

**VERWOOD BOWLS CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING held 2pm Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021 on the patio**

Present : Mike Daymond (President), Peter Coleman (Treasurer), Norman Pearce (Secretary/Membership Secretary), Alice Bulley (Ladies Secretary), Angela Daymond Fixtures Secretary /Minutes), Barry Chick (Competitions Secretary), Phil Prince (Men's Captain), Mal Hancock (Men's Vice Captain), Jane Roberts (Ladies Captain), Ken Haxby-Thompson (Publicity)  
Apologies : Jim Scutt (Vice President)

1.	<b>Minutes of the Previous Meeting 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<u>Action</u>
	Acceptance proposed by Ken , 2 <sup>nd</sup> Norman and agreed.	
2.	<b>Matter Arising</b>	
	Gazebo yet to be checked.	NP
3.	<b>Correspondence</b>	
a)	Norman noted that between 9 <sup>th</sup> & 20 <sup>th</sup> April he received 91 bowls related emails. Relevant emails had been shared with the Committee. Noted that by registering with Bowls England we will appear on a postcode search on their site and some Committee members will now receive emails direct from Bowls England.	
b)	<u>Spiked Rubber for ditches</u> – bearing in mind future improvements at the Club, Norman had received a quote for 1m x 300mm strips at £11.58/m + vat and calculated that the total cost for the surrounds of the green would be approx.. £2, 800. Currently the Working Party clear the ditches, turn the existing matting to kill the moss, rinse and re-lay. Committee agreed that the spiked rubber would be an improvement to be made when funds allow.	
4.	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	
a)	<u>Financial Report</u> - Peter had circulated a full Financial Report showing income from subs as £1,999; funds at £16,228. Angela noted that Sanitiser could be bought much cheaper on-line. Honorary member, Barry Gatley had sent a donation of £20. Mike noted that the fire extinguishers had been serviced on 19 <sup>th</sup> April. Angela had stocked up on biscuits and Mal offered to take responsibility for them from now on. For a trial period, the money pot would be available for donations to cover the cost of tea, coffee and biscuits and we would monitor whether this covered the cost.	MH AD PC
b)	<u>Grant</u> - Peter noted that we could apply for a further grant of £8,000 and it was suggested that if this was granted, we should consider the rubber matting.	
c)	<u>Frig Lock</u> - A lock had been installed that fixes to the side and door of the big frig with a link between at a cost £9.90. This offers relative safe keeping for a quantity of bottles & cans and will enable the men's league teams to reciprocate the hospitality given when Verwood teams play away; costs are covered by the men's match fees. Previously, as a trial, Mike had brought drinks to the Clubhouse on the night of the match, taken leftovers home again and re-stocked ready for the next match. It had been very successful for the social atmosphere of the evening but was laborious to do.  There was considerable discussion and concerns that this was "running a bar" which was disputed as drinks are given and not purchased. Norman produced a copy of a 2016 letter confirming a meeting with the Land Trustees, Bob & Chris Antell, when it was agreed that alcohol could be brought to the site and drunk there. Angela felt that further discussion with the Trustees could loosen the situation still further. <u>Proposed</u> by Ken, 2 <sup>nd</sup> by Phil that the system for keeping drinks in the locked frig could go ahead : 6 in favour; Jane & Norman had no view; Alice & Peter were against the proposal. Carried by majority.	
d)	<u>On-line Banking</u> – Peter advised that now the Club was doing on-line banking, he was able to process expenses on-line using Norman as the second signatory. Mike, as third signatory, requested to be involved and taught the system.	PC/MD

