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## Committee Minutes Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2009

**Present:** Howard Lovegrove, Elaine Lashly, Jo West, Sarah Brown, Alison Lashly, Sandie Montgomery.

**Apologies:** Nigel Montgomery, Simon Brown, Stephen Tier, Becky Lashly, Phillip Mitchell, Ed Rees.

### Minutes for 11/10/2009.

#### **1. Role of the Welfare Officer.**

Jo West has been doing some research with other organizations' who document the role of a welfare officer. There was so much it was decided the contents needed to be examined by all committee members. Jo will email her material for all members in the next couple of days.

It was agreed the role should remain as a liaison between any needy child and parents and/or an expert or authority, it was also agreed that Jo West the current holder of the post should be in a position where she is approachable, with contact details being accessible for all.

Jo West will also be working with Elaine Lashly to improve the parents initial consent form to incorporate permissions for photography, medical and contacts.

Jo will also be formulating a means to record incidents describing facts and action taken which will be held securely and handed to successive Welfare Officers.

#### **2. Treasurer's report.**

Elaine brought the books for the YBC accounts on behalf of Becky Lashly and declared the cleared funds at £1174.48.

Elaine continued that the books might need a review and Jo West mentioned the role and need for an independent auditor. Committee agreed and this will be researched and acted on as the committee felt an audit was now overdue.

Howard Lovegrove asked for a Treasurers statement showing the current state of the YBC Funds to include, cleared funds at the beginning of season, followed by the incoming and outgoing funds, then final figure at the end and should be prepared and published at quarterly periods.

#### **3. Coaching.**

Nigel prepared a report that will be displayed beside the published minutes:

The committee discussed its contents and made the following observations. The possibility of an evening slot for training and possibly further training sessions in the build up to significant tournaments. Ed Rees raised the worry of mature bowlers missing out. Nigel will be working with the bowlers to ensure the sponsorship money is spent.

#### **4. Instructors and bowlers development programs.**

The committee was worried about the commitment of the latest instructors waiting for a course and need reassurance of their commitment. Sandie Montgomery will ask Nigel to look at this and if any of our potential instructors have had second thoughts then we need to act to find a replacement rather than waste the course. Howard Lovegrove proposed a Havant YBC ruling to ensure our Instructors have the very latest skills. With refreshers being free, the insistence was regarded as good investment in our club.

The committee agreed to the funding for all courses including Phase 1 and beyond and the committee expect current phase 1's to attend a refresher every two years and/or attend any subsequent phase 2 and 3.

### **5. Planning for tournaments, plus agreement on funding of tournaments from funds.**

Sarah Brown will need some help, she is looking for a volunteer to assist her with the organising role.

Tournaments are being planned, the committee proposed and agreed Havant YBC should host two South Coast Challenge's for the under and over 14's. Howard has agreed to organise them both one being one or around January 2010 and the other being March 2010.

In the light of current healthy funds the committee agreed to fund JTE and BTBA Tour Events in the following manner.

£5.00 towards each entry if the tournament is more than is more than £15 and

£10.00 towards each entry if the tournament is more than £20.00.

The funding will be monitored throughout the season to ensure there is enough to cover the cost of end of season fees like the trophies and presentation.

### **6. Xmas celebrations.**

The committee are researching the possibility of a barn dance instead the Xmas buffet usually held. Watch this space for the details.

### **7. Pee, wees and recruiting.**

Becky has designed some flyers for the advertisement of the Pee Wees, and the website if being developed to advertise for new bowlers. If anyone is interested in joining please pass him or her on to Sandie Montgomery who can offer information about the YBC.

The committee is also looking for a volunteer to join Sandie Montgomery, so please come and speak with a committee member and discuss.

### **8. Weekly score sheets.**

Alison Lashly raised the problem of score sheets not being done properly which leaves a lot of work for the secretary. A popular solution if the team captain of the team, which falls on the left side of each pair of lanes, will be responsible for the scoring. If no score are completed then the secretary will have to consider a void game. Alison Lashly will with Ed Rees make sure the message is put across to the bowlers in the next week.

### **9. Lane etiquette.**

Alison Lashly identified brought forward a complaint about lane etiquette. All bowlers please have respect for the bowlers on your right and left. Alison and Ed will make sure again this communicated to the league over the next week.

### **10. Fundraising.**

Sarah Brown has taken the lead on the fundraising for the time being and Julia Lovegrove will be act as support. It was agreed to hold two tournaments next season giving two opportunities to make money for the clubs and there are plans to hold quiz nights and the sponsored walk next year.

Sarah will be approaching Asda to finalise the bag packing a date to be confirmed.

### **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.



# Havant YBC Committee Meeting 11<sup>th</sup> October 2009

## Head Coaches Report

### Looking Back

A reasonably positive start to the season from the bowling perspective.

A good performance from many of the bowlers that went to Poole including a stand-out performance from Sam Brown with an 8-game 226 average. Also good to see some of our younger members (Charlie Taylor and Aaron Francis-Robertson) going and bowling their first competitive 8 game match.

Training sessions on a Sunday are now in place and beginning to take shape. 11 attendees to the first session and 15 to the second is very encouraging. We are now looking to see if it is feasible to put on another session mid-week to allow more scope to those bowlers who may not be able to make Sunday. There is scope within our 'allowance' as we are currently only using the equivalent of around 20-25 games every two weeks – previous sponsorship arrangements were for 36 games every week.

Many bowlers have made a very encouraging start to the new season with averages after 15 games significantly improved over the end of last season. Hopefully this will improve further as the season progresses and the training and increased tournament attendance takes effect.

### Coming Up

Instructors course in Newbury on Nov 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> – I will be attending both as a personal refresher and as a support to our attendees. Hoping therefore that we will have another three qualified instructors by the end of November which can only benefit the bowlers.

Sarah now taking names for the Tolworth 2's and 4's tournament at the end of November – should be a good turn-out for that as well.

InterYBC planning underway for the new season. Team points totals reduced from 20 to 17 this season which makes selection all the more challenging. Team planning is, as always, challenging for the first round at Farnborough on Oct 25<sup>th</sup> because of clashes with holidays but we are hopeful of putting out a reasonably strong team. Second round at Milbrook follows very quickly on Nov 8<sup>th</sup> and we should be able to put an even stronger team out for that.

### Actions required

Recruitment – we MUST get the flyers produced and agree arrangements with AMF as a matter of urgency. The club now has NO '1 point' bowlers (i.e. those borne since Sept 1 1999 and classified as under 10 this season) and we need to try to encourage more 7 to 9 year olds into the club to rebuild what I term the foundations.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'N. Brown', written in a cursive style.