

Haughley PF Bowls Club

Minutes of committee meeting held on Wednesday 7th February 2018

Present: B.Mayhew, R.Gill, L.White, Gl.Nunn, Jamie Gill, D.James, R.Lillistone, I.Bonnett, T.Offord, R.Sillett, P.Wright and J.Leith.

Apologies: P.Mead, J.Hawkins.

Minutes of last meeting: The chairman briefly went through the last meetings minutes. There were no matters arising that were not going to be discussed on the agenda.

Chairman: Stated that he may well be out of circulation for some weeks as he was going into hospital the next week for an operation, and that anything urgent should be dealt with by contacting the Vice Chairman.

Secretary: Stated that all next seasons fixtures had been received except for Area 'D' but these were expected in the next few days. There are no conflicts of dates between Stow Wed and B.E. matches this season. (Thanks to Stow League Fixture Secretary).

The Chairman had already started to put together next season's fixture booklet.

Federation Junior Cup Preliminary round away to West Row on Friday 25th May.

B.E. Norton Cup to be against Hollywells on Sunday 27th May. Millenium Trophy home to Risbygate by Thursday 21st June.

The club had an invite to play against B.E. Presidents on Friday 27th April, it was thought this to be good opportunity to show off our new green improvements, and therefore asked the secretary to confirm the date with B.E. fixture secretary.

Treasurer: Not able to attend meeting but sent a statement the funds were still very healthy at approx. £8.5 K. But there were some re-furb. invoices expected shortly.

New Members: It was agreed at the last meeting that any bowler who asked to join our Club should complete an application form and this will go to the committee for approval. Three former members of Stowupland B.C. had applied and had been accepted by the secretary as he was absent from previous meeting and was not aware/forgotten the previous decision. One new application had been received from a male from Rookery B.C. after discussion those present agreed to accept the application.

Competition secretary: was asked to look at possible dates for next seasons club competitions, he would be provided with all current known fixtures to work on dates and report back asap.

Green Surrounds: B.Mayhew gave an update on the new green surrounds and said all was going well and was ahead of where he had expected to be at this time, there was still much work to be done before start of season, moving soil, installing drainage etc. and to contact him if anyone can help in any way.

Ongoing costs are still within set limits and expectations.

The irrigation system re-instatement still needs to be installed, new parts have been purchased. (Jamie).

There were a number of items agreed to purchase.

- 1) Access ramps (Jamie).
- 2) Rink Markers 2 sets 1-6 x 2 white/red and 1-8 x 2 white/blue Acrylic. (Ray)
- 3) Rink dividers 30x6mm plastic. (Ben/Ray)
- 4) Artificial Grass for ditch facing to purchase the thicker grade. (Ben)
- 5) Turf areas where grass will be needed. (Jamie)

Any other business:

- 1) **Club Shirts etc.:** Only a few left in stock new ones would need to be ordered by end of Feb latest (contact Ray asap). Score cards have been purchased, but will need to source bowls stickers as stocks are also getting low. (Ray)
- 2) **Advertising/Sponsorship:** PFC ok to B.C. having signs around green from April to September if we get any sponsors. Anyone knowing/wishing to sponsor or advertise at the club are asked to contact the committee through Ben, Ray, Tony or Peter.
- 3) **Thursday Work Team:** We really do need some extra help next season. We are down maximum to 3/4 most of the time and are not as able as we used to be. Please if you have an hour or so come along and give them a hand. Does not need to be on a Thursday. (Les).
- 4) **Gardener:** The Thursday team would like someone to come forward to look after the flowers and beds at the green for the coming season. (see Les).
- 5) **Team Selection:** Stow League A and B captains to arrange meetings for selection of Mon Evening and Tues afternoon teams.
- 6) **Running a team notes:** List of duties to be sent to Captains and V.Captains.
- 7) **Pre-season beginners:** It was decided not to hold beginners session at start of season due to time scales.

Extension to Club Premises: Ben will represent the B.C. on a sub committee to be set up by the HPF Committee Chair for any future development of pavilion for all users.

Therefore looking into the long term future of the Bowls Club B.Mayhew gave an updated in depth very professional preview of a possible extension to the Clubroom. This presentation would be shown to the Playing Field Committee Chair to gage her response to presentation.

In due course a B.C. sub-committee of Club Captain and Vice Captain, Chairman and Treasurer would meet in to discuss the feasibility and a course of action.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm

Date for next meeting will be Wednesday 11th April. @ 7.30pm.