

## **VERWOOD BOWLS SPRING MEETING**

Wednesday 30th March 2022

- 1) Apologies, Norman & Sue Pierce, Angela & Mike Daymond, Alice Bulley, David O'Toole, Robert Smith & Phil Prince.

Meeting commenced at 7.05 pm

### 2) President's Address

Barry announced the death of Dorothy Keep whose funeral will be held at Bournemouth Crematorium on Tuesday 5th April at 3pm followed by a wake at Dudsbury golf & country club. Please inform Norman if you wish to attend.

Barry voiced his thanks to Sue Holt for her help with the decorating of the club house. Well done to Barry as there is a big improvement to the interior of the club.

We are all looking forward to the summer competitions, it is good to see there has been a good response from members.

The green awaits us with the Monday team having been very busy preparing the surface & tending the surroundings.

The Defibrillator training is arranged for April 12th at 3pm. Please notify Norman if you wish to attend, as he needs numbers.

The clubhouse key has been moved, it is now on the right hand side of the garage, at the back, on a hook with the key contained in a bag.

- 3) There have been changes to the Constitution due to the death of Jill Farance. The trustee is now no longer a named person but a member of the clubs committee. A vote was held on this change & it was passed unanimously.

- 4) Secretary's report, Norman was absent & no report was submitted. We now have 24 male player, 10 lady players and 19 social members

- 5) Treasure's report, Mike Daymond forwarded a short report. The club needs 35 playing members to cover ongoing costs. The whist section will continue through the summer which will bring in extra money.

We now have 34 full playing members. We are anticipating extra costs in the coming year for utility bills & other expenses.

- 6) Most fixtures are complete. Next week the New Forrest will vote on women being allowed to bowl in the mixed bowls, the outcome is looking hopeful.

- 7) Ladies section, Alice was absent, no report submitted.

- 8) Green matters. Some reseeding has happened.

Phil has needed to split the ground teams to Monday & Friday, with the need for an extra days mowing making that 3 times a week, so another team is needed. Bob, Ed & John volunteered.

- 9) Fixtures secretary. Awaiting dates to confirm fixtures.

10) Competitions Secretary. Barry has compiled a list which will be ready by the end of April for publication. He was very pleased with the good response from members. As we already know there is a shortage of women players. It is anticipated the games will start in May/June.

11) Social Activities. Club lunch going ahead on Saturday 9th April with 27 participants. Club shirts were on display along with prices. Chrissy notified the members that she will be placing an order in two weeks time, so please contact her with your size & needs. The delivery is anticipated to be approximately 6 weeks. The selling of drinks was discussed with the rules around alcohol clarified, a drink could be purchased by buying a raffle ticket with an instant win.

12) Publicity Report. It was discussed that we need a leaflet available to give to casual visitors. It was pointed out by Bob Child that last year there were a few people just 'dropping in' when there were no members available to offer assistance. It was felt a handout leaflet would be helpful.

Keith Newman nominated himself to attend Irving's to receive FaceTime computer training. Sue H. asked if we could give passing callers bowling instruction. Barry saw no objection to that.

The possibility of practicing, in the winter, at Potterne was raised by Bob Child & discussed. There was an open forum, following the meeting, with a good response from the attendees. The meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

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