

VERWOOD BOWLS CLUB ZOOM COMMITTEE MEETING held 5pm Monday, 29th March 2021

Present : Mike Daymond (President), Jim Scutt (Vice President), Peter Coleman (Treasurer), Norman Pearce (Secretary/Membership Secretary), Alice Bulley (Ladies Secretary), , Angela Daymond (Match Secretary /Minutes), Barry Chick (Competitions Secretary), Phil Prince (Men’s Captain), Mal Hancock (Men’s Vice Captain), Ken Haxby-Thompson (Publicity); part-time : Eileen Wood (Social), Robert Wood

Apologies : Jane Roberts (Ladies Captain), Mike Allington (Green Keeper), Pat Allington (Past President)

There had been several exchanges of email and reports prior to the meeting in order to keep matters brief during the limited time of the Zoom meeting. With Pat & Mike, Robert & Eileen retiring from the Committee, the proceedings were divided into two.

1.	Green Ranger	<u>Action</u>
	Mike Allington, having completed 17 years with the club had submitted his final report which advised on the servicing needed, contacts for all maintenance issues and suggested that November was the time for any bonfires at which time he always notified the neighbours.	Green Sub-Ctee
2.	Housekeeping	
	Eileen Wood had submitted a written report on the Deep Clean which had been carried out and urged that Members show respect for the premises and clean up after themselves. She would leave the Cleaning Co’s leaflet for future reference. If bleach is required, it is kept in the Ladies toilet – a H&S requirement. She drew attention to the Allergens Book which should be used if meals are cooked on the premises. She has very much enjoyed her role organising the social events. Eileen noted that she and Robert had christened the patio and had enjoyed sitting there eating their fish & chips whilst the cleaners were on the premises.	Eileen
3.	Thank-you	
	President Mike Daymond thanked Robert & Eileen and also, in their absence, Pat & Mike for their industry in supporting the club in a variety of ways over many years; in particular Mike’s industry as Green Keeper and, in addition, Pat & Robert’s roles as Presidents of the Club and Robert who represented the Club as New Forest President. He wished them well at Fordingbridge Club.	

At this point Robert & Eileen left the meeting

4.	Committee Vacancies	
	Phil Prince agreed to be “Greenkeeping Lead” but explained that the volunteers worked together as a team. There were no suggestions regarding the other vacancies and the Committee would continue as is.	
5.	Financial Report	
	Peter Coleman had circulated a full report and told the Committee that there is a balance of £14,823 in the account at present. Site development to date totalled £8,591.08. Ken Haxby-Thomson enquired about purchasing new patio furniture and agreed to prepare a report for the next meeting which should include the cost of parasols and bases. Concern was expressed on storage and the idea of a tarpaulin was suggested. There was an offer of a gazebo – to be looked at on-site. Peter urged caution on expenditure as at least £10,000 should remain in the account to cover 2 years’ expenditure. Alice Bulley queried the cost of the electrical contractor’s bill and it was explained that his work had entailed the Professional Safety Certificate being issued which was a legal requirement. Outstanding expenditure – the quote for the outside lights was £360, but Mike Daymond was keen to try some solar lights first; they are £15 each but would not be charged to the club until proved successful.	
6.	Website	
	Peter brought to the Committee’s attention that the webmaster, Geoff Symonds, is moving away and although it was something that he could do remotely, we may in time need a new webmaster.	

7.	Maintenance Team	
a)	<u>Green Maintenance</u> Phil had submitted a written report that he was meeting with Steve Hill, the contractor and would be meeting with all the volunteers. The maintenance day has now changed to Mondays and this would benefit the Percy Baker team on a Tuesday but means that the green is not now available Monday mornings. He has prepared a draft maintenance schedule and noted that our scarifying machine is away for repair; Steve Hill brings his own machine. Phil has purchased enough additional composite edging board for the green to be repaired now and to leave three lengths available to use at the end of the season. Grass seed is needed. He said more support and help was needed now that Mike Allington had relinquished his role. Mike Daymond to organise a meeting of the volunteers. If the scarifying can't be done before bowling starts, then it may need to be held over. Phil will seek advice from Steve Hill on the indentations in rinks 1 & 2.	Phil Mike
b)	<u>The Surrounds</u> Mal Hancock reported that most of the chairs had now been cleaned and two tables.	
c)	<u>Hanging Baskets</u> Jim Scutt reported that temporary plants which could be transferred later to the flower beds were currently in the hanging baskets and the begonias would replace them later. He said he and Hilary would donate the flowers. There is a £70 budget for the garden and £12 has been spent on the new mounted basket. <i>Post Meeting : Jackie Hancock has expressed an interest in helping with the garden and will contact Hilary.</i>	
d)	<u>Other</u> Norman reported that he had put some professional rat bait in the loft in case there was still a problem – it wasn't certain whether droppings seen were recent or not.	
8.	Membership	
	Norman reported that membership renewals were arriving and he would supply an update shortly. <i>Post Meeting Update : As at 1st April – 15 male playing; 8 female playing; 3 male/8 female social.</i>	
9.	Opening of the Green	
	Play from 2pm Monday, 12 th April. Angela to organise a triples event for Saturday, 17 th April 2pm. Norman agreed to publicise to the new membership if Angela drafted the wording.	Angela
10.	Match Secretary - Diary change : Captain's Day now Saturday, 31 st July.	Jane/Phil
11.	Publicity	
	Ken reported that the website had been revamped to give a positive image of the Club, posters prepared for distribution; information had gone out via email to various organisations via Committee memers; there's a half-page advertisement with an article in Roundabout magazine due out early April.	
12.	Open Days – 14th, 16th, 24th April; 5th & 8th May	
	Two bookings for the first Open Day which will have sessions at 2pm and 3pm. Vanessa will give helpers guidance training. Mike had retrieved a selection of bowls shoes from the loft in case they were needed. Phil pointed out that players who come to Verwood (Open Days & Leagues) will need to be registered with contact details and Norman suggested using the Green Diary.	Ken/ Phil
13.	Men's Captain's Report	
	Phil reported that it may be necessary to drop the 2 nd team entered for the NFBA due to lack of numbers.	Phil
14.	Any Other Business - It was agreed that paving was needed between the two sheds.	Phil

Meeting closed at 6pm

DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING to be arranged