

MINUTES of VERWOOD BOWLS CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING 20TH APRIL 2022

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 (<i>post meeting</i>)	<u>Action</u>
2.	Approval of the Minutes of the Committee Meeting held 16th March 2022 - Agreed	
3.	Matters Arising not connected with Section Reports	
a)	<u>Defibrillator training</u> – 13 members attended. Agreed it had been an excellent presentation and it was proposed by Norman, 2 nd Ken and agreed that £50 would be given to Derek Lockyer's chosen charity.	NP
b)	Phil was looking at other charging arrangements in order to prepare a comparison with how Verwood is financed. Norman is looking at other clubs and their charges. Noted that £5 from each playing person's membership goes to Dorset and £5 to Bowls England.	PP NP
4.	Correspondence – Items passed to the appropriate committee member. Mitchell's Day at New Milton, Bowlsweat display at Fordingbridge & New Forest competition details sent to all players. It would be helpful if the names of playing members could be sent to the local Associations earlier but this would mean making our own renewal date earlier.	NP
5.	Membership	
a)	<u>Membership</u> : 26 playing men, 11 playing ladies; 35 social; 1 honorary. Those who haven't rejoined removed from the website and contact email addresses. Various membership enquiries by email; club's location posters now given to the Heritage Centre and Town Council.	
b)	<u>Magnetic Name badges</u> – Proposed by Ken and agreed that 100 would be ordered at a cost of £5.85 each and members charged £5. Background insertion with names would be green for playing members and white for social members and would be prepared by Norman.	NP
c)	<u>Taster Days</u> – Ken has already received some enquiries; Norman will laminate the A4 posters for the town centre & Hub; Mal – Library; Angela – Ringwood Road Stores and the TCO, plus Facebook. A2 poster now on the railings of the Heritage Centre. Members support required on the following days: 30/4, 2/5, 7/5 & 11/5. Offers from Angela, Mike, Jane & Robert, plus Norman except 7 th May.	KH-T NP AD
d)	<u>Coaching</u> – Angela to contact Graham Elliott, a qualified coach who plays at Fordingbridge but had offered to help us. Request a full day with lunch provided and petrol paid. Norman has the paperwork Vanessa was given on her coaching course and is willing to organise some in-house coaching.	AD NP
6.	Treasurer's Report	
	Accounts now included a budget column which was "work in progress" – circulated at the meeting. Request that an Income Budget column be included.	MD
7.	Green Matters & the surrounds	
a)	<u>Current</u> : Pump repaired and new control panel fitted for which there is a new handbook which Phil will copy. Monday work party has good attendance and now an additional group is spiking and cutting on a Friday. Bob Child and John Maskell do the Wednesday cut. New ditch-liners fitted and some new boards which need new rink markers. Considerable amount of weeding carried out at the bottom end of the green along the path. Phil praised the fantastic effort put in by several members. No invoices yet received from Steve Hill (approx. £500). Mal & Jackie and Jane & Robert would be looking after the flower beds and it was agreed that up to £70 could be spent on plants, preferably perennials. Chrissy has spare geranium plants.	PP MH
b)	<u>Long term</u> – on the wish list are hopes to widen the path at the bottom of the green, remove the grass from alongside the entrance footpath and to square off the green, but agreed this latter would be very long term and may not be affordable unless membership increased.	

c)	<u>Activity on the Green</u> : Need a notice in the clubhouse stating play “not before 10.30am on weekdays”. Also state that visitors who are experienced players who want a roll-up must pay £5.	AD
d)	<u>Subsidence</u> – Norman would do draft letter to the Council.	NP
8.	Clubhouse & Social Area	
a)	<u>Clubhouse</u> – committee members agreed to do any jobs as required to keep the clubhouse fit for purpose. Barry said decoration of the toilets would be done through the summer.	All BC
b)	<u>Towels v paper towels</u> – agreed that towels would be removed to the loft. Norman would organise paper towel holder for the kitchen plus an upright kitchen roll holder.	NP
c)	<u>Security of Club</u> – Angela would discuss with the Moorlands Road keyholder whether the keys would be more secure if placed under the garage. If location changed she will advise all players plus the summer whist organisers. (<i>Post mtg: key moved & players notified</i>)	AD
d)	<u>Patio cover</u> – Ken circulated pictures of two examples and the one with polycarbonate supports (£2,200 + vat) was preferred. A long-term loan was agreed to enable this project to go ahead. Approximately £1,000 raised last year from the winter whist & dominoes. Proposed by Norman, 2 nd Chrissy and agreed by majority – Phil requested that the Minutes record that he is against this project due to the money required to deal with the subsidence.	KH-T
e)	<u>Loft</u> – agreed that the boxes for the ditch liners should be kept in the loft as the liners will be removed at the end of the season; Mike would organise their storage.	MD
f)	<u>Security System</u> – Norman has donated a security system to the club; cctv to go in the loft; one camera to be noticeable but out of reach and a sign to be erected stating the system is there.	MD
9.	Fixtures Secretary	
a)	<u>Fixtures List</u> – New Forest Div 5 Fixtures added. 2 amendments notified by Phil. Alice’s roll-ups to be converted to Tuesday morning (only) and initially aimed at new bowlers – Barry offered to help; <i>post meeting Angela added Thursday morning for new bowlers up to 9th June</i> . Once agreed Norman will use for the clubhouse Diary and Geoff Symonds will be asked to update the website. 23 bowlers came to the Easter Saturday Opening Day; 5 on Easter Sunday.	AD
b)	<u>Friendlies</u> – 2 new dates with Sixpenny Handley.	
c)	<u>Ladies roll-ups</u> Tuesday & Thursday afternoons now cancelled due to Team Practice Tuesday evenings and Thursday evening matches for ladies.	AD
d)	<u>Opportunities for New Players</u> – there are now roll-ups Tuesday & Thursday mornings, and then beginners can join in Friday afternoon and Sunday morning roll-ups.	
e)	<u>Opening Internal Triples</u> Saturday 23 rd April – Phil requested that mats be used if the ground is wet.	AD
10.	Men’s Captain	
	Phil was doing the admin for Mal who is organising the teams for matches. We now have a team in New Forest Div 5 which allows for lady players as long as each team has one man – played on Thursday evenings. David O’Toole has taken on the captaincy of the Percy Baker team and consideration is being given to petrol charges and how it should be administered. Mike will produce a mileage chart to all clubs we play against.	MD
11.	Club Uniform	
a)	<u>Clothes</u> : Chrissy had placed the order for shirts and waterproof jackets, but it’s possible that the order for only 4 jackets might not meet the criteria of 10 minimum. Delivery 6-8 weeks.	
b)	<u>Badges</u> : Source needed for iron-on club badges.	CH-T
12.	Ladies’ Section	
a)	Alice is pleased that ladies can now participate in a league NF Div 5.	
b)	Ladies league dress code till new shirts arrive to be white shirts with smart grey trousers; no cravat. Proper bowls shoes must be worn.	
13.	Publicity	
a)	Next Newsletter – Angela willing to do but needed input from committee as to the contents.	AD
b)	<u>Outside Noticeboard</u> – noticeboard has been repaired. Angela will do a sign “Don’t just stand there, come in and sit down!”	AD

c)	<u>Facebook</u> – Keith Newman taken on but wants an additional helper; no one on the committee willing. To be mentioned in Newsletter and encourage members to use it.	AD
d)	<u>Video</u> with members promoting the game – on hold.	c/f
e)	<u>Club Promotion leaflet</u> using Vanessa’s format – Norman willing to set up. These to be stored in the clubhouse for members to hand to anyone “looking-in” on the club. Make it available to download from the website.	NP
f)	<u>Information for new members</u> to give the basic “Members’ information” when they join.	AD
g)	<u>Roadside Club Sign</u> – some members thought the existing sign was not obvious enough and it was agreed that a price would be obtained for one measuring 4ft x 2ft 6 inches which could be erected along the northern boundary facing down towards Edmondsham Road. Not all members were in favour of this suggestion. <i>Post meeting : design ideas provided by Norman, Ken obtained a price of £125 for the sign.</i>	
14.	Social Events	
a)	<u>Whist</u> : £117.70 going to Club funds (not yet on the Accounts), making a total of £525.70 raised for the Club during the off-season. Summer play will be run by Rita Atkin & Fay Tunncliffe and has started well with 12 & 15 attending on the 2 get-togethers so far.	
b)	<u>Curry Lunch</u> – postponed.	
c)	<u>Queen’s Jubilee – Vintage Fayre</u> on Recreation Ground – Angela will form a sub-committee but is concerned that there will be a shortage of members due to a Percy Baker match at Shaftesbury in the morning and 2 evening matches that day. She would be relying on the Social members. Suggested that Cranborne club be contacted if players on the green were needed. Cream teas to become tea and cake as this would be easier for catering. Alice suggested using the targets stored rolled in a tube for the game at the Fayre.	AD
d)	<u>Milk & biscuits</u> – Mal willing to continue to take responsibility.	MH
15.	Competition Secretary – good response – format will be on the website and club board by the end of April. Barry noted that trophies need to be returned by August.	BC
16.	Spring Meeting	
a)	<u>Minutes</u> – approved and Chrissy was thanked. Attendance sheet to be passed to be put in the Minutes file.	CH-T/ BC
b)	<u>Matters Arising</u> – Constitution changes approved.	
17.	Any Other Business	
	Barry agreed to take a firmer hand with committee to try and avoid such long meetings. Angela thought sub-committees would help but this was not discussed due to time constraints.	BC
18.	Date of next meeting : Wednesday, 25th May 10am in the clubhouse.	
	Items for future Agendas <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, Solar cctv; bar; <u>Social</u> : Event with Rotary & maybe other clubs;	

Meeting closed at 1pm