

VERWOOD BOWLS CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING
held in the Clubhouse 2pm Wednesday, 21st July 2021

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

Apologies : Norman Pearce (Secretary/Membership Secretary), Mal Hancock (Men's Vice Captain)

1.	Minutes of the Meeting held 25th May	<u>Action</u>
	Acceptance agreed.	
2.	Matters Arising	
a)	3. Manuals – Phil is currently studying the Deere mower manual.	
b)	4 b ii Defibulator – Norman has arranged to meet with Brian Hall.	NP
c)	5 Installation of smart meter – as yet no contact from SSE Energy Solutions.	
d)	11 a Local PCSO Albie Pepper called when some bowlers were present to ask if all ok.	
e)	11 c Spiked mats for ditches – alternative samples needed for discussion next meeting.	NP
f)	16 a Bowls Launcher now stored at the Club; Peter to reimburse Vanessa.	PC
3.	Matters Arising Not Connected with Section Reports	
a)	<u>Special Meeting</u> – A written complaint had been received, the committee met and after further investigation it was deemed not relevant to the club.	
b)	<u>Roof Windows</u> : Via an exchange of emails it was agreed to replace the remaining 3 roof windows at £150 each; in addition Perspex covering of toilet window recesses as in the main clubhouse also needed. Norman awaiting update from supplier.	NP
4.	Secretary's Report	
	Norman has updated the website with the latest Covid Guidelines.	
5.	Treasurer's Report	
	Expenditure for the period 21 st May to 20 th July totalled £1,048 of which the figure of £565 for Buildings & Site Maintenance, includes the supply of a Velux unit and a £300 deposit for a further three, plus costs for pathway solar lights, padlocks, keys, plants, rat bait, weedkiller etc. No invoice received yet for the irrigation system – Mike explained that he was having difficulty contacting Stuart Mills who did not respond to emails or phone calls. Committee approved continued sponsorship of the Verwood Concert Brass at £25 p.a. £41.20 handed over for the President's Project from the Sunday Friendly.	MD PC
6.	Membership Secretary	
	A copy of the latest membership list was sent to the Committee and is now on the website. We currently have: 30 Male Players, 17 Female Players, 1 Honorary Member, 18 Social members; total Membership 66. It is expected that there will be more social members once notification of the commencement of the whist drives is sent out in August.	
7.	Competition Secretary	
	Barry has a planned format for Finals Day. Agreed that it should be an "American Supper" format lunch for both days. Completion date for all matches is 22 nd August.	
8.	Fixtures Secretary	
a)	Friendly match played at Cranborne and 2 Committee members had complemented Cranborne's teams; Crofton Bowls Club had been unable to get enough players and so an internal friendly triples	

	was played followed by tea. It was agreed that next year visitors who come for Friendlies to Verwood should only be supplied with cake or biscuits, as appropriate, due to the lack of people available or willing to help with catering.	
b)	<u>President's Day</u> – Friends of Ken & Chrissy who are experienced caterers will be providing their services for free for a barbecue and Ken, Chrissy, Angela and Mike will organise. Barry reported that the Club's barbecue was ready for use.	K, C, A & M
9.	Ladies Section	
	Alice reported that the ladies had held a meeting on 10 th June at which the style of a new club shirt to match the men's was agreed. Cost £25 per shirt. She and Chrissy had since met with the supplier to organise a sample, plus a sample jerkin and an iron-on club badge. Samples awaited and then Alice will apply for permission from Bowls Dorset to go ahead. Alice and Jane had represented the club at Sherborne and Jane and Phil had gone to Lymington's Centenary Celebration.	AB
10.	Captain's Day	
	Now in hand with novelty games planned for 30 playing members and some social members, followed by tea and cake; a charge of £3 was disputed by some committee members, but most found it acceptable as the proceeds would be going to a club project. Jackie Hancock and Molly Woodland would organise the tea.	JR/PP
11.	Men's Captain	
	The Men were very busy bowling in three leagues but Phil had managed to field teams for all matches using the new members. There were no promotions due this year and there was a good team morale. The New Forest league matches finish at the end of July but will be followed by the Ringwood Shield Cup matches. The first round is on the 5th August.	
12.	Green Matters	
	The green is cut three times a week and the brown patches are due to the very hot & dry weather. Heavy scarifying and seeding will be carried out in September as it was not done in 2020. Some work has been on hold due to extra irrigation duties but the new irrigation system was working reasonably well – still a few tweaks needed. There are four different programmes for the sprinklers which Phil is investigating. The sprinklers currently are running 4 times a week at 11pm during the hot weather. Phil is very concerned about the subsidence at the bottom left of the green and the boundary between the Recreation Ground and our spare land. Action required. It was agreed to contact Mike Foster for firm fencing between the extra land and the Recreation Ground. Barry explained that he had blocked the access from Bailey's car park.	PP/MD
13.	President's Report	
a)	<u>Maintenance</u> : Mike listed various maintenance matters including problems with the main entrance door lock. <i>(Post meeting: Barry found the lock in a poor state, bought a replacement and fitted it.)</i> No key found yet for the patio door which would be the alternate entrance. Mike would seek advice for a locksmith. Support pole for the over-arching umbrella yet to be found. Support and fencing for the subsidence area quoted at £1,000 inc. vat. Ongoing – Phil & Mike.	PP/MD
b)	<u>President's Project</u> : With all the extra overheads this year and the many improvements that could be made to upgrade the club, Mike felt that "charity begins at home" and asked for ideas for a project from club fundraising. Suggestions included : magnetic name badges, a shed for the chairs; shading for patio, road signs to the bowling club, improving the sign outside the club, 00 bowls for beginners, bases for the small umbrellas. It was agreed that a cover for the patio would be a valuable asset for hot and wet weather and Ken will investigate costs. <i>(Post meeting : all other items added to the future consideration list at the end of the Minutes.)</i>	KH-T

