

VERWOOD BOWLS CLUB

MINUTES of Committee Meeting 10am Wednesday, 25th May 2022 at the Clubhouse

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

1. Minutes of Committee Meeting held 20th April 2022

Minute no. 10. Phil requested the following addition : "as long as each of the two triples has one man". This was agreed and the Minutes approved. No matters arising.

2. Correspondence

Norman listed several external competitions which had been circulated by email. The donation has been sent to the SW Ambulance Service Foundation Trust following the defibrillator training. Barry noted that he was unable to attend the New Forest President's game as he is away.

3. Membership

- a) Taster Days – New members have attended the training roll-ups; Ken has contacted those who showed interest but have not followed up. He has new ideas for 2023.
- b) New Playing Members – at least 6, some with potential; others pending, plus some Social. New membership forms needed (*supplied post meeting by Norman*). Norman supplied the up-to-date Members List plus a copy for Committee only which gives additional detail. Noted that 6 new members costs us £60 for membership of Bowls Dorset and Bowls England. Angela had shared a report on the progress of the new members.
- c) Name Badges – delivery due; 101 purchased to get the lower price – total cost £603; cost to members is £5 per badge.
- d) Emergency Contacts – it was agreed that it would be a good idea to have an emergency contact for all members in case of need when members are at the club. Provision to be made for 2023. NP
- e) Coaching – Angela to progress for the benefit of new members. (*post meeting: Angela awaiting a date from Graham Elliott.*) AD
- f) Membership Fees – Phil was congratulated on the detailed report which he had circulated. There is a need to increase membership and before any decision is taken for 2023, agreed a meeting should be held to include non-committee members. BC

4. Treasurer's Report

Report had been circulated – noted that expenses were mainly one-off. Mike explained how the loan was recorded – to be noted as "Member loan". Phil reminded the Committee that Steve Hill's invoices amounting to over £500 had still not been issued.

5. Green Matters

- a) Report - Phil was complemented on the high standard of the green. He had provided a detailed report including praise of the working party – although more helpers would be welcome on Monday morning; now mowing 3 times a week, 2nd mower now being serviced; there is a need to replace the mower that cuts the surrounds of the grounds – possibly a member has a petrol mower they are no longer using (Newsletter). Proposed by Phil, 2nd by Ken and agreed that purchase of a replacement mower was required. New ditch-liners are holding water – possible solution includes the need to purchase gravel to a depth up to 4" to level off the underlying base. One side of the green would be tried first – proposed by Phil, 2nd by Ken and agreed. Pelletised organic fertiliser has been applied. KH-T
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- b) Subsidence – Norman working on the letter to the Council and has taken appropriate photos to go with it. NP

6. Clubhouse & Social Area

- a) Toilets & Kitchen – to be decorated in the off-season.
- b) Access Keys – new location notified to members.

- c) Patio Cover – Working party the following Friday to put the roof on. 2 bolts need a filler due to void below.
7. **Leagues**
Following a review, it was agreed that from 1st June 2022 league players would pay a match fee of £2.50 which would cover the cost of drinks for visitors for home matches and be paid to the driver for away matches. Information to go in a Newsletter. Additional drinks would be purchased to provide for NF5 teams as they include ladies. KH-T
8. **Fixtures**
There had been changes to Bowls Dorset league matches and Norman would re-print the Clubhouse Rink Diary. Fixtures List has been updated and is on the website. Report given on attendance at roll-ups. NP
9. **Club Uniform** – expected mid-June. Chrissy & Ken will search out a supplier for badges.
10. **Ladies Section** – Ladies were now playing in NF5 but often finding they are playing against 3 men. It was explained that it is a Men’s League giving a concession to allow women to play; from the ladies’ point of view it was unfair that the rules did not state there should also be one woman in each team. It was agreed that Verwood should put the proposition to the NF AGM that each triple should have one man and one woman.
11. **Publicity**
- a) Newsletter - Items to Ken for the next issue. All
- b) Welcome to New Members letter – currently being issued by Angela. Angela thanked Alice for pointing out an important error!
- c) Club Publicity Leaflet (Vanessa’s format) – next meeting NP
12. **Social Events**
- a) Whist – currently being well-supported. Total raised in the winter £555.70.
- b) Queen’s Platinum Jubilee – Roll-up target game on the Recreation Ground encouraging people to come to the club; Ken doing handouts. Tea and cake £2; opportunity to bowl on the green; members triples on the green. Norman has a Union flag to loan for the day. Support stifled by 2 league matches that evening. KH-T
NP
13. **Competition Secretary** – Barry had been relieved that there were sufficient entries to run the competitions. 1st round singles now complete. Jim would be entering the Rev Williams Trophy using the metal delivery assist gadget; all entrants will bring food to share for lunch.
14. **Any Other Business**
- a) Sub-Committees – Angela felt that committee meetings could be shortened if there were sub-committees formed. No action.
- b) Club Signage – Norman raised the matter of an eye-catching sign to promote the club’s existence as previously discussed. After discussion it was proposed by Norman, 2nd by Ken with 6 in favour of two signs – one on the northern boundary facing Edmondsham Road and one on the southern boundary facing the Recreation Ground – cost previously quoted as £125 for one sign with oncost for supporting poles. KH-T
- c) Absence – Norman away till 12th June.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING : WEDNESDAY, 22ND JUNE 10am at the Clubhouse