

## **HAUGHLEY PF BOWLS CLUB**

### **Minutes of committee meeting held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

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

**Apologies:** J.Leith, L.White, D.James

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

#### **From the Minutes:**

New Jacks: B.Mayhew said they had been ordered and we were awaiting delivery

**Chairmans Report:** R.Gill stated that all fixtures were now complete and the Club handbook would be available very soon. He also said that all the fixtures were now on the Club Website.

**Secretarys Report:** T.Offord said that nearly all forms had been returned and that Matt Shepherd, Eddie Kerry and John Ottley would not be joining this year. He also said our Finals day was on September 15<sup>th</sup> and this clashed with the final of the Marie Curie so the committee agreed not to enter.

**Treasurers Report:** P.Mead said we had a balance of £4900.

**Club Captains Report:** P.Shepherd said he would be asking all captains to provide a set of bowlers to play in the various competitions he would be responsible for.

**Club Competition Secretarys:** Report: Gl. Nunn said he would like all games to be played long ways this year and the committee agreed to this. The point was raised that all captains have the option to play short ways so if members agreed to play on a night when a game was in progress they would also have to play short ways.

**Ground Committee Report:** J.Gill said the green was looking well and T.Ormes had been cutting it on a regular basis.

**Indoor Captain:** P.Mead said the team were 3<sup>rd</sup> in their league at present but he felt they were not getting enough games now a team had withdrawn.

**Acquisition of land near Car Park:** The Playing Field committee had agreed that the Club could use the piece of land subject to a small increase in ground rent and that the Club should pay to secure it. All the committee agreed we should go ahead with this proposal. R.Gill and B.Mayhew had marked out the area and B.Mayhew had found out a costing for the fencing of £1000 which included a pair of gates and locks.

The committee agreed we should go ahead with the project and try to complete before the start of the new season. B.Mayhew said that the first working Party would be on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 9.00am and hoped that all members would be available to help. (There will be more news on this later via E Mail)

**Anglian Water Inspection:** Anglian Water had inspected our resources and found three problems which the Playing Field Committee had agreed to rectify.

**Lock on Club Door:** Key to interconnecting door jammed in lock during PFC electrical inspection. New lock and keys is required. R.Gill had contacted the Playing Field Committee and said the Club would initially pay the bill and fit the lock and then reclaim the money.

**Club Shirts:** R.Gill said we now have a good stock of shirts and if any members would like another one to contact him. He would also like to remind members that 'only' the new style shirts were to be worn for ALL leagues and club representative competitions.

**Club Insurance:** N.Tye stated that along with R.Gill they had been looking at the Clubs insurance policy. He gave an in depth report and said they both felt the Club was under insured and recommended that we upgrade our policy. The committee agreed that we should go ahead with the upgrade as our renewal was due in March and that N.Tye would be responsible for the policy in the future.

**Social Programme:** P.Mead gave the following dates,

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> February Games Night 7.00pm start in the upstairs room

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March Whist Drive 7.00pm in the Club Room

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April Cheese and Wine 7.00pm in the upstairs room. Possible showing of a film.

Race Night will now be held later in the year. Also we are hoping to have barbecues on some Saturday evening roll ups. P.Mead said he would investigate the state of the old steel drum barbecue.

**Opening of Green:** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 2.00pm when there will be a roll up for all members.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April Annual Stow Monday 'A' vs.'B' Match

Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>/18<sup>th</sup> April Practice Nights

**New Members:** P.Mead said we had 6 people interested in playing bowls for the Club. He said he would be arranging a couple of Indoor sessions at the Meadlands and then outdoors once the green is open. He asked for help in the training of these new bowlers.

**Open tournament:** It was agreed not to go ahead with this as the Club will have a very busy schedule this year.

**Trip to Sheringham:** This is planned for Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July with a coach leaving the Club at 9.00am. We will be running a 53 seater coach so there will be room for family and friends. More details later.

**Palmer Celebration:** The bakery in the village will be holding a celebration of 150 years in business on the village green on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June. The Club have been invited to have a fund raising stall and if anyone is interested in helping please contact P.Mead. Also noted is that the Haughley Royal British Legion Summer Fete will be on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June. on the Playing Field and that we could have a fund raising stall.

**Donation to Green Cutters:** B.Sillett has again agreed to sponsor all the members who cut our green.

**Food at Matches:** The committee agreed that there would be no food at matches for Monday Division 2, Wednesday and Thursday Stowmarket League evenings. T.Offord agreed to let the Clubs in those leagues know.

**Date of next meeting:** WEDNESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL AT 7.30PM

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm