

HAUGHLEY PLAYING FIELD BOWLS CLUB

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 3rd October 2018

Present: I.Bonnett, K.Brown-Warr, P.Collins, J.Cooper, Jamie. Gill, R.Gill, P.Green, J.Hawkins, A.Herbert, J.Hill, D.James, M.Jolly, M.Lewis, R.Lewis, R.Lillistone, B.Mayhew, P.Mead, T.Nicholas, B.Norman, Gl.Nunn, Gr.Nunn, T.Offord, M.Rowe, P.Shepherd, N.Tye, I.Tydeman, D.Walker, P.Wright.

Apologies: R.Blissitt, R.Fosker, Jan.Gill, D.Hawkins, J.Leith, C.Mayhew, D.Mckay, Ga Nunn, M.Ormes, K.Rooney, R.Roper, P.Shave, B.Sillett, G.Walker, L.White.

David Friend sent his apologies and also said he would not be registering next season due to work commitments but would still like to be included on the E mail list.

Ray Gill opened the meeting and said how good it was to see so many members attending.

The minutes of the 2017 AGM were read and signed as a true copy. There were no matters arising.

Chairmans Report: R.Gill produced a copy of his report and began by saying that this would be his last term of office and he urged the Club to find a replacement in the coming year. He said on the playing side it had been a very successful 12 months as the Club in the Stowmarket League had won two leagues and finished runners-up in another. Also the other teams had finished a creditable midway position in their respective leagues. He said the Club Competitions had been a great success this year but he was disappointed at the numbers who attended in some of the games. He mentioned the short mat members were looking for new people to join them on a Monday afternoon. He congratulated the green staff for again producing an excellent surface to play on but stressed we do need more volunteers to help in cutting the grass and other general duties. He said that the work that had been completed around the green had made a real impact on visiting teams, many of whom had commented on how well our layout now looks. He felt the Club website was not being used as well as it could be with not all captains uploading their teams to the site for all members to see so he urged better use in the coming year. He finished by thanking all officials of the Club for their work during the last year.

Secretary's Report: T.Offord said that we had played over 150 games this year which was a record. He thanked R.Gill for producing the Club handbooks again which were so vital for the Club. He urged all members to return their completed membership forms by **OCTOBER 14TH** along with the appropriate fee. He said any delay would cause problems for both himself and the treasurer.

Treasurer's Report: P,Mead began by saying the Club now had a balance of £8400 which was down on last year by £5300. However the one off cost of the green surrounds of £7550 meant we had actually made a profit of £2250 which he felt was very good. Rink fees were up by £440, Bar profit was up by £170 but our fundraising was down by £290. Here he asked if the Club could form a fundraising/social committee and asked for volunteers. The 50/50 club again bought in a profit of £500 and here he asked all members to join this to help raise important funds. The green costs were up by £2200 but last year we did not purchase any fertilisers and this year we spent £1400. He finished by saying the Club would

be purchasing a new mower this season at a cost of around £2000. Finally he said the Club committee had agreed for the Club to use online banking so members will not have to write out cheques for payments. He said this should be in place in the next two weeks. He then thanked P.Wright for auditing the books again this year.

Club Captain's Report: B.Mayhew pointed out the success of the Club on the green this year and thanked all bowlers for their support. However in Cup competitions we were not very successful with the Junior Cup being our best effort. He said Bob Sillett, Jamie Gill and Kevin Brown-Warr had done very well in the County competitions and several bowlers had played at County level, and also in the Marie Denny and Stowmarket league teams. He thanked all the members who had worked over the winter months on the green surround project and he felt we now had a green to be proud of. He praised the green staff for producing an excellent playing area and surrounds and for all the hard work from anyone who had helped in making the wow factor. He finished by wishing Phil Shepherd every success in taking over the mantle of Club Captain for the next two years.

Competition Secretary's Report: G.I.Nunn said a total of 28 members had taken part in the various competitions this year. The finals day was a resounding success with lovely weather and some great bowling. He congratulated all the winners and said the £190 fees were a record for the Club.

Ground Committee Report: In the absence of L.White, R.Gill gave a brief outline on the work that had taken place during the year. The green had been top dressed and seeded in readiness for the coming season. He again appealed for more help on a Thursday morning or at any other time members can make it to the green.

Indoor Captain's Report: P.Mead said everything was up and running with around 20 members being available to play.

Election of Officers:

President	Ivan Bonnett
Chairman	Ray Gill
Vice-Chairman	Ben Mayhew
Secretary	Tony Offord
Treasurer	Peter Mead
Competition Secretary	Glenn Nunn
Club Captain	Phil Shepherd
Vice/Captain/Captain Elect	Grant Nunn
Playing Field Rep.	Peter Mead
Green Keeper	Jamie Gill
Bar Manager	Terry Nicholas

Social Co-ordinator	Ray Blissitt
Child Protection Officer	Jack Hawkins
Ground Committee Rep	Les White

Changes to Constitution and Rules: Data Privacy policy. This was agreed as circulated to all members prior to AGM. (See revised edition of Constitution and Rules 2018/9)

Amendment to Finance: This was agreed as circulated to all members prior to AGM.

New wording for Selection Committees: This was agreed as circulated to all members prior to AGM.

Entry to League and Cup Competitions:

It was agreed to enter all competitions as per last year plus the B.E. Bert Edwards Trophy and the new EBF Durham Centenary competition once details are known.

Election of Team and Vice-Captains:

Monday	Stowmarket Team A	Bob Lillistone/Ivan Bonnett`
	Stowmarket Team B	Jack Hawkins/Paul Wright
Tuesday	Stowmarket Team A	Brian Norman
	Stowmarket Team B	Don James
	Area D	Peter Mead/ John Leith
Wednesday	Bowls England	Committee decision pending

B.Mayhew said he was willing to stand as either captain or vice-captain.

Stowmarket Triples Neville Tye/Jack Hawkins

(N.Tye expressed his concerns about the provision of food and it was agreed to let all other teams in this league know that we would not be providing food for the coming season. Also he hoped to make the side a more competitive team this year)

Thursday	Stowmarket Triples	David Walker/Bob Sillett
Fridays	County Cups &	
	All other Cups Competitions	Phil Shepherd/ Grant Nunn

Fees: P.Mead suggested there should be no rise in membership or rink fees.

Honorariums: It was agreed to keep this the same as last season

Winter Social Programme: P.Mead said the presentation night had been fixed for Saturday November 3rd at 7.00pm. at which B.Mayhew would be giving a presentation on the proposed extension so it was hoped all members would come along and support this.

He said that we will be having a race night in March which J.Hawkins and Ga Nunn would be running and also a couple of Whist Drives. He also hoped to have a Curry Night and a Bangers and Mash Night. More details of these events later.

Any other business:

Trip to Sheringham: P.Mead said he had arranged to run a coach to play bowls against Morley of Sheringham on Saturday July 20th next year. This would be open to all members, partners and friends. More details later

Proposal for ex team captains: N.Tye proposed that any retiring Club Captain should be made a vice president of the Club. There was a lot of discussion about this and it was felt it should be left to the committee to make a decision.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.25pm