5.	<b>Membership Secretary</b>	
	Membership now : Playing – 19 men, 12 women; Social – 5 men; 5 women. Sheila & Malcolm Cleife had written explaining that the Braeside surface was similar to the one they play on in Spain and so they wouldn't be renewing at Verwood. Norman had put membership forms in the Clubhouse and would print fixture cards and score cards. He also agreed to put the membership form on the website.	NP
6.	<b>Competition Secretary</b>	
	Barry was disappointed at the lack of entries with some competitions starting at the semi-final and even the final, but it was hoped some of the new members would take part. Phil was considering extra social bowling to replace the reduced Percy Baker league.	BC PP
7.	<b>Fixtures Secretary</b>	
a)	<u>Job Title</u> - Agreed that "Fixtures Secretary" was the correct title for Angela's role and the Diary to be termed "Fixtures Diary" – to be amended on the website and Clubhouse noticeboard.	AD NP
b)	<u>"Big Bowls Weekend"</u> Friday, 28 <sup>th</sup> – Monday, 31 <sup>st</sup> May. Committee agreed to run an "Open Day" on the Saturday and organise a Fun Day with targets on the Sunday. Ken would liaise with Tony Bird (new member) about designing a poster.	KH-T
c)	<u>On-line Rink Booking</u> – Decided that with the easing of Covid restrictions and the limited membership that it was not necessary at the present time. Players should share their rink if necessary to accommodate everyone who came to play, unless of course a club competition match was in progress. Geoff Symonds and Vanessa Curtis to be informed. Norman agreed to produce the Fixtures Diary for the Clubhouse for booking rinks for matches.	AD NP
d)	<u>Social Play</u> - Angela reminded members that she is starting Wed & Friday roll-ups this week and Tuesday practice sessions next week. Sunday's "Get Going" social play had been well supported.	
<b>Peter Coleman left the meeting at this point - 3.10pm</b>		
8.	<b>Ladies Section</b> – Alice reported that the Ladies Section has affiliated to B&D and New Forest leagues in order to enable the club to restart playing leagues as soon as we have enough players. She hopes to arrange a Ladies Meeting when allowed.	
9.	<b>Ladies Captain</b> – no report	
10.	<b>Men's Captain</b>	
	Phil had submitted a written report describing why the Percy Baker league was on hold pending easing of restrictions. New Forest leagues 1-4 at present are going ahead – first match 6pm Thursday, 29 <sup>th</sup> April v Fordingbridge at Verwood. Phil would email the teams to those playing. He may be able to field a team in the Dorset League following the recruitment drive. It was noted that Peter Simpson had visited the Club on Sunday during the "Get Going" event, but has not yet joined.	
11.	<b>Green Matters</b>	
a)	<u>Maintenance</u> – Phil had sent a written report explaining that the meeting with Maintenance Team volunteers had been well attended and they now had a rota for the mowing. Awaiting visit of the electrician to set up the power for the irrigation system. Steve Hill has advised on using the mowers, but the one that was serviced recently needs further adjustment and the mechanic, Tony Curtis was visiting the following day. It will take a month before the green is fully repaired, meanwhile leaving 4 rinks available. Two edging boards have been replaced.	

b)	<u>Solar Lights</u> – Mike had reported that he had fitted 5 solar lights from the entrance gate and along the edge of the patio to illuminate the path at no cost to the club until they are agreed as satisfactory.	
c)	<u>Mower Shed</u> - Mike is currently organising the Mower Shed so that everyday tools and equipment are accessible. One effect will be to weed out surplus tools and equipment and these will be placed behind the clubhouse for members to take away and use for their own benefit. Any remaining will be removed from site.	
D)	<u>Additional Land</u> – There was a problem with intruders gaining access from the Recreation Ground and from the rear of Edwards Estate Agents. The Maintenance Team had secured a wooden pallet with wire three times but this had been broken down. Other solutions will be tried. A photo of a makeshift bridge crossing the stream was circulated and it was agreed that Mike would contact the Town Council to see if they could help, albeit that the stream is the official boundary.	MD
12.	<b>Social &amp; Housekeeping</b>	
a)	<u>Housekeeping</u> - Committee members agreed that each would be responsible for their own toilets rather than have a cleaning rota. Suggestion made that we switch back to paper towels – Norman knows of a supplier. The urn is currently marked as not to be used as it is not refilling. Mike will investigate the filter. <i>Post Meeting : There are no paper towel holders in the Ladies toilets. Waste bins also needed. Filter appears to be the problem with the urn – new filter needed.</i>	NP MD
b)	<u>Sanitising</u> – A sign to encourage sanitising before signing in was put alongside the sanitiser outside the Clubhouse.	
13.	<b>Publicity/Open Days</b>	
	Ken reported that the advertisement in “Roundabout” magazine had produced 2 couples booking for an Open Day. Of those who had already attended, 4 were joining. Three other couples booked for 24 <sup>th</sup> April.	
14.	<b>AOB</b>	
	<u>Garden</u> – Jane reported that she, Robert Smith, Jackie & Mal Hancock had met to plan ideas for the beds and containers; containers to be used to protect the edge of the patio. Chrissy H-T has some plants to donate.	

Meeting closed at 3.45pm

**DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING :**  
**TUESDAY, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at 2pm – Patio or Clubhouse t.b.a.**