

HAUGHLEY PF BOWLS CLUB

Minutes of committee meeting held on Wednesday 10th April 2019

Present: R.Gill (Chairman), P.Mead, J.Gill, D.Walker, B.Sillett, B.Mayhew, Gl. Nunn, T.Offord, R.Lillistone, N.Tye, I.Bonnett, Gr. Nunn, T.Nicholas, L.White, J.Hawkins, P.Wright, D.James.

Apologies: J.Leith, P.Shepherd, B.Norman.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and agreed by the committee. They were duly signed by the Chairman.

There were no matters arising from the minutes that were not included in the agenda

Chairman's Report: R.Gill said that the fixture/members booklet was now available for all members.

Secretaries Report: T.Offord told the committee of the cup draws and dates for the season, including a request from Old Newton to change the date of our Junior Cup game. After a discussion it was agreed not to comply with this request and play the match on the original date as we had no days available before the due date of Friday 17th May.

Treasurers Report: P.Mead explained that all captains can now pay any monies into the bank either by internet or cash. He handed out the match money forms to all the captains. Our balance was now around £3000 after some recent expenses so there was a clear need to concentrate on extra fund raising this year.

Club Captains Report: Not available.

Competition Secretaries Report: Gl.Nunn asked if May 31st was suitable for the closing date of Club competitions. All agreed to this request.

Ground Committee: J.Gill said the green was in tip top condition for the opening on Sunday 14th. R.Gill again asked for volunteers to help with the green maintenance during the season. This is becoming critical as we only have 3 regular members. He urged every member to think about giving time and thought to this, and asked any member who could help to contact him as soon as possible. Anyone who can help with the gardening would be made very welcome. It doesn't have to be on a regular Thursday morning, just anytime during the week.

Indoor Captains Report: P.Mead said the team had finished 2nd in the Village league this year. He reported that he had heard a rumour that Meadlands were planning to change the nights next year to a Thursday and Saturday and he had told them that if this was to happen Haughley would not enter a team.

Social Committee Report: P.Mead explained that he would like anyone who is thinking of attending the Cheese and Wine Evening on Saturday 20th April to let him know before Wednesday 17th as the caterers need to know numbers. J.Hawkins said plans were underway to hold the Race Night during the season.

Update on additional fencing: B.Mayhew said everything was progressing well but he was always looking for help with this project. The gates were nearly complete and the rest of the fence needed staining. He outlined plans for the future which included removing the existing hedge, planting a new hedge 10 metres behind the existing hedge, lay a concrete slab for the grass cuttings, possibly moving the equipment shed to the new area. P.Mead said we were able to get a grant of £750 towards the cost of the fencing.

Insurance: N.Tye gave an update on our insurance and said that everything was now covered and there would be an extra cost of £118.

New Members: P.Mead explained that we will have 5 new members joining us on the opening of our green. He asked if anyone had a spare set of bowls to bring them along for the new bowlers to use.

Team Captains: P.Mead asked all captains to ensure they put their teams on the notice board at least two weeks in advance as he was short of players on Tuesday evenings. This would greatly help in the selection of the Area D team.

Trip to Sheringham July 20th: P.Mead said he would soon be asking for anyone interested in joining this trip and said he needed to fill a 53 seater coach. If he could not fill this from Haughley members he would ask other bowlers from the area. He asked if any members knew of a coach company who would be able supply a coach on the day and the cost.

Short Mat: L.White informed the committee that the short mat section was looking for someone to organise this next season, and to contact Les or R.Gill know if they could help. He said Malcolm James was their overall winner this year.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER (PRE AGM MEETING)

Unless a further meeting was required earlier.