

## **HAUGHLEY PLAYING FIELD BOWLS CLUB**

### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

**Present:** P.Mead, T.Offord, M.Lewis, R.Lewis, R.Gill, K.Brown-Warr, M.Rowe, P.Collins, D.James, Jam Gill, J.Hill, I.Tydeman, J.Cooper, R.Lillistone, M.Pusey, C.Baynes, G.Walker, Gl. Nunn, P.Shepherd, T.Nicholas, R.Howes, S.Howes, A.Herbert, R.Sillett, J.Gardener, T.Gardener, P.Green, D.Ribbans, J.Leith, D.Bonfield, P.Wright, L.White, I.Bonnett, D.Mckay, K.Rooney, M.Ormes, N.Tye.

**Apologies:** Gr.Nunn, B.Mayhew, C.Mayhew, R.Watson, R.Blissitt, B.Norman, J.Hawkins, M.Jolly, D.Tricker, D.Walker, D.Hawkins.

The minutes of the previous meeting had been issued and there were no matters arising.

**Chairman's Report:** R.Gill produced a written report and thanked everyone who had supported him in his last year as Chairman. He said the Club had enjoyed their most successful year so far both on the green as well as seeing the Club grow in strength in terms of numbers. He praised the committee for all their work during the last 12 months and all the ground staff for again producing a wonderful surface to play on. He wished success to whoever was elected Chairman for the coming year and that he would still be around to offer help and guidance to everyone.

**Secretary's Report:** T.Offord produced a written report in which he said the Club had played 150 games in the last season and praised the ground staff for their work on the green and especially T.Ormes whom he said must have a \*bed in the shed\* as he was always at hand when there was work to be done.

He thanked all the lady bowlers who had helped in providing food at County games and this was greatly appreciated. He finished by thanking R.Gill and P.Mead for their work during the last year.

**Treasurers Report:** P.Mead produced an audited copy of the accounts signed by P.Wright our auditor and asked for them to be adopted. All were in agreement and then they were duly signed by the Chairman. He said the Club had a balance of £8350 which was on a par at the same time last year. However we had made payments for a new mower of £2400 and erected new fencing at a cost of £1300 so as these were one off payments he felt we had a successful year. The bar area profit was up by £330 and thanked T.Nicholas for all his work which was mostly when no one else was around. Rink fees of £3200 was the same as last year but fund raising was up by £550 due mainly to more social events. He expressed disappointment that a proposed Race Night was not held and also he highlighted the fact that approximately only just over half of our members belong to our 50/50 Club which produces such vital income for the Club and urged more members to join. He finished by saying he was not proposing to raise either the rink fees or Club membership for the next season although he pointed out the current charges have been in place for quite a few years. Finally he thanked P.Wright for auditing the accounts and C.Baynes for printing all the copies for the AGM.

**Club Captains Report:** P.Shepherd said he felt that the Club had enjoyed a really great year with us winning two Cup competitions and being runner up in another. He said the Club was getting stronger every year and he was proud of the way all members had played this year. He continued that he had used 45 members in cup competitions this year and hope he had not offended any members with his selections. To help some of the newer bowlers Phil said he would be available on either a Friday evening or Saturday morning with some

training. He would finalise details before the start of next season. He asked if all teams could be allocated the same rink markings each week as he felt we do not have a home advantage if rinks are moved. Lastly he asked to be informed if large groups of members were going to be unavailable on the same dates as this would help in arranging Cup matches.

**Club Competition Secretary's Report:** Gl. Nunn said that it had been a very successful year with all matches being played in time for him to arrange Finals Day which was a really great day with wonderful weather and some really exciting games. He was full of praise for the members who turned up to play the rearranged Club competitions which were very well supported he felt we should also play these games midweek and at the end of the season next year.

**Grounds Committee Chairman Report:** R.Gill gave a brief report and thanked L.White who was standing down after many years in the role. He said almost all the outstanding items had been completed but still asked for help and asked all members to make themselves available to help.

