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Haydon Wick Bowls Club

Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Monday 17th January 2011.

Present; President; Martin Edwards, Vice President; Barrie Smith, Club Secretary, Stuart Barker, Treasurer; Alan Walker, Viv Barker, Elaine Border, John Edge, Marion Edwards, Richard Moody, Nigel Morgan, Marilyn Pfleger, and Howard Smith.

Apologies; None.

1. **Minutes;** of the last meeting, held on the 29th November 2010 were agreed as a true record.
2. **Matters Arising;**
 - The glass washing machine for the bar area has been delivered and is expected to be installed this month.
 - Howard's investigations into Charitable Status requirements appear to favour an application. The application pack is being worked on and will be forwarded to the Charity Commissioners when complete.
 - The annual Fire Extinguisher check will be carried out on 9th December.
 - The cheque for the cost of replacing the manhole cover broken during the delivery of the gravel for the Petanque area has been sent to Parish Council.
 - Viv and Marilyn are continuing to look at the imbalance in the various groups of working parties. Consideration is to be given to including the "Green Working Party" as a separate entity and the catering group to include the evening home matches.
 - With all monies except those from the Haydon Centre now received, the Christmas Concert with the Aldbourne Band looks set to make a contribution to club funds of near to £900. Thanks were expressed to Barrie and his team for the hard work put in to achieve this grand figure.
3. **Treasurer Report;**
 - The accounts have been brought up to date (as of last week) and show that the Club's finances are in a sound state.
 - The accounts for the first 3 months of the current financial year including the HWCF grant of £3,517, show a loss of just over £638, this compares with a deficit of approximately £4,000 at this time last year. The main items to give the slightly increased deficit were;
 - i) Increased greenkeeping costs - £250
 - ii) One off sundry costs of £460, which included things such as outgoing treasurers gift, and weedkiller.
 - iii) Increases from fund raising, £300 and the boules income, £250 offset much of this.
 - Increased VAT will obviously have an impact this year with greenkeeping costs increasing by around £200 and the cost of the bar price increases. The Bar Prices will need to be assessed before the start of the new season.
 - The high interest account will be topped up with £3,000 from the HWCF grant, bring the total in that account to £21,000.
4. **Secretary Report/ Correspondence;**
 - Entry forms for the Bowls England National Championships and National Competitions have been received. Anyone interested in participating have until 1st of March to enter.
 - Forms for entry into the Bowls Wiltshire competitions have been received. The closing date for these is 28th February.
 - Bowls England are asking clubs to participate in raising funds for the visually impaired World Championships.

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- A letter of resignation was received from Peter Stewart.
- A receipt for paid affiliation fees has been received and passed to the treasurer.
- We have been sent application forms for hosting county games on our green during 2012. The offer has been declined since we are hosting a ladies match during the year.

5. Petanque;

- A sub committee/working party has been set up to make proposals on how the Petanque Section will be run and to ascertain the requirements for joining a Petanque League. Applications, accompanied by cheques have been received from two potential members.
- John Fuller has agreed to become captain of the Petanque Section.
- A further tonne of granite chippings will be purchased at a cost of approximately £150, to improve the playing area.
- The Area will be designated as a “No Smoking” area. Notices will be posted to that effect.

6. New Season Requirements;

- 12 new mats will be purchased to replace the torn ones. These new mats will be kept for matches, the existing ones being used for “Roll Ups”.
- The Greens Working Party will start brushing and whipping work within the next couple of weeks in preparation for the coming season.
- Work to replace the Ditch Ball markers is underway.
- New strips of protection wood are to be fitted in to replace the warped ones.
- Preparation for the opening of the green will take place on Saturday 8th April from 9.00 am.
- Weather permitting; it is proposed to open the green for training days on 11th and 12th of April, with the official opening with a Ladies versus Gents match on the 16th of April.

7. A.O.B.;

- Sticking keys are becoming a problem with the bar till, Stuart will investigate the possibility of purchasing a cheap second hand one.
- The President/Captain’s day has been set for 23rd July
- The club competition finals weekend will be Saturday and Sunday, 3rd and 4th September.
- The club is planning to hold a local charity day, using a similar format to last year’s Mayors event. This is likely to take place on 31st July.

Date of Next Meeting;

Monday 21st February 2011 at 6.30 pm.

The President thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.00 pm.