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Haydon Wick Bowls Club

Minutes of the Management Committee meeting held on Monday 15th August 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 and Howard Smith.

Apologies; Mark Richman.

1. **Minutes;** of the last meeting, held on the 20th June 2011 were agreed as a true record.

2. **Matters Arising;**
 - There has been no reply from the Parish council regarding our request to remove the requirement for a percentage of the membership to reside in Haydon Wick, in order to gain Charity Status.
 - The monies for concert tickets sold by the Haydon Centre have been received.
 - Richard Moody has resolved the issue of attending reserve.
 - Heineken have informed the Club that it is no longer viable for them to supply less than 3 barrels of beer at any one time. We are looking at alternatives.

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. Approximately £3,000 has been transferred to the fixed rate account.
 - We have received a larger than expected bill from British Gas (£781), up until the last quarter we had received only estimated bills, the current one being taken from an actual reading.
 - We have refunded Joan Lawrence's subscriptions for the year, since she has not bowled during the season.
 - The £385 profit from the recent Charity Day has been split between The Willows and the Visually Impaired Bowls England charity, (VIBE.) The £55 profit from the Captains/Presidents Day has gone to VIBE.
 - There have been some problems reconciling monies with their sources, and in maintaining change for the bar. It has been decided to purchase some boxes to ensure the sources are identified and to look for a more secure safe to accommodate them.

4. **Secretary Report/ Correspondence;**
 - Mark Richman has resigned from the club management committee and also from all of his club responsibilities.
 - Since Mr Eddie Bedwell's resignation as one of the Club's Trustees, the council has indicated that it is considering the position as corporate one.
 - A few honorary memberships are being considered for ratification at this year's AGM. Further details will be made available at the appropriate time.
 - We have received a request for donations from Adrian Williams, the fund raiser for the Alzheimer's Charity. The secretary will reply indicating that consideration will be given following next year's charity events.

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- We have received notification of possible changes to the formation of the Wiltshire Bowls league. The proposal outlines a “Premier League” with promotion to and from 4 regional areas.
- We have five new full members, bringing the current total to 96 bowlers.

5. Winter Season;

- Following the last outdoor event of the bowls season, the ladies versus gents on 24th September, the green will be closed from the end of that fixture. The electric fence will be erected by 1st October to allow the Greenkeepers to carry out deep tyning and scarifying before applying the lawn sand.
- It is proposed to run the Winter Games program similar to last winter with more variety of games. Teams of 6 are invited to enter as soon as possible to ensure a full program. Quiz nights will again be held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month with a whist drive each 4th Wednesday of the month. If time allows, a beetle drive will be included in the program.
- The Christmas concert with the Aldbourne Band will be held in the Haydon Wick Centre on Saturday 3rd December. The hamper draw will be made in the clubhouse after the concert.
- It is proposed to run the Christmas card box scheme again, with the proceeds going to Charity.
- The Turkey and Tinsel trip to Torquay is during the weekend of December 9th.

6. Boules Section;

- The Club has lost two of its non bowling members.
- We are arranging some more coaching sessions in a bid to attract more players, especially from within the club.

7. A.O.B.;

- There has been further subsidence around the concreted and paved areas surrounding the green. It has been noted that the depth of the green when measured from the surround is at the minimum distance according to the specifications. Howard Smith will liaise with Avon to ascertain what might be the best solution to the problems.
- The Ken Reynolds Trophy will be played for during the Ladies versus Gents match on 24th September.
- Members are reminded that the Captain should notify the Fixtures Secretary of any changes of date for matches to ensure that clashes are avoided.
- We appear to be short of decent scorecard holders again, The President will purchase 18 new ones, but holders taken from the club for away matches should be returned in between matches.
- Twelve new “Laws of Bowls” books will be purchased for resale to members.
- The Secretary is investigating whether special jacks are available for the visually impaired, if so one will be purchased for club use.
- Barrie Smith will see if holders for plastic cups might be available. During windy days, plastic cups have been known to blow around the grounds.
- We have been asked if the clubhouse might be available for members to rent for private parties. The Secretary will write to the enquiree to explain that the terms of the lease don't allow it.
- The temperature control of the refrigerator in the kitchen may be unreliable. A watch needs to be kept to ensure that it is functioning correctly.

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- It has been felt that the Swindon and District Afternoon league fixtures could be better distributed. The Fixtures Secretary will make some observations for the Club Secretary to forward to the League.
- There is a feeling that security could be improved, many keys to the clubhouse are unaccounted for. A new lock will be fitted to the main door, and a register of keyholders will be maintained.
- The laurel trees at the rear of the clubhouse are in need of pruning. Barrie Smith has asked the council to trim them. A reply is awaited.
- A new felt roof has been fitted to the equipment shed and the grill in the kitchen has been replaced following the recent break in. The committee express their thanks to Peter Edwards and Roy Smith for their work.
- The grass cuttings from the green have been left to one or two members to clear. Members are asked to help by taking one or two bags each on a regular basis. The cuttings are in green bags which the local council will take from home with the fortnightly collection.
- The gardening group are reminded that only green bags should be used for garden rubbish. There have been instances where black bags have been used.
- We have been approached by Dr McCrae to see if we would be interested in a talk about "Reactions to Heart Attack". An evening will be arranged for him to give a talk and demonstration to members.
- There is concern with regard to the ever increasing cost of providing post match food. The treasurer will look at the way prices have risen so that the results might be discussed at the AGM on Tuesday 8th November.

Date of Next Meeting;

Monday 3rd October 2011 at 6.30 pm.

The President thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 9.30 pm.