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Haydon Wick Bowls Club

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday 8th November 2011.

Chairman; Club President, Martin Edwards.

Apologies; Tony & Francis Bluett, Rose Lusty, Brian Kinear, Sophie Thomas, Peter Howlet, Joe Backshell, Derek Richards, Barbara Moody, Ron & Jenny Carter, Mary Binding, Rose Head and Irene Ellis.

1. **Minutes;** of the last AGM, held on the 9th November 2010, were agreed as a true record.

2. **Matters Arising;**

- The Club Constitution has been re-written in draft form to mirror much of the format recommended by Bowls England. A copy of the proposed new draft Club Constitution has been posted on the clubhouse notice board for members to inspect. Members are invited to write to the committee with their observations, before the end of this year, so that the Committee can take their views into consideration before finalising the new Club Constitution.

3. **President's Report;**

- The President referred to the past year as a “settling in” period and hoped that it was seen by members as a successful start. Thanking Barrie Smith for organising the annual Christmas concert, he recollected that acting as Master of Ceremonies for this event had been his first duty as Club president.
- 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. Instead of the pre-Christmas social, we held a New Year event that proved to be a great success.
- 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 9th in their league from a total of 19 teams. One of the afternoon teams finished in the runners up position with the other team finishing up mid table. Eileen Oliver and Wendy Thrush played in County matches while Viv, Marilyn and Fran won the area Coronation Triples competition, finishing runners up overall. The team reached the finals of the Double Rink competition, winning on one rink out of two, but unfortunately loosing overall. The mens teams also had mixed fortunes, the Wilts League side finishing a creditable 4th while the evening S & D side just managed to hold on to their division 1 status by winning their final match. The mens Tea & Biscuits teams did well; three of the four teams gaining promotion. The A team were promoted by finishing as runners up, whilst both the C and D teams won their divisions. Mark Richman won the S & D Singles competition. The President offered his congratulations to all those members taking part.
- 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 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 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. He emphasised the need for each member to continue playing their part within these groups in order for the club to continue to progress.
- The President reminded us of the members who sadly passed away during the year; Iris Webber, Keith Ford, George Godwin and Arthur Myers.
- In conclusion, thanks were given to Barrie, Elaine, Nigel & Mark, retiring members from the committee, for their efforts during the year, especially to Barrie, who had been a committee member

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since the club's formation, had been instrumental in raising many thousands of pounds for the club and had given his all to the club during that time. He then presented Barrie with a gift in recognition of his continuing dedication to the club's well being. The President felt that his first year of holding the position had been relatively easy due to the efforts of the committee and support of the members. He thought that he had managed to sort out some of the problems associated with managing our club, but appreciated that it is the members who keep the wheels of the club oiled and rolling, again thanking the members for their support.

4. Treasurer Report;

- An analysis of the club expenditure showed the higher costs of food (+25%) and utilities (+44%) from last year. Green keeping costs had increased by 22% but the 2011 figures included about £1k for raising the edges of the green.
- On income, the green fees reflected the introduction of boules fees (approx £1.2k). The bar continued to make a profit of around 90% on sales.
- The income from boules and the £3.5k grant from the HWCF saw the assets of the club improve significantly from 2010, but it should not disguise the fact that the *fixed* costs of the club increased and are continuing to increase significantly. The *fixed* costs are those costs that have to be met irrespective of the volume of activity on the bowls green. It was pointed out that the accounts of the club were Cash Accounts and did not reflect any depreciation of assets, nor was there any provision for the replacement or repair of equipment or grounds.
- **Annual membership fees**
- In 2010, the membership fees (£6.7k) represented 66% of the *fixed* costs (£10.2k). In the current year the fees (£6.9k) met only 57% of the *fixed* costs (£12.1).
- This would mean that we would need income of £7.3k (60% of £12.1k) from membership fees in 2012. Assuming current numbers are maintained, this would mean an increase in subscriptions of 5.7%, just over the current rate of inflation.
- **Proposals for 2012**
The membership fee would be:
 - Full members £74
 - Social and Junior Members £10
 - Boules £10
 - Joining fee £15.
- **Match Fees**

As reported the cost of providing post match food has increased by 25%, it is therefore proposed to increase the match fees for next season. The proposal is that the match fees should be raised to;

Friendlies	£2.50 home	£2.00 away
Mens Tea & Biscuits	£1.50 home and away	
Mens 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 an objection to the proposed increases, but after a short discussion a vote resulted in the proposals being accepted by the membership.
- As normal, the clubs annual accounts have been posted on the notice board.
- It was agreed that visitors and guests should be charged for refreshments, therefore to ensure consistency; a price list will be displayed on the notice board showing elemental prices.

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5. 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 committee members elected were; Viv Barker, John Edge, Marion Edwards, Paula Hughes, Jeff Fletcher, Richard Moody, Marilyn Pflieger, Howard Smith 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 agreed to continue as our Child Protection Officer and as representative to the Wiltshire Bowls Association.

6. Life Members;

- The committee proposed that Duncan Harper, Ron Beavan and, posthumously, Keith Ford be made Honorary Life Members. The meeting accepted these proposals.

7. Presentation of Trophies;

- Member of the year was awarded to Barrie Smith.
- The President then presented trophies and certificates to the winners and runners-up of the club competitions, and mementos to the markers and umpires from finals day.

8. Future Events;

- Some dates for members diaries were given as follows;
- 2nd Wednesday of each month Quiz night 7.30pm for 8.00pm
- 4th Wednesday of each month Whist Drive 7.30pm
- Other Wednesdays Winter Games
- Monday 6th December First meeting of the new committee.
- Friday 2nd December Bring and Buy Sale
- Saturday 3rd December Aldbourne Band Concert.
- Monday 5th December Mayor's Appeal – Bag packing Sainsbury's 10-12 & 2-4
- 9th to 12th December Torquay Trip
- Wednesday 14th March 2012 Pre Season Meeting

9. Date of Next AGM; Tuesday 6th November 2012 at 7.30 pm

The President thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.55 pm