

## VERWOOD BOWLS CLUB

### MINUTES of Committee Meeting 10am Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at the Clubhouse

Present : Barry Chick (President/Competitions Secretary), Mike Daymond (Treasurer), Norman Pearce (Secretary/Membership Secretary), Phil Prince (Green Leader), Angela Daymond (Fixtures Secretary/Minutes), Mal Hancock (Men's Vice Captain), Alice Bulley (Ladies Secretary), Jim Scutt (Committee)

Apologies : Chrissy Haxby-Thompson (Social), Ken Haxby-Thompson (Vice President/Publicity)

1.	<b>Minutes of Meeting held 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021</b>	Action
	<p>Approved subject to the following amendment to item 5 b):</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Last line, last paragraph, item 5b, should read:</p> <p><b>The question was raised whether this was an opportunity to square off the green. However, this would mean reducing the green to five rinks in one direction (north-south) which is an inferior development.</b></p>	
2.	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
a)	<u>Defibrillator Training</u> : Mal has a contact who is a first responder who might do this; otherwise Norman will approach the Red Cross or St John's Ambulance. During the meeting there were intermittent ringing sounds from the defib and Norman will research the reason from the manual.	MH/NP  NP
b)	<u>Ladies Fund</u> – Alice handed over the balance from the Ladies Fund and this is to go towards the patio cover.	
c)	<u>Advertisements on the website</u> – Geoff Symonds has included the companies that have donated raffle prizes.	
3.	<b>Correspondence</b>	
	There had been an enquiry via the website from Geoff Batstone and he had since visited the green.	
4.	<b>Membership Secretary</b>	
a)	<u>Membership forms</u> would be ready for issue at the end of January; President's covering letter required and proposal for amendments to the Constitution – to be drafted by Mike for committee approval before sending to Norman.	NP BC MD
b)	<u>Coaching Course Notes from Vanessa</u> – Norman will ask Sue to contact Vanessa.	NP
c)	<u>B&amp;D Membership Form</u> – Officers signed and it was agreed to leave the Match Secretary contact blank.	NP
d)	<u>Equipment Manuals</u> – Norman holds copies on computer and paper. Noted : there are some manuals at the clubhouse.	NP
e)	<u>Website Log-in</u> – Some committee members were having problems logging into the website, especially when using different devices.	
5.	<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	
a)	<u>Accounts</u> – December Account circulated but not everyone had received it – Mike to re-send. Current Account is £7,428. Mike had taken electric meter readings which showed 147 units used 15 <sup>th</sup> December to 10 <sup>th</sup> January – there were no social events during this time.	MD
b)	<u>Budget</u> – Mike is planning to draw up a budget for 2022 but shared a draft version for 2021 showing how it will be displayed. Phil pointed out that the green Contractor's bill is likely to be much higher. Mike will re-send this document also.	MD
c)	<u>Bank Account</u> – Mike now able to work online as the card reader and pin had arrived.	

d)	<u>Insurance</u> – At the suggestion of the retiring Treasurer, Mike had changed insurance provider to Sutton Winston. Whilst this had saved £100pa, new padlocks and a mortice lock had been required – cost £27.	
6.	<b>Green Matters</b>	
a)	<u>Report</u> – Phil’s written report detailed the work being done on the green by the Monday working party and that brushing & swishing were being done during the week as well. Re-seeding needs to be done earlier at the end of the season and this affects the green closure date as seed sown in 2021 has not taken; there is a considerable amount of moss; organic feeding essential – awaiting the work programme from Steve Hill.	
b)	<u>Additional Land</u> – Young people gaining access to our additional land via Baileys car park. Norman has cctv equipment if required; there was also available online a solar powered system which links to a smart phone – cost £83. For future consideration to protect the green.	
c)	<u>Subsidence</u> – Subsidence Sub-Committee + Norman to meet. Phil is reviewing the grant application strategy and will ask questions of the providers. Bowls England to be added to the list. From what he had read, the cost of a Consultant would not be covered by a grant.	PP
7.	<b>Clubhouse Maintenance</b>	
a)	<u>Toilet window panels</u> – already effective and look smart. Thanks given to Barry.	
b)	<u>Patio Cover</u> – no word from Ken. Carry forward.	KH-T
c)	<u>Decoration of the Clubhouse</u> – preparation work has been started; Monday working party to remove the very large noticeboard as it will be relocated. Barry getting the paint.	BC
8.	<b>Fixtures Secretary</b> – Angela had distributed ideas for discussion for next year’s calendar; decisions taken as follows – Angela to prepare the Fixtures Diary accordingly :-	AD
a)	<u>Season Opening</u> : Saturday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> April (avoiding Easter weekend); 2.30pm 12-end triples followed by tea and biscuits.	
b)	<u>Open Days</u> : Saturday, 30 <sup>th</sup> April, Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May, Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> May, Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> May. The Wednesday date aimed at ladies whose partners might still be working. Contact to be made with various local organisations publicising the dates, plus people who have previously shown interest. It was hoped that Ken would again be the contact for booking.  Norman and Sue Pearce would be part of the Open Day team and would help with coaching new members whenever possible. Agreed that 2 coaching lessons a week for 3 weeks was sufficient and keep to the KISS principle as members will learn by coming to roll-ups. Vanessa may or may not be available. Norman still awaiting documents relating to her coaching course in Northampton.	AD KH-T
c)	<u>Qualified Coach</u> – to be arranged nearer the time.	c/f
d)	<u>Roll-ups</u> – <u>Sunday morning</u> has been requested – 10.30am; <u>Friday afternoon</u> 2.30pm to be continued. It was suggested that these sessions could organise themselves – Angela will show members how to organise the teams to ensure that players mix-in. Alice is organising ladies play on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons followed by tea and biscuits starting 10 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> May at 2pm.	AD AB
e)	<u>Friendlies</u> – It was decided to postpone Crofton’s visit this year in order to focus on the club itself and the roadwork problems at Ringwood. Dates organised with Cranborne and Fordingbridge, but Cranborne date to be brought forward a week to Friday, 9 <sup>th</sup> September.	AD
f)	<u>Special Days</u> – dates as last year but Rev Williams Trophy a week earlier due to Queen’s Jubilee.	
g)	<u>Finals Days</u> : Friday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> and Saturday, 3 <sup>rd</sup> September.	

