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### Committee Minutes Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2008

#### **Present:**

Howard Lovegrove, Simon Brown, Elaine Lashly, Ruth Butler, Lesley Beauvoisin, Elaine Woodcock, Sarah Brown, Julie Houghton, Colin Cooper, Lee Woodcock, Nigel Montgomery.

#### **Apologies:**

Sandie Montgomery, Denise Blogg.

#### **Committee issues.**

The current committee will endeavour to meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month to address any up and coming issues to improve communication and planning throughout the busy season. Parents or bowlers with requests or queries please approach a committee member so the subject can be discussed.

The committee are sad with the news that Mrs Denise Blogg has decided to step down from the committee but we are also pleased to introduce **Jan Deluchi as Assistant to the Treasurer**, welcome Jan

All members and instructors must be **C.R.B.** approved in line with BTBA directives and information can be obtained from the BTBA Website.

Committee members need to be Current BTBA members at a cost of £21.00. The committee voted for club funds to be used at a rate of £6.00 per member assist with the cost, each committee member therefore needs to find the outstanding £15.00 to secure a membership card.

#### **Reminder of the Havant YBC Dress Code.**

The committee have decided to keep the current dress code, as below.

For **league bowling and team tournaments** the following is required:

YBC bowling shirt, plain black trousers or track bottoms for the boys and plain black trousers, track bottoms or skorts for the girls

For tournaments where bowlers are not representing Havant YBC and **roll offs** there are no dress code restrictions.

#### **Start times.**

A reminder the doors open at **0945am** every Saturday in time for a 10am start this is to ensure the Peewee's have sufficient time to practice and get a game in before 11am after which the discretion of AMF staff on the day will be needed for further practice. The YBC League should also take advantage of the early opening so bowling can start at 10am sharp.

#### **Fees.**

The AMF Centre has recently put up prices with linage. The committee discussed the league fees and decided to increase fees starting the **13<sup>th</sup> September 2008**. Peewee's will remain at **£2.50** a game. League fees will increase from **£7.00** to **£7.50** for three games.

#### **Coaching.**

Colin Cooper is now the Head Coach and he will be meeting with his coaching team regularly to maintain continuity and leadership. Practice sessions will revert to Saturdays after league games.

We are always looking for new coaches and we particularly welcome ladies, as we are currently under-represented. Courses are available throughout the coming year. The current arrangement on fees still stands, that the initial cost will be borne by the individual but the club will provide full refund after they have coached for 6 months.

#### **Tournaments and Fees.**

Havant YBC has no sponsorship at this time to assist with funding of tournaments or events, so until further notice the committee have decided that all tournament fees including the Nationals will have to be borne in full by the bowlers. This is difficult, but without sponsorship there is no alternative.

Current events being planned are **Poole Doubles a JTE and BTBA Tour event**. Colin and his team will be selecting a team soon, if you want to get involved then please approach Colin Cooper.

Places will only be confirmed after full payment, **refunds cannot be guaranteed**. Last minute cancellations have a catastrophic effect on the remainder of the squad and in some cases can disqualify teams altogether. When bowlers are selected please ensure you plan in advance. If a bowler becomes unavailable or does not want to take part please let Colin Cooper know. The return of fees cannot be guaranteed. Finding replacement bowlers at short notice requires extra effort by the other parents, coaching team, and committee therefore fees will be retained to help with this burden.

### **Shirts.**

Sarah Brown has secured £475 from Asda to help with the cost of shirts, the committee have agreed on a supplier and the colour is to be Black with Green Embroidery, very similar to the current Instructors shirts. Sarah will be coming round organising fitting and sizes.

The committee have decided to offer the 1<sup>st</sup> shirt for £5.00 and subsequent shirts or replacements at £10.00 each.

### **Pee Wees.**

The committee agreed for a maximum of **15** Peewee's at any session based on the availability of coaches and lanes, it will be done on a "first come first serve" basis each day. New comers to the Havant YBC will have to enter via the Peewee's, to ensure bowlers have achieved an appropriate skill level before entry to the league which will normally be at the beginning of each season.

Exceptions to this rule can be made but only with consultation with Peewee helpers the YBC Secretary and Head Coach this is to ensure the entry is fair and appropriate for all. There maybe occasions where the need to backfill league vacancies during the season may occur, but again this will be in consultation with parents, bowlers, head coach and the secretary.

### **Respect of each other.**

The Committee have an overriding expectation of bowlers and parents involved in the YBC to maintain a high degree of respect towards each other. The committee will act if unacceptable language or behaviour is reported and relevant authorities will be notified

### **Inter YBC.**

This season Havant YBC will be aiming to get in the top half of the Hampshire Inter YBC League. Havant Team will be fielded by a squad of 20 bowlers of varying skill from the current league.

The Coaching team will do their best to select from the squad, bowlers who have a chance of achieving this result, but will also consider the developmental needs of those selected at the same time.

### **Badges.**

We have unfortunately got behind with the badges so much so we have decided to start from scratch. The club secretary will endeavour to start this season but we ask the following of all parents and bowlers. Personal high scores and series will be calculated from the AMF computer records. Multiple strikes (i.e. two or more strikes) will have to be declared and verified by a committee member/instructor on the day of the event

### **Girl and Boy Club Captains.**

Havant YBC will shortly be looking to selecting and appointing Club Captains. They will generally be chosen from bowlers in there last season with the YBC by the YBC Bowlers themselves.

The committee does want the selected captains to attend Committee Meetings to represent the Bowlers and complete the following tasks.

- 1) Ensure score sheets are completed and collected, then handed to the secretary.
- 2) Ensure the table and chairs used by the treasurer are returned to the grill area.

### **Roll-offs.**

The committee discussed this complicated issue where bowlers desire to bowl outside the published league schedule, in particular when absence is anticipated. Scores from roll offs will only be accepted but the secretary in the following strict circumstances.

1. Roll-off's must be played with both teams present (i.e. no envelope games).
2. A requesting team must ask for a roll off no later than the 7 days period using a AMF roll-off request form, it cannot be demanded or enforced. The opposing team is not obliged to accept the request but will have to give a reasonable excuse if they cannot comply with the request for a roll off.
3. The game must be played either on or before the scheduled date.
4. Disputes will be resolved the Head Coach currently Colin Cooper who is the designated adjudicator.

**Finally.** Anyone with suggestions or good ideas for the benefit of Havant YBC please feel free to discuss with anyone of the committee or coaches. We do not have all the ideas and do welcome help or advice.

Good Luck and Good bowling  
Howard Lovegrove.