

## VERWOOD BOWLS CLUB -

### Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022 at the Clubhouse

**Present:** Barry Chick (President/Competitions Secretary), Ken Haxby-Thompson (Vice President/Publicity), Mike Daymond (Treasurer), Norman Pearce (Secretary/Membership Secretary), Angela Daymond (Fixtures Secretary/Minutes), Mal Hancock (Men's Vice Captain), Chrissy Haxby-Thompson (Social), Jim Scutt (Committee Member)

**Apologies :** Phil Prince (Green Leader), Alice Bulley (Ladies Secretary)

1. **Minutes of 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2022** had been circulated. Action
2. **Matters Arising not connected with Section Reports**
  - a) Ukrainian Visitors - Barry reported that our Ukraine Guests would like another morning in the clubhouse; our preference is Wednesday or Friday – waiting to hear. Norman reported his chat with one of the Trustees who thoroughly approves our support and Mike Daymond reported that the Insurance Broker had no problem with the matter.
3. **Correspondence** – forwarded to members by Norman as required.
4. **Membership**
  - a) Member numbers : 45 players; 40 social.
  - b) Name badges – all player badges except Linda Watts' who is currently not playing have been issued and paid for. Norman will provide labels for Social members as Rita Batstone had requested one. Jim now has one that pins on as magnetic badges cannot be worn if people have a pacemaker. 11 of these badges purchased - £74 + vat
  - c) Professional Coaching – agreed with Graham Elliott for early season 2023. AD
  - d) Cranborne members – Angela will draft the basis of a letter for Barry to send to Cranborne outlining our first year membership fee of £60 in 2023 and winter social membership £7.50. AD
5. **Treasurer's Report**
  - a) Accounts circulated; badge costs and income are within Miscellaneous. Mike pointed out that this year has been heavy on machinery costs and maintenance due to previous neglect. Figures in the accounts are shown red where they exceed budget and green where they are within budget. Consideration to be given to approaching Steve Hill for the Club to make a monthly payment and therefore spread costs as an invoice has still not been received. MD/PP
  - b) Outstanding Loan – Mike proposed that the £1,000 outstanding loan for the cost of the patio cover be repaid – 2<sup>nd</sup> Norman and agreed. MD
6. **Green Matters**
  - a) Report - Phil's written report outlined the work being done and the need for more help to achieve projects. Irrigation has been increased due to the hot dry weather; the second mower is now returned fully serviced; the organic approach is not eliminating the moss; and Phil estimates the outstanding invoices from Steve Hill now amount to £780, the reason being the avoidance of being registered for v.a.t. Norman Pearce agreed to work on the green with Dan the following Friday morning. NP
  - b) Subsidence – Norman has the draft letter to the Council in hand. NP
7. **Clubhouse & Social Area**
  - a) Club Signage – 2 signs £226.08 had been organised by Ken and were now at the clubhouse; it was agreed that Norman would order the necessary fixings £125.28 + cement, making a probable total cost approx. £400. NP
  - b) Safety of patio ref a fall – Jim has a suitable plant trough that can serve as a barrier.
  - c) Paper Towels & holder for kitchen – purchased and fitted.
  - d) CCTV now working with 4 cameras; Norman has purchased some "cctv" signs which he will position. NP
8. **Leagues**

League results have not been good and Verwood would not enter the NF5 trophy competition due to the club's other commitments.

9. **Fixtures**
- a) Friendlies – report on Cranborne away match and upcoming Fordingbridge and Sixpenny Handley matches.
  - b) Taster Day – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> August – As Ken & Chrissy are away Norman agreed that he and Sue would run the session. Angela will contact people who have been in touch with Ken previously but not followed through. NP  
AD
  - c) Additional Taster Day following the Rustic Fayre – Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September 10-12noon which Ken & Chrissy would organise.
  - d) Inter-Club event at Lymington 27<sup>th</sup> July – Barry, Norman, Mal, John M and David O’T taking part; Barry to provide ties for everyone to wear with whites. BC
10. **Club Uniform**
- a) Clothes order – no news. CH-T
  - b) Iron-on Badges ordered and due 8<sup>th</sup> August - £2.50 each. CH-T
11. **Ladies’ Section** – no report
12. **Publicity**
- a) Next Newsletter – Ken was given several items at the meeting. KH-T
  - b) Club leaflet (Vanessa’s format) – winter project. NP
  - c) Publicity photo with 4 men – it had been pointed out that this was not representative of the club and there should be a photo that included women. One was chosen and Ken will send it to Norman for lamination for the outside noticeboard. KH-T/  
NP
  - d) Strapline – Norman suggested that our current strapline “Bowls is not as easy as you think, but it is much more fun that you think”, coined by Tony Bird, should be ongoing.
13. **Social Events**
- a) Captains’ Day – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> July Cream Tea organised – 21 players and others for cream tea only. Alice doing the raffle. CH-T/  
AD/AB
  - b) President’s Day 13<sup>th</sup> August – Barry has the barbecue planned but more participants needed. BYO drink. Tickets £7.50. BC
  - c) Rustic Fayre Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> August – Bowls target game booked, £25; helpers required. AD  
Insurance cover approval given by our broker.
  - d) Off-season Activities - When meeting to discuss Captains’ Day, Angela, Chrissy and Rita Batstone had discussed ideas for the winter which included a monthly quiz with different quizmasters, occasional dominoes, Christmas Coffee Morning on 17<sup>th</sup> December 10-12. Committee supported these ideas. Social
  - e) Presentation Dinner – Norman would ask Sue to book at Remedy Oak. NP
14. **Competition Secretary** – Some matches have been given an extension to 25<sup>th</sup> July due to the hot weather. Trophies are being returned. It was agreed that next year the Triples competition would be on set dates as it had proved difficult fixing mutually convenient dates for teams of 6 this year. It was felt there was no reason that it couldn’t be a weekday.
15. **Any Other Business**
- a) Website - Norman suggested it would be useful to have links on the public side of our website to Bowls England and Bowls Dorset. (*Post meeting: those links are already there*) It was also agreed that our Fixtures List should appear on the public page of the website, so that non-members would know when there are home matches and club activities. It was also agreed that the access code should be changed occasionally to prevent past members gaining access. Angela will contact Geoff Symonds. AD
  - b) Sponsorship – consideration to be given to gaining sponsors who would be promoted with signs around the ground and on the website. Possibly use a hand-delivered pro-forma. All
  - c) Club’s Lease – Norman raised matters with regard to the Club’s lease. *Post meeting : A copy of the lease to be circulated for Agenda item next meeting.* NP/AD

Meeting closed 11.50am

**Date of next meeting :** Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> August 2022