

**VERWOOD BOWLS CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**held 10am Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at the Clubhouse**

Present : Robert Wood (President), Roger Bassett (Secretary), Norman Pearce (Membership Secretary), Peter Coleman (Treasurer), Dan Ferguson, Phil Prince (Vice Captain), Barry Chick (Competitions Secretary), Pat Allington (Ladies Captain), Alice Bulley (Ladies Secretary), Mike Allington (Green Ranger), Mike Daymond (Men's Captain), Angela Daymond (Publicity/Minutes)                      Apologies : Vanessa Curtis (Match Secretary)

1.	<b>Welcome</b> : Robert Wood welcomed new members to the Committee and said this was a new beginning of a positive way forward for the Club.	<u>Action</u>
2.	<b>Priority Work – the edging of the green</b>	
	Dave Hall had previously prepared a report with costings and copies were circulated. Various additional suggestions were made but it was proposed by Mike Daymond, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Phil Prince and agreed that patch and repair would be the best way forward. Mike Allington proposed that there should be a plan for a complete refurbishment. Mike D & Phil would research the Duradeck solid composite boards and install with wooden posts. Dan Ferguson offered to donate a circular saw and Mike Allington would be involved at purchase. The project would be reviewed at the end of the season with a view to extending it. Angela suggested that some sort of sponsorship could be obtained from the supplier.	MD/PP DF MA
3.	<b>Membership Secretary</b>	
	Norman has notified B&D the change of officers and will contact New Forest shortly. Roger and Mike Daymond agreed to be the New Forest delegates. Robert Wood will be the New Forest B.A. representative. A team of 4 would be needed on 24th July at Lyndhurst and one on 21st August, venue to be decided. A notice will be put up for each match, asking for players to enter for selection.  Wherever possible renewal forms will be sent by email, Social members via the whist drive and others hand-delivered by Committee. Due for return at the Coffee Morning on 2 <sup>nd</sup> February.	NP RB/MD  RW  NP/ All
4.	<b>Secretary - Correspondence</b>	
	Emails regarding Ladies Bowling have been passed to Alice. Gill Farrance had written to thank the Committee for refunding the cost of her meal when she was unable to attend the Annual Presentation Dinner – noted that the Club had not been charged for the meal. There was a Christmas card from the Verwood Concert Brass thanking for sponsorship – to be placed on the noticeboard.	RB
5.	<b>Men's Leagues</b>	
	Mike Daymond confirmed that the Percy Baker and Saturday Mixed Leagues had been dropped and both had stated Verwood would be welcomed back if the situation changed. Teams are in Bowls Dorset Div 2 and New Forest Div 4. Robert Wood commented that the Saturday League had caused all sorts of problems within the Club. Roger will advise Geoff Symonds of the situation regarding leagues so that information on the website can be amended.  Mike D estimated his number of players for the coming year would be 12 and the appropriate Secretaries had been made aware that they might not always be able to field a full team. It would seem that other clubs are in a similar situation. Mondays would be Bowls Dorset, Thursday New Forest matches. Mike and Phil were keen to organise a "Men's meeting" to discuss matters.	RB       MD/PP

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6.	<b>Ladies Leagues</b>	
	<p>Alice reported that Verwood had put forward a proposition to the B&amp;D that the Thursday League Rinks format be changed to Triples, but this failed. It is unlikely that Verwood can raise a team in 2019 for this league. Decision to be made by 8<sup>th</sup> February – currently only 8 willing to play which leaves no spare to allow for holidays or illness. New Forest will be fine; Edna Paisley is going back to the old format which means Verwood would be able to enjoy again their matches with Swanage.</p> <p>As there were no volunteers for the Officer roles, Pat Allington had agreed to be Ladies Captain, Jane Roberts Vice Captain and other Ladies Committee members are Alice, Eileen, Betty and Dorothy.</p>	
7.	<b>Competitions</b>	
	When membership applications have been returned, Norman will inform Barry of those wishing to enter competitions. Barry will liaise with Geoff Symonds regarding the FileZilla client and he will contact Vanessa regarding other templates which she used in 2018.	NP BC
8.	<b>Club Noticeboards</b>	
	<p>A suggestion had been made for a Club Noticeboard to be located near the gate to advise passers-by of events at the Club and inviting interest. Robert offered to make the board and locate it.</p> <p>Outside the Post Office there is apparently an empty noticeboard – Angela to enquire its availability for use by the Bowls Club.</p>	RW AD
9.	<b>Publicity</b>	
	Angela explained her “drip-feed” approach to publicity in the press. The Presentation Dinner photo had already appeared in the “Stour & Avon Magazine” and had also been sent to the Echo, New Forest Journal, Viewpoint and Roundabout. The next press release would be the charity cheque presentation and then the Open Days information.	AD
10.	<b>Grass Outside the Club Gate</b> - Agreed that this should be removed and replaced with a membrane and concrete, possibly sprinkled with shingle.	NP/PP
11.	<b>The Green</b> - Mike Allington agreed that he would continue to be responsible for the green.	MA
12.	<b>Defibrillator</b> – Brian Hall will maintain this and arrange another training session.	BH
13.	<b>Fundraising</b>	BH/PC
	<p>Brian Hall was preparing quiz questions for the first half of the April Quiz and Peter Coleman the second half.</p> <p>The Christmas Club Dinner had been very successful and raised £213 and Eileen and her helpers were warmly thanked; the raffle raised £81 – thank you to Alice and the Grid Board £52 – winner to be drawn at the Coffee Morning on 15<sup>th</sup> December.</p>	
14.	<b>Dress Code</b> – Robert stressed that white shirts were essential at all times when on the green, although a logo was acceptable. Grey trousers/skirts/tailored bowls shorts below. Currently it is not anticipated that there would be a standard Club shirt.	

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15.	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	
	Peter Coleman circulated an up-to-date statement of the accounts. Insurance has been paid and is slightly lower due to there being no need for insurance for alcohol stored on the premises (an oversight in previous years).	
16.	<b>Short Mat Bowls</b> – will commence on Wednesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> January at 2pm and be played weekly till the start of the outdoor season. There are 12 names on the list.	
17.	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
a)	<u>Outside lights</u> – light on equipment store not working; halogen light in maintenance shed needs looking at; additional outside light on the Clubhouse would be helpful.	WP*
b)	<u>Parking</u> – Eileen had spoken with the new occupants of the RBL building and it would be possible to park there in the evenings and at weekends.	
c)	<u>Buddy Scheme</u> – Robert asked if anyone needed a “buddy” to help with tasks. Dan was willing to help where needed and agreed to work with Mike Allington.	
d)	<u>Constitution</u> – To be discussed next meeting. Mike to email a copy of the Constitution to Roger.	MD
e)	<u>Alcohol for Men's Matches</u> – This was not considered viable but home players could offer and purchase soft drinks for visitors.	
f)	<u>Club Location</u> – Alice raised the question of street signs to the Bowls Club, but this is very expensive. Peter suggested a poster on the public noticeboards showing location.	AD
g)	<u>Mice in the loft</u> – Mike D reported that the bait had been eaten. He is planning to make storage shelves so that files are off the floor.	MD
h)	<u>Oak Tree</u> – Roger is concerned that the corner oak tree is dangerous as a sizeable branch had fallen. Norman will contact the Council for an inspection by the Tree Officer.	NP

\*WP = Working Party

Meeting closed at midday

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING : MONDAY, 7<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2019 AT 10am**