h)	<u>Roll-up for Helix Clients</u> – Mike Daymond is keen to reinstate this Fridays at 10.30am, starting 6 <sup>th</sup> May – 2 rinks maximum. Norman able to help occasionally – helpers required for other weeks.	
i)	<u>Late Season Open Day</u> – to be held mid-August – free membership. This will allow 3 weeks of play and the opportunity to come to Finals Day and Just a Yard.	
j)	<u>End of Season</u> – Sunday, 11 <sup>th</sup> September – Just a Yard	
9.	<b>Club Uniform</b> – Alice reported that Bowls Dorset Ladies had approved the shirt. Alice to contact Chrissy for update from Chrissy's contact with the shop at the Dolphin Bowls Club and ask her to chase them as it will still take time once any shirts are ordered.	AB
10.	<b>Men's Captain</b> – no one as yet despite requests by Barry. Phil agreed to deal with any correspondence sent to Norman regarding the men's leagues. Dates will be passed to Angela for the Fixtures Diary.	NP/PP/AD
11.	<b>Social Events</b>	
a)	<u>Update</u> – 2 whist dates and the Christmas drinks had been cancelled due to Covid concerns. Curry Lunch postponed. Whist to re-start 17 <sup>th</sup> January; Dominoes Evening 16 <sup>th</sup> February – organised by Angela and Mike.	MD/AD
b)	<u>February Coffee Morning</u> – Saturday, 26 <sup>th</sup> February – subs payment day.	Social
c)	<u>Swans Sponsorship</u> – c/f	c/f
d)	<u>Queen's Jubilee</u> – Fun bowls games open to visitors and cream tea.	Social
12.	<b>Publicity</b>	
a)	<u>Newsletter</u> – outstanding : help required with worm cast swishing and on-line social media. Dominoes Event. Committee ask that Ken shares proposed newsletter with the Committee before issuing in case there are other items they want included.	KH-T
b)	<u>Additional Verwood Signage</u> – carry forward	AD
c)	<u>Website</u> – Angela wondered if more club information could be available to the public, such as the Fixtures Diary – maybe the public would come and watch league matches.	
13.	<b>Ladies Section</b> – Alice recommended that the Club stays affiliated and will attend meetings at Dorchester, Pelhams and New Forest.	AB
14.	<b>Competition Secretary</b> – all competitions to be run as previously.	BC
15.	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
a)	<u>Licensed Bar</u> – there was positive interest in taking this idea forward in the future.	
b)	<u>Constitution Changes</u> – Mike to send details of changes previously agreed by the Committee before it is sent to Norman to send out with the membership applications for consideration at the Spring Meeting.	MD

	<b>DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING : Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> February at 10am</b> (NOTE: It is the Dominoes event in the afternoon at 2pm)	
	<b>Spring Meeting – 7pm Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> March</b> (apols MD/AD)	
	<b><u>Items for future Agendas</u></b>	
	<u>Spring Meeting</u> : Trustees/Constitution; sub-committees <u>Membership</u> : Promotion; Members joining pack; Club Badges; Road signage/banners; Professional Coaching; Cleaning Rota; Open Days <u>Facilities</u> : Non-slip Floor Covering for the toilets; Electric hand-driers, cctv; licensed bar <u>Social</u> : Event with Rotary & maybe other clubs; Queens Platinum Jubilee 4th/5th June 2022	