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## Haydon Wick Bowls Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

**Chairman;** Club President, Martin Edwards/Howard Smith.

**Apologies;** Tony & Francis Bluett, Derek Richards, Barbara Moody, Bert L'Maitre, Barry Crippen, Barrie Smith and Irene Ellis.

1. **Minutes;** of the last AGM, held on the 8<sup>th</sup> November 2011, were agreed as a true record.
2. **Matters Arising;**
  - There were no matters arising.
3. **President's Report;**
  - The President referred his second year in office as "sometimes problematical", the club was broken into on no fewer than three occasions. The third (and worst break in) resulted in a £2,000 insurance claim, but the resulting costs were much greater. Stronger doors, a bricked up entrance, and the installation of a new alarm system were needed following a security review. Members are advised that to gain entrance to the clubhouse between the hours of 11.00 pm and 8.00 am, it is necessary for a member of the committee to be in attendance. The President stated that club members need to be more aware of the security requirements; since the break ins, the door to the clubhouse has been left open with nobody on the premises, clearly this is not acceptable, and members are requested to ensure that the club is secure having ascertained that no other members are on the premises.
  - Thanking Barrie Smith for organising the annual Christmas concert, and for doing so again this year with the help of John Edge, he recollected that he was unable to attend Last December, due to being laid low with a severe cold (man flu) ;he thanked Marilyn Pflieger for standing in for him.
  - The President reflected on the winter events program and thanked those involved in the organising of the games evenings, the monthly quizzes and whist drives. He also appreciated the ladies who provided the rolls for those occasions.
  - The bowls season started in mid April with the annual Men versus Ladies match. The President described the results of the season as mixed. The ladies S & D evening team finished 8<sup>th</sup> in their league from a total of 20 teams. In the afternoon league, the Ladies A Team finished in the top three with the B Team finishing in mid table. Eileen Oliver and Wendy Thrush continued to play in County matches while Marion, Jenny, Wendy and Gloria won the Winslow Trophy. The President announced that Wendy Thrush is to be the S & D President for the coming season and urged members to give her their full support. Haydon Wick ladies were both winners and runners up for this year's Presidents Day Trophy. Sophie and Gloria reached the quarter finals of the S & D pairs competition. Well done to all the ladies.
  - The men's Wilts League team finished the season in 5<sup>th</sup> place while the S & D League team struggled through the season, finally being relegated to Division 2. On a brighter note, the men's tea and biscuits teams did rather better; The C Team won their division (dedicating the win in memory of Pete Hughes), while the D Team also gained promotion by finishing in the runner up spot in their division. The men's team won The Eddie Wells Trophy by beating North End in the final at West End. Well done to all those who took part this year.
  - The friendly matches and club events went well, with the Diamond Jubilee and Olympic events proving popular and well attended. The end of season game was again Men versus Ladies, the men winning again, even though the President played for the Ladies.
  - The President then gave his thanks to Richard and Kathleen for arranging our league games and fixture list, and last year's captains and selectors for the hard work and time. He realised that it is not

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always easy to keep everyone happy, and can also be a thankless task, but on the whole he thought this was achieved. He then gave thanks to Derrick Johnson for again running the Bonus Ball competition and to Derek Richards for his time and hard work in running the successful club competitions.

- The leaders of each of the club's working groups were thanked and they, in turn, thanked their team members. The President added that without everyone's help, the club would not exist in its present good state, and that there will always be times when we have problems with members not undertaking their allotted task, but on the whole each member should be thanked for doing their duty, thus allowing the club to continue to progress.
- In conclusion, thanks were given to Marion and Richard, retiring members from the committee, for their efforts during the year. In stepping down from his position as President, he felt that he had enjoyed an eventful second year, made easier due to the efforts of the committee and support of the members. He said that he hoped to continue to serve the club as a member of the committee, wishing his successor, Howard Smith, good luck for the future.

#### **4. Treasurer Report;**

- The headline is, that this financial year, the club made a loss of £3,200 compared to last year's profit of around £4,000; a turnaround of just over £7,000. Although the figures look poor, the majority of the profit last year came from the grant for the Boules Piste. The main reasons for this year's losses were the direct and indirect costs associated with the break-ins. New locks and keys were £1,100, alarm £1,100, strengthening the external door £700, bricking up the external fire door £600 and the kitchen repairs £500. We should, however get around £2,000 from the insurers.
- The green keeping costs were roughly the same as 2011, the bar sales were down on last year by about 10%, but there was a reduction in catering costs of some 20%, thanks to the efforts of the catering group. Boiler repairs for the year amounted to £600.
- Despite the losses during the year, the club is still financially sound; however, it is proposed that the annual subscriptions should be increased by £1 to £75 whilst the match fees should be left unchanged. It is thought that a review of bar prices is advisable.

#### **5. Annual membership fees**

- **Proposals for 2012**

**The membership fee would be:**

Full members £75  
Social and Junior Members £10  
Boules £10  
Joining fee £15.

- **Match Fees**

As suggested, match fees will remain the same as last year;

Friendlies                      £2.50 home    £2.00 away

Men's Tea & Biscuits        £1.50 home and away

Men S & D and Wilts        £2.00 home    £1.50 away

Ladies evening matches    £1.50 home and away

Ladies afternoon matches   £1.00 home and away

Friday night triples        £1.00

- There was a query as to why the match fees for the men's afternoon triples away matches were not cheaper than the home matches, but following a vote, it was agreed to let the fees remain as they were last year.

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### **6. Election of Committee and Officers of the Club;**

- There were only the required number of Officers and Committee Members proposed, therefore no ballot was required.
- The President is Howard Smith, Secretary; Stuart Barker, Treasurer; Alan Walker, committee members elected were; Viv Barker, John Edge, Martin Edwards, Jeff Fletcher, Denis Hardy, Bob James, Brian Kempshaw, Marilyn Pflieger, and John Wilde.
- Pete Mildenhall and Sophie Thomas were re-elected as the club auditors.
- Derek Richards agreed to continue as competitions secretary and was also re-elected.
- Richard Moody and Kathleen Smith agreed to remain as fixture secretaries.
- Nigel Morgan agreed to be our Child Protection Officer.
- There was a proposal of thanks from the floor, to Martin Edwards, for his exceptional efforts and time given to the club during his presidency.

### **7. Life Members;**

- The committee proposed that Barrie Smith and, Bert Potter be made honorary life members. The meeting accepted these proposals.

### **8. Presentation of Trophies;**

- Member of the year was awarded to Marion Edwards.
- The President then presented trophies and certificates to the winners and runners-up of the club competitions.
- Following a proposal from the competitions secretary, it was agreed that next year's finals would be confined to one weekend, probably the first weekend in September.

### **9. Future Events;**

- Some dates for members diaries were given as follows;
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month      Quiz night 7.30pm for 8.00pm
- 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month      Whist Drive 7.30pm
- Other Wednesdays      Winter Games 7.30pm
- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November      First meeting of the new committee.
- Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December      Aldbourne Band Concert.
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012      Pre Season Meeting
- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April      Preparation of green for 2013
- 8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April      Green open for practice
- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April      Official green opening

### **10. Date of Next AGM; Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2013 at 7.30 pm**

The President thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.45 pm