

## HAUGHLEY PLAYING FIELD BOWLS CLUB

Minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday 7th October 2015 in the Clubhouse

Present: P.Mead, T.Offord, R.Gill, I.Bonnett, I.Tydeman, R.Gooding, R.Lillistone  
P.Shepherd, J.Leith, D.Ribbans, P.Green, D.James, P.Collins, B.Mayhew,  
N.Hammond, R.Blissitt, L.White, T.Nicholas, A.Herbert, R.Lewis, M.Lewis,  
M.James, J.Phillips, J.Hawkins, P.Wright, K.Ager  
Apologies: A.Manning, P.Goymer, C.Goymer, Jan Gill, Jamie Gill, Richard Roper  
M.Ormes, K.Rooney, D.Hawkins, B.Norman, S.Allington

Ray Gill opened the meeting and welcomed all the attendees.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and duly signed by the Chairman.  
There were no matters arising.

### CHAIRMANS REPORT

Ray produced a written report which was read out in which he thanked all the officers of the Club as well as anyone who had contributed towards another successful season. His full report is on the notice board.

### SECRETARYS REPORT

Tony reported that the administrative side of the Club had run really well this year. There had been tremendous praise for the Club in hosting the Newton trophy games. Tony welcomed all the new bowlers who were present at the meeting and thanked them for their support this year.

### TREASURERS REPORT

Peter said the Club had a balance of £5600 which was up by £500 on the year in spite of extra expense on the green with the purchase of a scarifier. He was disappointed that the Talbot 7s was not played as this always brings in valuable income. Also again this year several bowlers did not pay for entrance to competitions especially county and club matches. Also we did not have any fund raising events in spite of trying to organise these. The 50/50 Club again has done well but there are still several members who do not hold numbers and they were asked to contact Jack Hawkins the promoter. He thanked Terry Nicholas for his work in stocking and serving from the bar and this again had contributed over £1000 to Club funds. He finished by proposing that we do not raise either the annual subscription or the match fees but warned we may be facing a large expense if we have to replace the boards around the green this year. The balance sheet and a copy of the report are on the notice board.

### CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT

Phil said the Club had had a reasonable year with the winning of the Marie Curie Plate being the highlight. We also reached the final of the Bullen Cup, the Thursday team had again won their Stowmarket League and several members had done really well in various competitions. The only regret was the Monday A team had been relegated to division B of the Stowmarket League but this will mean they will be two \*derbies\* this coming year. He also said the Club should encourage more Junior members and suggested a pre season training session for this purpose. He asked if individual team captains could let him know of any bowlers who they considered were playing well enough to be included in any cup competitions the club play in.

## COMPETITION SECRETARIES REPORT

Peter said he was disappointed in the lack of members who play in these competitions and urged more bowlers to take part. He said in spite of some round matches being played very late the finals day had gone well. He apologised for not collecting the appropriate fees but did not know money had to be paid. He felt that these competitions would be better supported if the green was to close at a later date. The meeting agreed that the green should close after the finals day on the third Sunday in September each year.

## DOOR CAPTAINS REPORT

Brian was not at the meeting but Peter Mead stated that all teams who play indoors were being well supported.

## GROUND COMMITTEE REPORT

Les reported that the green was in very good order at present and thanked his willing helpers for their work on a Thursday morning. Again he asked for more members to help out and he especially asked for someone to cut the grass surrounds as well as the edges of the green. He warned that if no help was forthcoming the Club would not enjoy the splendid surface we have at present. He said the wood around the green would need to be replaced within the next two years and this would be a large expense to the Club if a contractor was needed to complete the necessary work.

## SOCIAL COORDINATORS REPORT

Ray said that in spite of trying to arrange several get together's for the members the only event that took place was the presentation evening which was thoroughly enjoyed by all those who attended. He hoped that members would support any events that were arranged for the coming season and asked all members to let him have any ideas on what social nights they would attend.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

President	Ivan Bonnett
Chairman	Phil Shepherd
Vice-Chairman	Ray Gill
Secretary	Tony Offord
Treasurer	Peter Mead
Competition Secretary	Peter Green assisted by Ivan Bonnett
Club Captain	Phil Shepherd
Playing Field Rep	Tony Offord
Green Keepers	Jamie and Ray Gill
Ground Committee Chairman	Les White
Bar Manager	Terry Nicholas
Social Coordinator	Ray Blissitt
Auditor	Paul Wright
50/50 Promoter	Jack Hawkins

These were all voted in by the meeting

## ENTRY TO LEAGUES AND CUP COMPETITIONS

Ray told the meeting that he had enquired about details of the Club having a team in the Bury afternoon league on a Monday afternoon but there were not enough members at the meeting to support this. There was a proposition that we ask if we could enter a team in the Area

D league on a Tuesday night instead of playing in the Ipswich league. The meeting approved this with a show of hands. T,Offord said he would enquire about this proposal. The meeting also approved that we enter all the Cup competitions we entered last season as well as the Junior Cup.

#### ELECTION OF TEAM AND VICE CAPTAINS

Monday	Stowmarket League Team A	Robert Lillistone/Ivan Bonnett
	Stowmarket League Team B	Andy Manning/Roger Fosker
Tuesday	Stowmarket League Team A	Brian Norman
	Stowmarket League Team B	Keith Ager
	Area D	Tony Offord/Jack Hawkins
Wednesday	Stowmarket League	David Ribbans/ Jack Hawkins
Thursdays	Stowmarket League	Ben Mayhew/Keith Rooney
Cup Completions		Phil Shepherd

These were all voted in at the meeting

#### FEES

P.Mead suggested that there should be no increase in subscription or rink fees. The meeting agreed to this with a show of hands.

#### REGISTRATION, AVAILABILITY AND COMPETITION FORMS.

Tony said that all forms would be distributed within the next week. All members were urged to complete them and return them by the end of October in order to register names with the county. B.Mayhew suggested we should hand out the forms earlier to give members more time to complete them. The meeting agreed to this.

#### NEWTON TROPHY

Tony Offord said that there may only be two matches this year but there was a request to play a presidents match at Haughley in May. It was left to the committee to see if this was practical. Dates for two Newton Cup matches June 11th and 25th.

#### NEW BOWLERS

P.Mead felt the Club should encourage some new bowlers and he had booked three Sunday mornings at the Meadlands to be used as training sessions for this purpose. He asked if any members knew of anyone who would like to take up bowls to let him know and he would contact them.

Dates all Sundays March 20th. March 27th and April 3rd at 10.00am

#### SUMMARY

- 1 All competitions entries must be paid for when completing the entry form
- 2 Please support any fundraising or social events organised by the Club  
If you have any ideas please phone Ray Blissitt
- 3 All members are asked to join the 50/50 Club. Contact Jack Hawkins
- 4 The Club encourages junior members with training at the start of the season
- 5 The green will close after the finals day on the third Sunday in September
- 6 All members are asked to consider helping the grounds committee with their work on and around the green on a Thursday morning. Please contact Ray Gill if you can help
- 7 Please return your application form to Tony Offord by the last day in October as a delay causes severe problems to the Club.