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Haydon Wick Bowls Club

Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Monday 21st February 2011.

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

Apologies; Viv Barker, Nigel Morgan and Marilyn Pflieger.

1. **Minutes;** of the last meeting, held on the 17th January 2011 were agreed as a true record.
2. **Matters Arising;**
 - The glass washing machine for the bar area will be installed within the next couple of weeks.
 - The application pack to gain Charitable Status has been forwarded to the Charity Commissioners for consideration.
 - Some of the imbalance in the various groups of working parties has been rectified by the transfer of a few members from the gardening section to the catering group. The Green Working Party is still to be considered.
 - The three tonnes of granite chippings will be purchased at a cost of approximately £170, once Stuart has investigated which size of chippings are best suited for the purpose.
 - New foot mats to be used for club matches are to be ordered at a cost of £87 for twelve plus post and packaging.
 - A whipping rod for use by the green team has been purchased from Avon. The original used for the last couple of years belonged to George Pratt.
 - It was decided that the cost of a new till for the bar was too expensive. The problem of the sticking keys will be looked at.
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.
 - Increased VAT will obviously have an impact this year with greenkeeping costs increasing by around £200 and the rise in cost of goods for resale. The bar prices will be assessed before the start of the new season.
 - The concert ticket money from the Haydon Centre is still outstanding and will be chased.
 - A request for reimbursement of travel costs incurred on behalf of the club, for meeting attendance, was received; the committee agreed that this should be set at £0.35 per mile.
4. **Secretary Report/ Correspondence;**
 - The club received notification that Anne Reynolds is to retire as Parish Magazine Editor. Future items for inclusion in the magazine may now be sent electronically.
 - We have received an invitation from Bath Bowling Club to compete in their competition on the 29th May. Teams are made up of 2 Ladies and 2 gentlemen; the cost of entry is £32 per team, closing date for entries is 31st March. Forms will be available at the pre-season meeting.
 - Entry forms for the Bowls Wiltshire Triples competition to be played on 21st August at Swindon and Amesbury, have been received and will be made available at the pre-season meeting. The entry cost is £45 per team of 9 bowlers, and closing date for entries is 31st May. Profits made will be donated to the Wiltshire Ladies and Gents Benevolent Funds.

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- The Club has received a request from the Thamesdown Indoor Bowls Club to hold their AGM in our clubhouse on Saturday 9th April. Stuart will reply to confirm acceptance for a fee of £25.
- A report on the Bowls Wiltshire AGM, which will be available in the clubhouse for members to read, was received from Mark Richman.

5. Welfare Officer;

- The formal position of Club Welfare Officer has been vacant for the past three years. The committee agreed that the position should be discussed at the pre-season meeting, with a view to finding a volunteer to undertake the responsibilities of the office. Anyone interested should contact the club secretary.

• Pre-Season Meeting;

- The date of the pre-season meeting is confirmed as Wednesday 17th March, commencing at 7.30pm. The agenda is being compiled but will include;
- The likely effect of the recent VAT increase and requirement for the club to pay council rates.
- Election of Captains and match selectors.
- Date of the competitions draw and entry forms.
- Date for the start of Monday coaching sessions.
- The club competition finals weekend will be Saturday and Sunday, 3rd and 4th September.
- Preparation for the opening of the green will take place on Saturday 9th 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.;

- It was decided to propose Honorary Membership to Ron Beavan and Duncan Harper at the next AGM.
- It was agreed that a ring binder containing the Management Committee Meeting minutes will be kept near the clubhouse notice board for members to peruse.
- Howard will prepare a list of jobs to be completed on the 9th April, green preparation day.
- It was decided to offer the outgoing Mayor the use of the clubhouse and facilities for his end of term reception. The probable date is Wednesday 11th May, and will involve around 20 ex Mayors and partners.
- Boules Update;
 - A coaching session with a Wiltshire County Coach will take place from 10.00 am on Sunday 13th March.
 - Two Boules friendly matches versus Cricklade are scheduled for 10.00 am, Friday 11th March at Cricklade, with a return fixture at home, at 10.00 am on Friday 8th April.
 - Our Captain for the year, John Fuller and Stuart Barker will attend the Cotswold League fixtures meeting.

Date of Next Meeting;

Monday 18th April 2011 at 6.30 pm.

The President thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.30 pm.