

VERWOOD BOWLS CLUB – MINUTES

Committee Meeting held 10am Wednesday, 22nd June 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), Chrissy Haxby-Thompson (Social), Jim Scutt (Committee Member) Apologies : Ken Haxby-Thompson (Vice President/Publicity),

1. **Approval Minutes of 25th May 2022** – Proposed Phil, 2nd Mal & agreed Action
2. **Matters Arising not connected with Section Reports** – None
3. **Correspondence** – Relevant items from Bowls England and local outside competitions had been circulated. New pads for the defibrillator had been received.
4. **Membership**
 - a) Resignation of Brian Wright – Barry shared the letter he had written and advised that Brian's membership fee had been refunded.
 - b) New members – Several in the last 2 weeks making the following totals :-
Playing men : 33, Playing Ladies : 12, Social : 40; 1 Honorary. Noted that Andrew Laird joined as a result of the Jubilee Day event. Alice was given bowls stickers and "Introduction to bowls" booklets for the new members. Norman still trying to source more booklets. NP
 - c) Name badges – Most distributed; Angela advised to follow-up those who haven't paid. £100 passed to the Treasurer. Rita Batstone (Social member) has requested a badge. Norman felt that all members should have a badge. AD
 - d) Professional Coaching – Graham Elliott is a County Player and coaching may need to be left to early next season due to his commitments. AD
 - e) Ties & Badges to new members – to be presented by Barry at the AGM.
5. **Treasurer's Report** – Mike circulated the Accounts and reported that the electricity metre had been read resulting in a bill for £127. 2 replacement gas cylinders for the fire extinguishers had increased costs this year. New mower for the surrounds : £172; site materials £33. Phil estimates that the outstanding invoices for green maintenance amount to £640.
6. **Green Matters**
 - a) Phil had circulated his report that there was good support on Mondays but there was always room for more help. Pete Campbell (new member) had already become involved using his petrol hedge-cutter to good effect. Due to the dry spell the sprinklers are being used. Concerted effort will be needed at the end of the season to remove the moss using lawn sand and this will need to be removed before seeding work. 2nd mower still away at England's; new mower had greatly improved the look of the surrounds. Amendments to the ditches will be done later in the year.
 - b) Subsidence – draft letter to the Council in hand. There was discussion about the possible use of gabions (net cages filled with large stones) to build up the land which was thought to be as effective, but cheaper, than the previous solutions suggested. However, this may mean that a fence would need to be erected to prevent access from the Recreation Ground. NP
7. **Clubhouse & Social Area**
 - a) General tidy-up and decluttering had been done by Alice, Chrissy & Angela; more large tables erected to avoid tables against walls and the whist tables can now go down the middle when they are needed.
 - b) Club Signage – Chrissy had obtained prices for signs measuring 2ft x 4ft : £104 + vat for 1; £188.40 + vat = £226.08 for 2. Cost for supporting equipment is required before going ahead, but there were 5 votes to 4 in favour of just one sign alongside the Recreation Ground.
 - c) Jane Robert's fall on patio – various ideas put forward including yellow tape or paint along the edges and a chain-link surround, but a water butt under the drainpipe was not popular. Currently there are 2 large pots of flowers alongside the slope edge and a large wooden seat in front of the patio in that area. Barry will research the chain-link. BC

8. **Leagues** – Phil reported that teams were doing reasonably well but there were problems when people were on holiday. There were 3 teams only in the Bowls Dorset league and each will play each other 4 times.
9. **Fixtures** – Angela had created a list with larger text and it was agreed that this would be a better format in future. She drew attention to the next “Taster Day” on Saturday, 20th August – to be discussed next meeting. AD
10. **Club Uniform**
- a) Clothes order – no news. CH-T
- b) Ken has found a source for Club Badges for ironing onto non-uniform items. Sample to be obtained. CH-T
11. **Ladies’ Section** – former player, Vanessa Curtis had called in at the Club to donate her size 0 bowls to the Club to be used for potential members. Other bowls item were for the Club’s use. Alice will put a price on the shoes and bowls bag, plus a price on another bag which had been made available. AB
12. **Publicity**
- a) Next Newsletter – Chrissy made a note of several items that need to be included, bt specifically that Tuesday morning is a general roll-up session and that we are a “teamwork” club. Mike will try making a sign that could be displayed showing “dishwasher needs emptying” for when someone switches it on before leaving the club; and “put items in the dishwasher, when full set it going” or words to that effect! It is not acceptable to leave dirty cups in the sink. CH-T/
KH-T MD
- b) Club leaflet (Vanessa’s format) – in hand. NP
13. **Social Events**
- a) Whist : Rita Atkin’s summer Whist being well supported and so far raised £200. AD
- b) Queen’s Jubilee – Vintage Fayre on Recreation Ground & Clubhouse teas successful. AD
- c) Rustic Fayre Monday, 29th August – Agreed we would repeat the Bowls format from the Jubilee Vintage Fayre – sub-committee Mike, Angela, Alice, Chrissy. Help will be required – sign-up notice. AD
- d) Rotary Boules Off-Season – agreed we would support this. Angela to advise Rotary. AD
- e) Captain’s Day 23rd July – This is to be a “Club Fun Day” starting at 2pm followed by donated cream tea – sub-committee as above. Sign-up notice for contributions. AD
- f) President’s Day 13th August – Barry has ideas and will call on help as required. BC
14. **Competition Secretary** – the odd blip has been overcome and matches going well.
15. **Any Other Business**
- a) **Verwood’s Ukraine Guests** – Bob Child had asked if the clubhouse could be used for teaching English to a small group of mothers and children. The organiser, Wendy, will visit the clubhouse the following Monday to discuss; Norman will have an informal word with one of the Land Trustees of the Club. Mike to check the insurance situation. NP
MD
- b) **Flower Baskets** – Hilary & Jim have taken responsibility for the flower baskets for several years but regret they are unable to continue next year. Jim was thanked for all they had done. 4 baskets plus 2 larger ones involved.
- c) **Jubilee Flag** returned to Norman.
- d) **Paper Towels & Holder** – will now be ordered – surplus can be stored in the loft. NP
- e) **CCTV** – Mike reported that the cctv system donated by Norman was now operational with 3 of the 4 cameras now fitted; further work on the communications needed. Norman will investigate a source for signs stating “cctv in operation”. MD
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Date of next meeting : Wednesday, 20th July 10am in the Clubhouse.

Apologies : Phil