

VERWOOD BOWLING CLUB

Minutes of the AGM held on Wednesday, 21st November 2018

Present : List of members present on file

Apologies : Gill Farrance, Liz Lock, Robert Smith, Gill Thomas

Before the formalities, retiring President, Brian Hall, presented a cheque for £500 to Carol Saunders, the Manager of Dorset Young Carers – funds he had raised through his President's Charity events. Carol explained the charity and said that the money would help to pay for 40 children to go to the pantomime.

1. In Memoriam – Peter Baines was remembered with a 1-minute silence.
2. President's Address – Brian Hall thanked everyone for coming and welcomed members who had joined during the year. This was his third tenure as President (previously 2013 & 2015) and he had enjoyed his year. He thanked the Management Committee and all those who had contributed to the wellbeing of the Club throughout the year. He expressed the Club's appreciation that Mike Allington was willing to continue to oversee the maintenance of the green and thanked Eileen Wood and Betty Emery for organising fundraising events and Anne Jennings and Sue Pearce for organising the Annual Dinner and Presentation Evening. Tribute was paid to Jim Scutt, Hilary Walker and Gill Thomas for the hanging baskets and flower beds and the Men's and Ladies' Captains, Mike Daymond and Jane Roberts.

Brian commented on the lack of support for Club Competitions and more support is needed for the Tuesday working party. He expressed concern at the lack of attention to the dress-code which had been commented on by a visiting bowls team. He ended by wishing the Club every success in the coming year.

3. Minutes of 2017 AGM – Agreed – proposed by Mike Allington, 2nd Phil Prince.
4. Appointment of Scrutineers – not required as there were no multiple nominations.
5. Secretary's Report – Norman Pearce reported that 31 members attended the EGM held on 8th November; there were 3 apologies and 3 notices of non-renewal. There had been no offer to take on the role of Secretary at that meeting, but Robert Wood had accepted nomination as President and Mike Daymond as Vice President.

Correspondence : Norman read a letter from Geoff Finn, Auditor, complimenting the Treasurer's Accounts. Liz Lock reported that her head-shaving had raised £1,429.53 for MacMillan Caring Locally.

Norman had struggled throughout the year with the pressures of the joint roles of Secretary and Membership due to other outside commitments and if someone is willing to take on the Secretary's role, he is happy to continue as Membership Secretary. He complimented Vanessa on her schooling of the beginners and the unsung efforts of Geoff Symonds on the website. The Presentation Evening had been most successful and the photos taken by Chris Gould were now on the website. (Full report on file)

6. Treasurer's Report – Copies of the Accounts were circulated to everyone present and no queries were raised. The figures show a surplus for the year of £1,574.36 and a closing balance of £16,055.31. Peter Coleman, Treasurer, drew attention to £738 raised by Betty's Whist drives and stated that, having kept spending down during the past year, membership fees would not be increased for the coming year. In order to keep costs down, he urged members to support social events and help with maintenance. During the coming year it was planned to improve the ditch lining and exterior lighting. He expressed a vote of thanks to Geoff Finn for auditing the Accounts and he had said he was willing to do it again next year.

Adoption of the Accounts : Proposed Mike Daymond, 2nd Vanessa Curtis and agreed.

7. Election of President – Robert Wood, proposed by Angela Daymond, 2nd Alice Bulley. Brian Hall presented Robert with his chain of office and Robert then took over the meeting.

8. Election of Officers and Committee

Vice President : Mike Daymond

Secretary : Roger Bassett

Treasurer : Peter Coleman

Captain : Mike Daymond

Vice Captain : Phil Prince

Match Secretary : Vanessa Curtis

Competitions Secretary : Barry Chick

Committee (Membership) : Norman Pearce

Committee : Dan Ferguson

Committee (Publicity/Minutes) : Angela Daymond

Proposed

Gill Farrance

Phil Prince

Brian Hall

Norman Pearce

Norman Pearce

Sue Pearce

Robert Wood

Mike Daymond

Mike Allington

Norman Pearce

Seconded

Sue Pearce

Mike Allington

Brenda Hall

Robert Wood

Peter Coleman

Pat Allington

Norman Pearce

Mike Allington

Vanessa Curtis

Peter Coleman

9. Changes to Rules & Constitution – none

10. Subscriptions for 2019 – no change.

11. Motions for discussion – none

12. Election of Auditor – Geoff Finn had agreed to continue as auditor.

13. The President – Robert Wood stated that the Committee will do their best for the members, but active help is required by all members. We are a family and help is needed on Tuesday mornings. The priority is the ditches.

His President's charity is to be "Sailability".

If at any time a member is unhappy with a situation, then please see Robert or a Committee member so the matter can be resolved. Robert is keen to bring a happier atmosphere into the Club in the coming year. There was warm applause.

NEXT AGM : 23RD OCTOBER 2019 – the date has been brought forward to assist the Secretary

OPEN FORUM

1. Captain's Report – League playing members down from 34 to 17, therefore reduced league participation in 2019 is expected. Most improved player in 2018 is Dan Ferguson. Full report on file.
2. Vice Captain – There will be a new chart on the website for members to enter their availability.
3. Match Secretary – Vanessa thanked those who had supported the trophy competitions; some Friendlies were cancelled; she thanked Barry for taking on the Competitions role.
4. Competitions Secretary - Robert Wood emphasised the need for more people to enter competitions so that there are more rounds played.
5. Ladies' Section – Alice Bulley reported that in the New Forest League Verwood was relegated from Division A; in the B&D Verwood was top of Division E. It is expected there will be changes in the Edna Paisley league. A Ladies Friendly v Swanage is set to become an annual event. 6 ladies went to the B&D Annual Lunch and 5 to the New Forest lunch. Verwood very successfully hosted a County game. Alice thanked the men for looking after the green so well and congratulated Anne Jennings on her role as Ladies Vice Captain. The ladies will be meeting on 28th November to discuss which leagues they are able to enter in 2019.
6. Social Section – Eileen Wood reported on successful social events during the year and a reminder of the upcoming Christmas meal on 7th December and Coffee Morning on 15th December, both in the Club House. She thanked Hilary, Sue and Liz for their help during the year. If anyone has allergy problems, it is up to them to advise Eileen.
7. Green Keeper – Mike Allington emphasised that more help was needed with groundwork and if members were unable to help on a Tuesday morning, they should contact him for advice on what could be done at another time.
8. General Discussion

It was emphasised that any onlookers should be invited into the club and welcomed.

Mike Daymond demonstrated the bowling arm, purchased to allow those having difficulty, in order to protect the green. Members had seen it demonstrated very ably at Crofton Bowling Club. It is stored behind the kitchen door.

It was noted that the Friendly Match at Crofton will take place on Sunday, 7th July 2019 (*date corrected post meeting*) and the consensus was that players and supporters should travel by coach.

Verwood has again been invited to host a Bowls Dorset Competition and this will be a Ladies 4s Semi Final and Final on Saturday, 25th May 2019.

Eileen raised the matter of Short Mat Bowls and interest was shown. Robert would ask Chris Gould if he was willing to run this again on a Wednesday afternoon. Mike Allington suggested this should be mentioned to the whist group.

Discussion on the dates for the Club Finals resolved that these should be 31st August and 1st September.

The Club will not be participating in the Percy Baker League (Bowls Dorset) and the B&D Saturday Combination League.

The meeting closed at 9pm