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## Haydon Wick Bowls Club

### **Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2012.**

Present; President; Martin Edwards, Treasure; Alan Walker, Club Secretary; Stuart Barker, Viv Barker, John Edge, Marion Edwards, Jeff Fletcher, Richard Moody, Howard Smith, Marilyn Pflieger and John Wilde.

1. **Minutes;** of the last meeting, held on the 6<sup>th</sup> December 2012 were agreed as a true record.
2. **Matters Arising;**
  - A new valve was required for the boiler at a cost of £276, however, the boiler is in need of a service. Alan will get quotes and arrange for the service to be completed.
  - The electric socket will be fitted to the allotment end of the clubhouse once the weather improves.
  - The additional fencing adjacent to the boules piste should be erected within the next few weeks, Stuart is chasing the contractor.
  - The “reading the head” coaching session is now scheduled for the start of the new season.
3. **Treasurer Report;**
  - The treasurer reported that the cash holdings for the club were up slightly on the previous year at this time.
  - Monies were still outstanding for the Christmas concert tickets sold by the Haydon Centre.
  - Major invoices paid this year so far include £276 for the boiler repairs, £755 for work to the green and £420 for the removal of the trees in the North West corner of the green.
  - The fixed rate account is approximately £4,000 under last year’s total, this amount being held in reserve for the anticipated cost of work to the green surround.
  - Following investigations into the supply of draught beer, it was decided to give Cascades an order. Martin and John will monitor the order to see if the club’s requirements can be achieved. The company will supply the necessary fixtures and fittings.
4. **Secretary Report/ Correspondence;**
  - A communication has been received from Bowls Wiltshire outlining its communication policy. There will be a designated member of each affiliated club to whom each relevant communication will be sent. It is expected that that person will disseminate the information contained to relevant members within that club.
  - We were invited to bid for hosting Wiltshire friendly matches for the 2013 season. The secretary will decline the invitation, since, during that season our green will be needed for probably three events during Wendy Young’s year as Ladies President. Richard will liaise with the ladies fixture secretary with regard to the actual dates for these events.
  - Availability sheets for members to apply to be part of the Wiltshire Friendly teams during 2012 have been received. They will be made available at the pre-season meeting.
  - The draws for the Wiltshire competitions have been made. Haydon Wick has a bye in the first round of the Tourist Trophy and will play Broughton Gifford in the second round.
  - Bowls Wiltshire are to hold two mixed gender galas during the coming season. Details will be made available at the pre-season meeting.
  - A letter from Dianne Ford thanking the club for Keith’s posthumous honorary membership was received and put on file.

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- The invoices for the men's Swindon and District affiliation fees were received; £40 for the club, £32 for the evening league team and £12 for each of the afternoon league teams, totalling £125.
- Bowls Wiltshire are proposing a new competition for the 4 rink league, based on the top four teams from each district playing two round robin competitions. The general idea being to give selectors the chance to see some of the better bowlers in action prior to selecting the Wiltshire team for National competitions.
- A request from the Swindon Indoor Bowls Club to use the clubhouse for its annual meeting has been received. The date will be Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

### **5. New season requirements.**

- The day for preparation of the green for the coming season will be Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April.
- The green will open on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April, league players practice will take place on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.
- Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April is set aside for the first internal club match, probably Ladies versus Gents.
- Weed killer will be applied to the paved green surrounds prior to the clean up.
- Opening times for the green will be as last year. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, play allowed from 1.00 pm onwards, Tuesdays, Thursdays and weekends play will be allowed from 11.00, although members are advised that Boules will be played until at least noon on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

### **6. Pre-Season Meeting.**

- The date of the pre-season meeting is confirmed as Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, commencing at 7.30pm. The agenda is being compiled but will include;
- Election of Captains and match selectors.
- Date of the competitions draw and entry forms.
- Date for the start of Monday coaching sessions.
- Preparation for the opening of the green will take place on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> April from 9.00 am.

### **7. Boules.**

- The Winter league for Boules section Members is progressing well
- A further friendly evening match against Cricklade has been arranged for Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March. The bar will be open, so members are welcome to come and watch the match and have a drink and chat with the participants.
- Organisers are required for the operation of the Cotswold Boules league, or it may be in danger of folding.

### **8. A.O.B.**

- A suggestion was made that the Club should consider investing in Solar Panels on the roof of the club house. It was thought that the risk of damage might outweigh any advantage gained.
- A suggestion that a skittle alley be installed in the main room of the clubhouse was considered. It was envisaged that the work involved would be too costly for any benefits to be gained.
- The "green maintenance group" require an additional member. This will be discussed at the pre-season meeting
- The old, unused bowls in the men's changing room will be discarded

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- Elaine Border is continuing to act as the club's welfare officer, for which the committee offer their thanks. Members should let Elaine know of where she may be of help.
- This year's charity day event will take place on the 11<sup>th</sup> August. The Club President will organise the event.
- A member's day competition is to be held during the Jubilee weekend on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. The event will be followed by an "American Supper".
- The bar shelving requires plastic mesh covering to allow the glasses to drain completely following the washing cycle. The President will purchase as required.
- There has been difficulty with change for the bar till. Members of the committee, on access duty, will ensure that the treasurer is made aware of any shortages.

### **9. Access Rota.**

- The rota for committee member duties has been brought up to date until the year end.

### **Date of Next Meeting;**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 6.30pm

The President thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.55 pm.