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Committee Minutes Thursday 27th November 2008

Present:

Howard Lovegrove, Elaine Lashly, Ruth Butler, Lesley Beauvoisin, Elaine Woodcock, Colin Cooper, Lee Woodcock and Jan Deluchi.

Apologies:

Sarah Brown, Simon Brown, Sandie Montgomery and Nigel Montgomery.

No amendments to the minutes dated 18/10/2008

Minutes for 27/11/2008.

1. Absent bowlers.

The committee discussed the problem of absent bowlers who are persistently missing from league bowling. They effect morale and performance of team bowlers left behind. In this case Havant YBC will be amending the current policy immediately.

League bowlers who are now absent for 3 league games without good reason will be removed from the Havant YBC League and placed as a floating substitute.

It will be made only with the agreement of the Head Coach in consultation with the league secretary.

It is understood absence is sometimes unavoidable but with good communication between the bowlers and the league officials a bowlers position can be preserved.

2. Birthdays.

Elaine Lashly suggested the club should be celebrating bowler's birthdays and the committee agreed, so bowlers beware for announcements, birthday songs and cards.

3. Discipline.

The committee discussed the sad subject of respect and discipline. We agreed that any apparent breaches of the BTBA regulations and or poor behaviour will in the first instance be brought to the attention of the Head Coach and only if necessary will it be brought to the attention of the committee if further sanctions are required.

The cooperation of the AMF Management will be sought in some cases particularly if it is felt the reputation of either the YBC or AMF Centre is compromised.

4. Contract Fees.

The committee discussed contract style membership currently £1.20 every Saturday, it was felt it would encourage members to remain committed throughout the whole season and would ensure parents and bowlers were fully committed. There were a number of issues raised and it was felt the subject needed wider consultation with all committee members. It was also felt to introduce a contract mid-season could be regarded as unfair for those who started this season without it. This topic has been put over to the next committee meeting in the New Year.

5. YBC Funds

Elaine Woodcock the YBC Treasurer declared the YBC had £1972.66 clear funds this is including the Apollo donation. Committee decided the funds will be earmarked for shirts, trophies for the presentation event in July and Christmas celebrations.

Tournaments will continued to be funded by parents for the time being, a funding review will take place in the New Year to decide if main tournaments like Nottingham can be funded in part by the YBC.

The Treasurer is able to offer savings cards for those saving for the Nottingham Tournament or otherwise, so please see Elaine Woodcock for details.

In the past the funds had been used to subsidise tournament fees but with the withdrawal of two major sponsors in 2008 the club have temporarily held back from this expenditure until funds have caught up.

6. Christmas Celebrations:

The committee have agreed to hold a fun bowl on the morning of Saturday 20th December 2008. The committee have agreed to a buffet style lunch laid on by Karen Sheppard and her AMF team after the fun bowl. Other fun ideas are being planned to make the morning a fun event.

Lesley Beauvoisin will be managing the white board and will be gathering names of those who are coming to the event. The club funds will be used to pay for children and parents for the event at a cost of £4.50 per head.



7. Coaching.

We are always looking for both new and qualified coaches, particularly ladies who 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 refund after they have coached for 6 months. Refresher courses are free if interested through the BTBA, please come and ask a committee member for info.

Coaching staff will be holding regular meetings to discuss strategy.

Colin Cooper explained that any parent interested becoming an instructor can under the guidance of either Colin or his staff instruct or work with the children which is a way overcoming the shortage for the short term.

8. Inter YBC.

Congratulations to Coaching Team and the Bowlers for winning the second round. Well done.

9. Spring Tournament at Havant on Sunday 8th March 2009.

The proposed one day scratch tournament aimed at bowlers up to Junior Level will be held at Havant on the above date. It will be a BTBA sanctioned event and the committee support its proposal. This is an opportunity to bolster the funds in time for Nottingham, through cakes sales and raffles etc.

The committee will be looking for volunteers to get involved including cooking cakes, running raffles, lane assistance, scoring, sponsorship from maybe the resident Proshop and help with presentation at the end.

10. Sponsorship.

Apollo Fire Extinguisher has very generously donated £350.00 towards club funds. Apollo will be acknowledged in our website and other paper products. The committee have discussed some issues but felt the decision on how to spend the money should be open to a fuller committee. The committee are very grateful for the effort put in by Sarah Brown who sourced the funds.

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.