14.	Housekeeping & Grounds	
a)	<u>Electric Cable</u> : Peter is concerned about the lack of protection for the cable that runs between the equipment and mower sheds. Noted there is a circuit breaker on the cable and it only supplies lighting for the equipment shed. Mike will find some suitable covering.	MD
b)	<u>Towel Dispensers</u> : Norman has sourced towel dispensers and will place an order.	NP
c)	<u>Toilet Floors</u> : It was decided to hold fire on non-slip floor covering and instead wedges to be provided for the doors to see if that reduces condensation in the winter. It was explained that the lights would still go off with the doors propped open. It was hoped that the plastic covers to the window recesses would also help to make the toilets warmer.	
d)	<u>Garden</u> : Members were asked to help with watering the flowers in dry weather.	All members
15.	Social	
a)	<u>Presentation Dinner</u> to also be the Centenary Celebration and the Mayor + Escort to be invited. President will issue the invitation. <i>(Post meeting : Norman has confirmed that Sue Pearce is willing to organise this event.)</i>	NP/SP
b)	<u>Other Events</u> : It was confirmed that Eileen & Robert will organise a Dominoes Evening; Chrissy thought a Curry Evening using slow cookers and a Quiz Evening were possibilities. We need a Social Committee. Publicise in the next Newsletter.	KH-T CH-T
c)	<u>Whist Drives</u> commence Monday, 11 th October at 2pm.	MD/AD
d)	<u>Short Mat Bowls</u> : No organiser – publicise in the newsletter.	KH-T
16.	Publicity	
	Ken's newsletters were appreciated and he asked that snippets are provided to give him topics for future issues. Alice showed the committee a town guide for Sherborne which heavily featured their bowls club. Ken will enquire when the next issue of the Verwood Town Guide will be published and ask if we could have a feature.	ALL KH-T
17.	AOB	
a)	<u>Trustees</u> : Peter explained in his report that the process for a change of Trustees is recommended by the Committee to the AGM. Members to read the Constitution. <i>(see Addendum for appropriate extract)</i> . Mike to speak with Gill Farrance regarding her trusteeship.	All MD
b)	<u>Playing guidelines</u> : Angela was concerned that players didn't always follow the guidelines set down in Vanessa's "Guide for New Players", but Captains were happy.	
c)	<u>Equipment</u> : Additional "0" woods now in equipment shed, but "00" woods required.	
	<u>ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS</u>	
	<u>Next Meeting</u> : Trustees/Constitution; Refreshments donation or within membership fee; Fee for visiting players; Spiked Matting;	
	<u>Facilities</u> : Non-slip Floor Covering for the toilets; Spiked rubber mat for ditches £2,800 – samples required; decoration of the Clubhouse; magnetic name badges, a shed for the chairs, road signs to the bowling club, improving the sign outside the club, 00 bowls for beginners, stands for the small umbrellas	
	<u>Social</u> : Event with Rotary; Queens Platinum Jubilee 4th/5th June 2022	

Meeting closed at 4.30pm

DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING : WEDNESDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER 2021

3pm in the Clubhouse

Please note time – Percy Baker match in the morning

ADDENDUM TO ITEM 17a
Extract from the Constitution reads :-

A TRUSTEES

Trustees of the Land

The Club holds a 99-year lease at a peppercorn rent dated 21st February 1985. A copy of the leasehold agreement is displayed in the Clubhouse.

- Use of the land for the purpose of a private bowling club only.
- Only to be open to bona fide members, invitees and servants of the club.
- No alcohol may be sold on the premises. Alcoholic beverages taken onto club premises are for the consumption of members and their guests without any payment given or taken.

Trustees of the Club

The Club's obligations to observe the provisions and stipulations of the Lease are vested in the Club's Trustees. Their names are displayed in the Clubhouse. Not less than two or more than four Trustees are appointed to act until their death, resignation, or removal from office by members in Meeting. Their names are displayed in the Clubhouse. The Trustees are indemnified against risk and expense from Club resources. The Committee, on appropriate occasions, invites the attendance of the Trustees to discuss current plans and progress of the Club. Any vacancy occurring in the Trustees is filled by recommendation of the Committee, endorsed by Members at a General Meeting, and then the Deed of Appointment is executed by the President on behalf of the Club.