

## **HAUGHLEY PLAYING FIELD BOWLS CLUB**

### **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

**Present:** R.Gill, P.Mead, B.Mayhew, Jamie Gill, Grant Nunn, B.Sillett, M.Shepherd, N.Tye, Janet Gill, I.Bonnett, D.Walker, M.Lewis, R.Lewis, T.Nicholas, I.Tydeman, M.Rowe, D.James, P.Collins, T.Offord, R.Friend, M.Ormes, J.Hill, N.Bloom, P.Shepherd, L.White, P.Wright, J.Hawkins, Glenn.Nunn, A.Herbert, A.Manning, R.Fosker, E.Kerry, B.Norman, K.Rooney.

**Apologies:** J.Leith, R.Lillistone, R.Roper, D.Hawkins, G.Walker, R.Blissitt

The minutes of last year's AGM were read and duly signed by the Chairman as a true record. There were no matters arising

**Chairman's Report** R.Gill produced a written report and began by congratulating the New Bowls England team who won their league in the first year. He also praised the players who won the Bullen Cup and both Tuesday afternoon teams who finished runners up in their respective leagues. He said he was a little disappointed that not all captains had used the Club website to display their teams and results and hoped all would use it in the coming year. He said well done to all those who competed in the Club Competitions and thanked Grant Nunn for his organisation, especially on Finals Day. He continued by saying the green had again been excellent this year and thanked all the ground staff for their continued hard work but again he asked for more help especially on a Thursday morning as they were now down to only three people. He finished by thanking, Tony Offord, Peter Mead, Ben Mayhew and Terry Nicholas for their work during the year

**Secretaries Report** Tony Offord began by saying membership had increased by five in the last year and expected a few new signings this year. He thanked Ray Gill for his help with sending E mails and also for the work he puts in for the Club. He also said well done to all the teams who had played this year and felt the green was again in wonderful condition.

**Treasurers Report** Peter Mead began by saying the Club had a balance of £13696 which was a healthy figure. However he commented that we had obtained a grant of £1000 and also we had not yet paid for electricity, water and rent which amounted to £750 . Fund raising was up by £200, the bar profit was up by £150 due to more sales but there was no change in rink fees revenue and only a small rise in subscriptions. He told the meeting that he felt we should not increase either the rink fees or subscriptions as we had a good balance.

**Club Captains Report** Ben Mayhew began by thanking all Club captains for their work during the past year from organising teams and all the work that has to be completed on match nights. He congratulated all the successful teams especially winning the Bullen Cup for the first time in the Clubs history. He thanked the Secretary, Treasurer and Chairman who have helped make us such a really good Club. He finished by saying we have a very ambitious project for the coming year and that we needed all members to help fulfil this dream.

**Club Competition Secretary's Report** Grant Nunn said he was pleased with the number of players who entered the various competitions this year but was very disappointed that many had to drop out due to not being available on Finals Day. He said well done to all the winners on what was a very good Finals Day. He thanked Ron and Margaret Lewis for providing the food on the day.

**Ground Committee Report** Les White felt the green was still the envy of many visiting teams and thanked the green cutters for all their work during the year and a special thank you to Taz Ormes for all his extra work. He said we were still looking for a gardener to look after the plants and some help was needed to paint the fence and benches before the season starts next year. Again Les asked for more volunteers to come forward, if only for a couple of hours per week to help the diminishing Thursday team.

**Indoor Captains Report** Brian Norman said that Peter Mead had now taken over the captains role for the coming season and wished them well.

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

President	Ivan Bonnett
Chairman	Ray Gill
Vice-Chairman	Ben Mayhew
Secretary	Tony Offord
Treasurer	Peter Mead
Competition Secretary	Glenn Nunn
Club Captain	Ben Mayhew
Playing Field Rep	Tony Offord
Green Keepers	Jamie Gill and Ray Gill
Bar Manager	Terry Nicholas
Social Co-ordinator	Ray Blissitt
Child Protection Officer	Jack Hawkins
Ground Committee Rep	Les White

The meeting unanimously agreed to all these appointments

**Proposed Changes to Rules** Ray Gill said the committee had proposed that the Club Captain should complete a two year term and we should also have a Club Vice Captain/Captain Elect and these roles should be nominated by the committee. The meeting agreed to this by a show of hands.

Also the committee felt because of this years events the wording for 'E1' be changed to "The Annual General Meeting of the Club shall be held on the first (or no later than third) Wednesday of October each year and be published not less than 28 days before that date."

**Entry to League and Cup Competitions** The meeting agreed to enter the same leagues and cups as last season. There was a long discussion on whether we should enter a team in the Stowmarket Thursday Triples. It was decided to send out an E mail to all members asking if they would consider playing in this league as we needed clarification from everyone. David Walker said he might consider the position of captain of team if we entered. The Committee would decide if we enter after the feedback from members. There was a proposal to enter the Bury afternoon League on a Monday but there was very little interest.

**Election of Team and Vice Captains**

Monday	Stowmarket League Team A	Bob Lillistone/Ivan Bonnett
	Stowmarket League Team B	Jack Hawkins/Paul Wright
Tuesday	Stowmarket Afternoon Team A	Brian Norman
	Stowmarket Afternoon Team B	Don James
	Area D	Peter Mead/John Leith
Wednesday	Stowmarket League	David Ribbans/ Jack Hawkins
	Bowls England	Phil Shepherd/ Ben Mayhew
Thursday	Stowmarket League	David Walker
	(Subject to committee decision on entry)	
Fridays	Junior Cup, Bullen Cup, Marie Curie Cup	Ben Mayhew

**Fees for 2017/8** There would be no increase in Rink Fees or membership

**Honorariums** There was a proposal that we increase the groundsmen fee to £500. This was agreed by the meeting. Bob Sillett said he would sponsor one of the groundsmen in the coming year.

**Winter Social Programme**

Saturday	November 11th	Presentation Evening
	January	Whist Drive (Date to be announced)
Saturday	February 24th	Social Evening
	March	Whist Drive (date to be announced)
Saturday	April 7th	Cheese and Wine

Tony Offord Secretary