**Election of Officers:**

PRESIDENT	Ivan Bonnett
CHAIRMAN	Ben Mayhew
VICE-CHAIRMAN	Ray Gill
SECRETARY	Tony Offord
TREASURER	Peter Mead
COMPETITION SEC	Glenn Nunn
CLUB CAPTAIN	Phil Shepherd (2 <sup>nd</sup> year)
V/CPT CAPTAIN ELECT	Grant Nunn (2 <sup>nd</sup> year)
PLAYING FIELD REP	Peter Mead
GREEN KEEPER	Jamie Gill
BAR MANAGER	Terry Nicholas
SOCIAL COORDINATOR(S)	Caroline Mayhew/Diane McKay
CHILD PROTECTION OFFICER	Jack Hawkins
GROUND'S COMMITTEE REP	Tas Ormes
SHORT MAT MANAGER	Peter Green

These nominations were all proposed and accepted by the meeting

**Proposed Changes to Rules and Constitution:**

There were none

### **Entry to League and Cup Competitions:**

It was agreed by the meeting that we enter the following

Stowmarket Monday	Two teams
Stowmarket Tuesday Afternoon	Two teams
Area D Tuesday evening	One team
Ipswich BE Wednesday Evening	One Team
Stowmarket Wednesday	One Team

Junior Cup / Bullen Cup / Stowmarket K.O.Triples / Thurlow Shield (2 teams)/ Area D K.O. Cup / Durham Centenary / B.E. Millennium Trophy and Norton Cup.

Thursday evening was left to discuss later in the meeting

### **Election of Team and Vice Captains:**

	<u>Captain</u>	<u>Vice Captain</u>
Stowmarket Monday Division One	David Walker	Ivan Bonnett
Stowmarket Monday Division Three	Peter Mead	Tony Offord
Stowmarket Tuesday Division One	Brian Norman	
Stowmarket Tuesday Division Two	Don James	
Area D Tuesday	Gail Walker	Carolyn Baynes
Stowmarket Wednesday	David Ribbans	Peter Mead
Ipswich BE Wednesday Division Two	Grant Nunn	Ben Mayhew

These nominations were all proposed and accepted by the meeting.

Thursday evening was discussed at length with three options.

- 1 Stowmarket Thursday League
- 2 Bury League Thursday League
- 3 Internal Club Competition.

There were varying views with all members having ideas on which option would suit the Club so the members were asked to vote for which proposal they preferred.

The result was that the majority felt we should play an internal club competition so therefore there would be no league games on a Thursday and the green could be used for other games.

### **Club Competition Fees and Honorariums:**

It was voted that these remain the same for next year.

### **Registration, Availability and Competition Forms:**

T.Offord said that about 50% of the forms had been returned by the said date,

## **Green and Equipment Requirements**

Jamie Gill stated that there should be no major expenses for the coming year.

**Winter Social Programme:** P.Mead said that the Presentation Evening had been arranged for Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm and it would be a Fish and Chip supper. He asked for those who did not want fish and chips to bring their own food. He hoped to have a Whist Drive in January and March with a Games Evening in February. Also there would be our Annual Cheese and Wine in April. He would discuss all these arrangements with the new social secretaries in the future and get their views and ideas.

## **Any Other Business:**

**Allocating various roles to club members:** P.Mead said he was trying to persuade more members to help in some of the tasks that needed to be completed during the season and would be producing a list of those who had volunteered. He hoped every member would fulfil the vacancies that are required.

**Barbecues:** The Club are hoping to hold barbecues on some Saturday evenings throughout the coming season and are looking for help in the cooking of the food. Anyone who is interested is asked to contact P.Mead.

**Plashwood Cup:** The Club has had the Plashwood Cup valued for insurance purposes and it would be left to the committee to discuss the outcome.

**Members request for position to play:** On the membership form there is a place to request in which position you prefer to play in each game. This information will now be passed onto each captain before the start of the season.

**Life membership:** The committee made a proposal to offer Life membership to R.Gill, M.Lewis and R.Lewis. This was unanimously approved by the meeting.

**Locking Shed and Gate after games:** The committee asked everyone to ensure the lock on the equipment shed was on the lower lock and that the gate lock numbers were scrambled after it has been fixed.

**Project for New Area:** P.Mead gave a brief description on how work will be progressing over the winter months. He asked for help from all members when requested.

**Food at Games:** D.McKay made a proposal that the Club provide food at all games next season. There were several varying opinions on this so it was felt that the committee should make the decision.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.30pm