

VERWOOD BOWLING CLUB - MINUTES

Committee Meeting held 10am Wednesday, 16th March 2022 at the Clubhouse

Present : Barry Chick (President/Competitions Secretary), Ken Haxby-Thompson (Vice President), 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), Chrissy Haxby-Thompson (Social)

1. **Apologies** : Jim Scutt Action
2. **Approval of the Minutes of the Committee Meeting held 16th February 2022** – Proposed by Ken, 2nd by Mal.
3. **Matters Arising not connected with Section Reports**
 - a) Defibrillator training – Mal's contact willing, just need to make a date. Our keyholders are also interested in taking part in case a member is taken ill on their property. NP/MH
 - b) Advertisements on the website for Centenary Dinner donors – 2 to be added. NP/GS
 - c) Welfare Officer – agreed that generally members were looking after each other and there wasn't the need for cards to be sent.
4. **Correspondence** - Norman has had some membership enquiries to which he has replied – no response as yet.
5. **Membership Secretary**
 - a) Renewals - Norman provided a list of those who had renewed. New key location noted – to be advised to 2022 players in due course. Phil noted that several players wanted to play on Thursday only leaving a possible shortage for Monday matches. New members so far: Geoff Batstone who is already helping at the Monday working party and Brian and Sue Dooley.
 - b) Non-Renewals so far : 21. Norman would follow-up with an email asking those not renewing to let him know and advise him if there was a specific reason. NP
 - c) Potential members – there were some. There had been 12 new in 2021 and it was hoped we could achieve a similar number in 2022.
 - d) Membership Form - Norman has revamped the form so that it can now be sent out by email. It was suggested that "previous/" be inserted before "existing" under Membership Fees and remove the line "Total competition fees." NP
 - e) Membership Fees – discussions took place on alternative rates for fees – Fordingbridge have 3 levels of membership, for example. More information required; something to consider for 2023. Income is important and Phil will prepare a chart comparing various scales of charging. PP
 - f) Visitors' Fee – Visiting experienced players coming for a roll-up with a member to pay £5. Proposed Ken, 2nd Phil and agreed.
6. **Treasurer's Report**
 - a) Accounts had been emailed. Mike checked that the payment request for £151 for the defibrillator was correct. It is. Phil asked for a column to be included which showed the budget figure to allow comparison. MD
 - b) Meter Readings – Mike was keeping a record and had followed up on the smart meter request by letter. It was suggested he should try logging onto our account with the electric company – Southern Electric (SSE). MD
7. **Green Matters**
 - a) General – Phil had supplied a written report listing all the work being carried out; that Steve Hill had paid a 2nd visit on 21st February – no invoices yet received from him for 2022. There's a problem with the irrigation pump which will not switch off automatically. This had delayed re-seeding to 14th March when heavy rain was due. Pump still not satisfactory – 2nd visit by Stuart Mills awaited – pump circuit board under guarantee. PP

- b) Subsidence – Phil had received no further response from the Recreation Ground groundsman so it was agreed that the Club would deal directly with the Town Council regarding piping in the ditch. 1st stage : Norman would draft a letter and share it with Angela before sending – Angela to provide contact details. 2nd stage : Employ a Consultant. Grant providers : National Lottery; Verwood Town Council, Verwood Solar Farm. NP
AD
- c) Replacement Fencing behind Clubhouse – Mike Foster had quoted £300 for 5 panels and concrete posts; agreed that gravel boards should also be provided. PP
- d) Patio Cover – Ken getting local quote. Australian system with roller blinds from central bar discussed as a good idea. Research needed. KH-T
8. **Clubhouse Maintenance**
- a) Clubhouse – agreed how the Clubhouse had been vastly improved. Still more to do as time permits.
- b) Cleaning – Some cleaning already done; Chrissy would purchase new floor cleaning system with renewable disposable cleaning cloths. Day for spring cleaning to be arranged. Cleaning Rota to be discussed at the Spring Meeting. Spring mtg
- c) Frostats – Mike had found that the frostat in the Ladies toilets was not working – to be replaced. MD
9. **Fixtures Secretary** AD
- a) Fixtures List – Now on the website showing an additional roll-up on Opening Day 2.30pm; New Forest Fixtures added. Decision re NF Div 5 Mixed Teams is on 4th April. Matches would be Thursday evening – Alice to enquire how many ladies would be interested in taking part. AB
- b) Timber Trundlers - not coming this year.
10. **Club Uniform** – Chrissy showed samples of a Henselite Ladies Shirt in club colours from a new supplier, plus a heavy quality weather-proof jacket. Shirts £27 if 20 ordered; waterproof Jacket £57; alternate lightweight jacket £43 (no sample). Approved and to be shown at the Spring Meeting. CH-T
11. **Men’s Captain** – ongoing; Mal would work with others if that was the way to get support. BC
12. **Social Events**
- a) Dominoes 16th Feb & 2nd March – raised £71
- b) 26th February Coffee Morning - successful
- c) Whist has contributed £408 so far this winter. Agreed that whist could continue through the summer as many were non-bowlers. AD
- d) Quiz – Cancelled due to lack of support; feedback : “too short notice”
- e) Curry Lunch – 13 booked so far. Ken would send out a reminder. Closing date: 1st April. KH-T
- f) Non-member participation – Agreed that a non-member could participate twice in a social event but would then be expected to join as a Social Member.
- g) “The Swans” sponsorship – 4 vouchers donated for raffle prizes.
- h) Queen’s Jubilee – Vintage Fayre on Recreation Ground. Angela and Mike had given requirements to the Town Council : level area 12 yards x 3 yards near the top end where we could lay the carpet and a target and encourage people to come to the Clubhouse for a cream tea. Sub-Committee required – Angela happy to lead. AD
Spring Mtg
13. **Publicity**
- a) Ken has decided to step down as Publicity Officer. The work will be shared.
- b) Newsletter needed – Angela has drafted ideas & seek approval before issuing. AD
- c) Posters – Tony Bird had produced sample designs for the “location” poster and the Taster Days poster – all approved. AD
- d) IT action – Request to go out via the newsletter for support with IT publicity. Raise at Spring Meeting. AD

- e) Video – An online video extolling the game of bowls & featuring the club had been suggested. Angela thought this should be presented by our younger players. Further development required. Raise at Spring Meeting. AD
- f) Club Leaflet – Angela to obtain from Vanessa by email the leaflet Vanessa had designed. AD
14. **Ladies' Section** – noted that Jane had rejoined in the hope of playing in the new New Forest Mixed League Div 5. AB
15. **Competition Secretary** – Barry has a list of entries so far. BC
16. **Spring Meeting – 7pm Wednesday, 30th March**
Constitution to go on the website once a check has been made that there's no reference to wearing a club tie. Apologies : Angela & Mike Daymond, Norman & Sue Pearce. Chrissy doing Minutes. CH-T
17. **Any Other Business**
- a) Legal Paperwork - Brian Hall (former Trustee) had passed to Norman various legal documents. Norman will scan and share so lease can be discussed next meeting. Meeting then to be organised with the Land Trustees. Next mtg
18. **Date of next meeting : Wednesday, 20th April at 10am.**

Items for future Agendas

Membership : Promotion; Members joining pack, sliding fees; Club Badges; Road signage/banners; Professional Coaching; Cleaning Rota; Open Days. Facilities : Non-slip Floor Covering for the toilets; Electric hand-driers, Solar cctv; bar; Social : Event with Rotary & maybe other clubs.

Spring Meeting : Spring Clean; Cleaning rota; IT support; promotion video; Jubilee Sub-Committee. Club Uniform.