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Haydon Wick Bowls Club

Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Monday 18th April 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, Marilyn Pflieger, Howard Smith and Mark Richman (after first item).

Apologies; None.

Before the meeting started, the President informed the committee that Mark Richman had volunteered to take the place of retiring committee member, Nigel Morgan. Thanks were again expressed to Nigel for his work on behalf of the club. Following a vote, Mark was co-opted onto the committee for the remainder of the committee's term of office, and invited to join the meeting.

1. **Minutes;** of the last meeting, held on the 21st February 2011 were agreed as a true record.

2. **Matters Arising;**

- Following liaison with league officials, it was found that the three tonnes of granite chippings for the Boules Piste were not required.
- The glass washing machine for the bar area has been installed and working successfully.
- The application pack to gain Charitable Status has been forwarded to the Charity Commissioners for consideration; no reply has yet been received.
- New foot mats to be used for club matches have been purchased.
- The monies for concert tickets sold by the Haydon Centre have still not been received, Barrie Smith will investigate.
- A cheaper alternative till has been located and purchased. It is now in use behind the bar.
- Elaine Border has accepted the post of Club Welfare Officer.

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. There is a small increase when compared to the same period last year. As a result, some of the surplus will be transferred from the business account to a more productive one.
- It was agreed that a float of £50 be allocated to the club's welfare officer for day to day running costs. The float will be balanced periodically through the year.
- Some of the bar prices will be increased from the start of the season to reflect the higher costs incurred, mostly by the increase in VAT.
- A question was asked about the annual fees to the Swindon and District League. The Treasurer will check, but thought that the fees had been paid and were included in the accounts under WBA Fees.
- A donation of £25 has been sent to The Blue Cross in remembrance of Iris Webber.
- £168 was raised by the Ladies' Tuesday morning group.

4. **Secretary Report/ Correspondence;**

- A copy of the draw for the Champion of Champions competition has been placed on the club notice board.
- Bowls England have requested that we place advertisements for their sponsored cruises on the club notice board. We are already struggling with space, so any one interested should refer to the Bowls England Website.

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- A member has requested that we should reconsider steps to the green for less physically able bowlers. A set of steps made last year were thought to be inadequate, investigations are ongoing to find an acceptable alternative at a reasonable cost, those available from bowls supply firms cost in excess of £1,000.
- The Committee accepted the four new applications for membership, two social and two full playing. The secretary will notify the new members and send a welcome pack.

5. Workgroup Update;

- Brian and Marilyn Pflieger have agreed to head up the gardening group. The committee expressed their thanks on behalf of the membership.
- The team leaders of each working group were requested to forward the names of its members to the President in order that the records may be updated.

6. Boules Section;

- A notice board for the section will be purchased and fixed to the wall in the Gents' changing room.
- The Cotswold League has accepted our request to join. We have been allocated a section of four teams, Cirencester St. Michaels, The Woodcutters and the Forresters (from Leigh) and our team, Haydon Wick.

7. A.O.B.;

- Questions have been raised with regard to the allocation of new male members to the Swindon and District Monday Afternoon Triples teams. A proposal that the captains of the teams should meet to agree the allocation of such new members as and when required will be put to the AGM.
- A replacement for Nigel Morgan, in the capacity of Child Protection Officer is required. Richard Moody volunteered to take this position. Thanks were expressed.
- The County Web Site is now in operation, albeit with teething problems. Please report any of these problems to our representative, Mark Richman.
- A proposal to hold a new triples competition, to be played during the course of one day, was put to the committee. It will be passed to the competitions committee for consideration.
- The Honours boards require updating. Barrie Smith will investigate.
- The list of current members will be updated and a copy posted on the clubhouse notice board.
- The Crowns and Coronets event on 30th April will be followed by an American supper.
- A member has requested a special coaching session for a group from a local church. The evening of 16th May has been reserved for this event.

Date of Next Meeting;

Monday 20th June 2011 at 6.30 pm.

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