjoy playing on.

INDOOR CAPTAIN'S REPORT

B.Norman said that last season was a little disappointing as the Village League team finished last in their league but he felt all the bowlers had enjoyed their games and already this year the club has a 50% win rate so things were on the up. He said if any bowlers would like a game they should contact him and he will help.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following were elected

President	Ivan Bonnett
Chairman	Ray Gill
Vice Chairman	Ben Mayhew
Secretary	Tony Offord
Treasurer	Peter Mead
Competition Secretary	Grant Nunn
Club Captain	Ben Mayhew
Playing Field Rep	Tony Offord
Green Keepers	Jamie and Ray Gill
Bar Manager	Terry Nicholas
Social Coordinator	Ray Blissitt
Child Protection Officer	Jack Hawkins
Grounds Committee Rep	Les White
Auditor	Paul Wright

BOWLS ENGLAND (B.E.)

B.Mayhew read out a letter from R.Gill re the committee's proposal to play Bowls England on our green next season. He explained that we had been given the all clear and that our green and surround were up to the standard required. He felt we should enter a team in the Wednesday Triples League as well as two County competitions. There was a lot of discussion about this proposal with all in agreement that it would be a really positive move for the Club. There was concerns re clash of fixtures and would there be enough bowlers for both Wednesdays games but in the end everyone agreed to the proposal.

ENTRY INTO LEAGUES AND CUP COMPETITIONS

The meeting agreed to the following

Leagues	Stowmarket League Mondays Evenings Division One and Two
	Stowmarket League Tuesday Afternoon Division One and Three
	Area D Tuesday Evening
	Bowls England Mens Triples League Wednesdays
	Stowmarket League Wednesday Evening Triples
	Area D Tuesday Evening
	Bowls England Triples League Wednesdays
	Stowmarket League Wednesday Evening Triples

Cups Junior Cup
 Bullen Cup
 Marie Curie Cup
 Area D Cup
 Stowmarket League Knockout Cup
 Norton Cup - Bowls England
 Millennium Cup - Bowls England

Please note it was decided by the meeting to drop the Thursday Evening Triples

ELECTION OF TEAM CAPTAINS AND VICE CAPTAINS

The following were elected

	<u>Captain</u>	<u>Vice Captain</u>
Monday Stowmarket League Division One	Ivan Bonnett	Robert Lillistone
Monday Stowmarket League Division Two	Jack Hawkins	Paul Wright
Tuesday Stowmarket League Division One	Brian Norman	
Tuesday Stowmarket League Division Three	Neil Hammond	
Tuesday Area D	Peter Mead	John Leith
Wednesday B.E.	Tony Offord	Ben Mayhew
Wednesday Stowmarket Triples	David Ribbans	Jack Hawkins
Stowmarket League Knock Out, Bullen and Marie Currie Cups	Ben Mayhew	
Norton Cup and Millenium	Tony Offord	Ben Mayhew

P.Mead said he did not feel we should increase annual subscription or rink fees

After some discussion it was agreed by all that in home matches if food is supplied the match fee should be £3 and in Area D games the supplier should be paid £10 and Bowls England or any other match £20.

It was also decided that for any County, Stowmarket or Bowls England individual matches a rink fee of £2 must be paid. Club competition fees will remain £2 per competition. Honorariums will remain the same at Secretary £35, Treasurer £15, Groundsmen £25 x 4 people

SOCIAL EVENTS

P.Mead explained that one or two new ideas had not been a success this year but both R.Blissitt and himself would issue a programme for the winter shortly. The first event will be the Presentation night on Saturday 26th November and there will be news on this within the next few days.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

M.Lewis asked if the pushers could be maintained as they were difficult to push. J.Gill said he would overhaul them.

N. Hammond asked if there were any plans to try and recruit new lady and Junior members to the Club. After a discussion it was agreed to have some training and opening days and this would be left to the committee to come up with dates.

There was a discussion on the interpretation of selection committees from the constitution It was agreed to bring this matter to the committee for them to resolve

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm.