

# **HAUGHLEY PLAYING FIELD BOWLS CLUB**

## **Minutes of Committee meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

Present: R.Gill, J.Gill, R.Lillistone, P.Mead, T.Offord, B.Norman, B.Mayhew, J.Hawkins, K.Rooney, A.Manning, R.Fosker, L.White, K.Ager, D.Ribbans, P.Shepherd

Apologies: T.Nicholas, J.Leith, I.Bonnett

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and signed as a true copy.

There were no matters arising from the minutes

**Indoor Bowls:** B.Norman asked if any member was interested in playing in the Village League at the Meadlands during the winter to contact him. (01449 781022)

### **Officers for next season**

	Nomination
President	Ivan Bonnett
Chairman	Ray Gill
Vice Chairman	****vacancy****
Secretary	Tony Offord
Treasurer	Peter Mead
Competition Secretary	Tony Offord
Club Captain	Ben Mayhew
Playing Field Rep	Tony Offord
Green Keepers	Jamie Gill/ Ray Gill
Bar Manager	Terry Nicholas
Social Co-Ordinator	Ray Blissitt
Child Protection Officer	Jack Hawkins
Auditor	Paul Wright

### **Application to join Bowls England (B.E.) formally EBA**

Several bowlers had asked if it was possible for the Club to play in a B.E. League and as a result four officers of the Club had a meeting with Percy Rowe the general secretary of B.E.Suffolk to discuss the matter. The Club was told that our green and surrounds were within the requirements asked by the league. Our Back Boards were not currently to B.E. standard but would not stop the club from playing and there was no reason we could not apply for affiliation. The Club would have to decide which league or leagues and cup competitions they would like to enter but also we could enter any competition even if we did not consider playing in a league.

There was a long discussion on the way forward and the committee decided to take this proposal to the AGM.

A We apply to the B.E. Suffolk to register our Club for affiliation.

B We enter a team in the mens triples league on a Wednesday Evening

C We enter some of the B.E. Cup competitions (To be decided at the AGM)

D That if agreed to join we do not enter the Stowmarket Triples on a Thursday evening.

E We do not enter the County Senior Cup (EBF)

F Any member wishing to play B.E. for the Club must pay the additional registration fee of £7.50

G A new availability form to be issued to all members if it was agreed to play B.E.

H All members must be given the opportunity to give their views on our application to join and play B.E. bowls either at the AGM or in writing if they were not attending.

I If the Club decides not to enter the B.E. League to consider joining the Bury League on a Thursday.

### **Team Captains and Vice Captains for next season 2016/7**

		Nomination
Mondays Stowmarket	Team A	Robert Lillistone / Ivan Bonnett
	Team B	Jack Hawkins / ****vacany*****
Tuesday Afternoon	Team A	Brian Norman
	Team B	***vacancy****
Tuesday Area D		Peter Mead / John Leith
Wednesday Stowmarket Triples		David Ribbans / Jack Hawkins
Wednesday B.E.(subject to AGM)		***vacany*****
Thursday Bury (subject to AGM)		***vacany*****
Fridays Junior Cup		Club Captain
Indoor Captain 2016/7		Brian Norman.

### **Fees**

Peter Mead said he would propose at the AGM that all our fees should remain the same as this season.

### **Food at Matchers**

There was a proposal that members should pay an extra £1 when food is supplied at home games and taken to the AGM for approval

## **Green and Equipment**

We had obtained quotes from two sources to replace our outer boards around the green.

After receiving these quotes it was obvious that the Club did not have enough in our funds to complete the work and we would have to apply for grant funding. Andy Manning said he would take on the role of applying for grants and a committee would have to be formed to ensure the work would be completed before the start of the 2017/8 season.

## **Changes to Constitution and Rules**

R.Gill stated we would have to add new wording to the constitution if we were to join the B.E. League.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.