

Haughley Playing Field Bowls Club

Minutes of Committee meeting held on Tuesday 22nd September under the gazebo.

Present: B.Mayhew, T.Offord, J.Leith, J.Gill, I.Bonnett, Gr. Nunn, P.Mead, D.Walker.

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

Matters Arising

Race Night This would be reviewed later next year

Action Committee

Assembly Post Still Outstanding

Action Committee

Fixture Lists B.Mayhew agreed to produce these for next season

Action B.Mayhew

New Members Barry Blemmings, Phil Faires, Robert Moss, Chris Brinkley and Linda Sillett would be given free membership next year as they are all novice bowlers. It was agreed that Stuart Brimelow, Carl Riches, Stuart Gaught and Steve James would all be accepted as new members. D.Walker said that he would have to increase the size of the Monday A team squad as he was expecting that some members would play in the Bowls England singles that take place on a Monday evening. T.Offord reminded the committee of the new rule the league had introduced which says that A team players can play a maximum of 3 games for the B team and vica-versa.

Website Administrator The Club are still looking for someone to take on this role.

Facebook Administrator D.Walker has been adding items to our Facebook page and has now agreed to look into the possibility of producing a diary of matches and events that can be accessed on the phone.

Action D.Walker

Insurance N.Tye has requested that the Club should do a stock check of equipment as soon as possible

Action N.Tye/J.Gill

Diaries for booking rinks. This will be kept in the equipment shed. T.Offord said he would purchase 2 diaries. The one for holidays will still be kept in the Clubhouse.

Action T.Offord

Chairmans Report B.Mayhew gave a brief account of what has happened since the last meeting and also the problems that Coronavirus has caused the Club. He was very pleased with the turn out for the roll-ups since the restrictions were lifted and stated how all the members who attended had enjoyed their bowling. He praised the way in which all members had used the sanitising products and for the way members had conducted themselves throughout. He also outlined the problems on how the virus had effected the way in which the Club operates in not being able to hold full committee meetings as well as having to cancel our AGM for this year.

Treasurers Report P.Mead told the meeting that the Club had made a profit of £8393.48 this year but stated that we have pledged £3,000 towards the cost of the new storage area and we still had to replace some equipment at a cost of approximately £1000. He said he would like to increase the playing membership to £30 next year and the joint membership to £50. He said that he felt there was no need to increase the match fees that would remain at £2 home and away and £3 if there was food supplied at home games. The committee agreed to this. Also Bowls England had re-inbursed the Club with all fees that had been paid i.e Affiliation and individual completion fees as well as team competition fees. These would be paid back to those members who had contributed. He said he would give a full report when we sent out details from the questionnaire. He said P.Wright had audited the books.

Groundsmans Report J.Gill said that the top dressing will be applied within the next few days and also the problems of the worm casts would be treated also. He also spoke about the possibility of having the green levelled by an expert and he would find out further details and report back to the committee

Action J.Gill

Questionnaire P.Mead thanked all those who had helped devise the questionnaire and this would be distributed to all members within the next few days

Action P.Mead

New Storage Area B.Mayhew told the meeting that we were awaiting the result of the planning application. Also we had received 3 quotes for the work and he would be meeting all of them along with the chairman of the Parish Council.

Action B.Mayhew

New Entrance and Re-location of Oil Tank B.Mayhew said the oil tank had been delivered and R.Fosker will meet with the bricklayer in the next few days to discuss the next course of action

Action R.Fosker

Gazebo b.Mayhew said work was progressing really well and he hoped that the grassed area would be seeded very soon and the hedge would be planted in October. He had met with the electrician who agreed to install a temporary supply to the gazebo and the equipment shed very soon. He had asked for a socket to be fitted to both buildings. Also the back of the gazebo would be in place before too long as well as the steel sides

Action B.Mayhew

Thursday Mornings B.Mayhew said he would like the Club to re-introduce the Thursday morning gang for work at the Club. He asked for volunteers that were available to let any committee member know.

Action All Committee

Bowls England We had received a letter from Bowls England requesting to use our green on Sunday 13th June and Tuesday 27th July 2021 to play some of their finals. The committee agreed to this. T.Offord said he would inform them of our decision.

Action T.Offord

British Legion P.Mead said he had received a letter asking the Club to donate £20 towards the cost they incur on Remembrance Day. The committee agreed to this and P.Mead said he would look after this

Action P.Mead

Carpet Bowls P.Green had asked if the top room would be available to use if six of his bowlers were willing to play. However he stated that he could not commit himself to be there although he would investigate and report back

Action P.Green

Membership Forms These would be issued after October 10th the date when the questionnaires were due to be returned.

Committee All members present agreed to hold their post for the next year.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING TO BE ANNOUNCED AFTER OCTOBER 10TH.