

VERWOOD BOWLS CLUB

Minutes of Committee Meeting held Wednesday, 17th August 2022 at the Clubhouse

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

1.	Minutes of 20th July 2022 - agreed	<u>Action</u>
2.	Matters Arising not connected with Section Reports	
a)	Ukraine Guests – extra day – nothing agreed as yet.	
3.	Correspondence	
	Norman has shared where required and has put up posters with reference to a Bowls Marker's Course in Dorchester on 9 th October. He will also circulate it to playing members. He and Sue plan to attend.	NP
4.	Membership	
a)	<u>Recent new members</u> are all on the group emails – Angie Ford, Peter & Catherine Jones. Webmaster, Geoff Symonds has been updated.	
b)	<u>Name badges</u> for newest members + social members are now available. Norman will bring to the Taster Day on Saturday.	
c)	<u>Professional Coaching</u> – request received for full day coaching from Bowls Dorset – Angela to enquire.	AD
d)	<u>Cranborne members</u> – not known if there has been a response to the President's letter but a member had enquired as to extra costs at Verwood – there are none.	
5.	Treasurer's Report	
a)	<u>Accounts</u> circulated. A smart meter is being fitted on 25 th August and Mike is obtaining a card reader so that members can pay by card for membership and social events. Mike had drafted an Expenses slip and Norman will prepare a final version. No invoice received yet from Steve Hill.	NP
b)	<u>Loan</u> has been repaid.	
6.	Green Matters	
a)	Mal reported that the cable on the spiker was being fixed in-house.	
b)	Draft letter to the Council re subsidence in hand.	NP
7.	Clubhouse & Social Area	
a)	<u>Club Signage</u> – one sign now erected facing Moorlands Road carried out by Norman Pearce and Mike Foster. The other sign is being used at the Rustic Fayre and will be fitted after.	NP
b)	<u>Safety of patio</u> – Jane happy with new planters donated by Jim Scutt alongside slope.	
c)	<u>CCTV</u> now readable on Mike's ipad when at the clubhouse, but not when off-site – Mike will discuss with Brian Dooley; Norman has erected the "cctv in operation" signs.	MD
8.	Lease : Consensus was that a right-of-way across our own land to the rear was not needed. Committee thanked Norman for sharing a copy of the lease with the committee and agreed it had been a worthwhile exercise.	
9.	Leagues : Mal reported that Verwood has progressed through the first round of the Ringwood Shield but there was a shortage of players for the next round match on Thursday, 18 th August.	
10.	Fixtures	
a)	<u>Friendlies</u> – report circulated.	
b)	<u>Taster Day</u> – Saturday 20 th August – Being run by Norman & Sue Pearce; Angela had issued publicity – to date 2 new players attending. Helpers : Alice, Jim, Angela, Mike. Unfortunately this now clashes with the re-arranged President's bbq.	
c)	<u>Finals Day</u> – Dress code : whites. Food : Bring to share (2-day event)	BC
d)	<u>Additional Taster Day</u> following Rustic Fayre – Saturday 10 th September 10-12noon; Norman & Sue not available. Angela will ask Ken & Chrissy if they will organise.	AD/ K&CH-T
11.	Club Uniform	
a)	Clothes order – no news. <i>Post meeting : Supplier has only had one delivery this year.</i>	

	b)	Iron-on Badges – <i>Post meeting : Selling well.</i>	
12.		Ladies' Section : Alice thought it a good idea to have some Ladies Friendlies next year with the aim of working towards ladies playing in a league. She said that this year some were not keen to continue with the NF5 Mixed League.	
13.		Publicity	
	a)	<u>Next Newsletter</u> – items to Ken.	
	b)	<u>New Club photo</u> for our noticeboard; now on the website.	KH-T
	c)	<u>Website</u> – Webmaster, Geoff Symonds had responded to items in the previous Minutes : good idea to change the password occasionally; a password could be created for each member at a cost, but committee considered this was not necessary; Norman was concerned about data protection, but committee members felt this would not be compromised by the bowlers, past or present. Norman drew attention to the fact that Group emails sent to all members should be spaced out so that each group (men players, lady players, social members) go with an hour in between each group email so as not to overload our system which is limited to 100 emails an hour. If someone does a "Reply to All" then the system becomes over-loaded and snarls up. This information to be noted by committee and the "Reply to All" scenario to be explained clearly in a Newsletter.	KH-T
	d)	<u>Sponsorship</u> – Geoff Symonds had given suggestions as to how we can take this forward. Just need someone to do it!!	
14.		Social Events	
	a)	<u>President's Day</u> 13 th August rearranged for 20 th August due to extremely hot weather. 16 players and 7 social attending currently. CH-T & KH-T will not be there.	
	b)	<u>Rustic Fayre Monday</u> , 29 th August – more helpers needed. Norman & Sue, Ken & Chrissy, Angela and Mike and Sue Holt had agreed to be "front men" persuading people to have a go; Sue Holt needs a partner. Each pair needs 2 people to hand out bowls and clear up after the players – so far we have just Nigel Holt. 1.5hr shifts from 12 noon. Mike, Angela, Tony and Barry setting up. Information to go in a newsletter. Our location is near the ice cream, food & beverages and beer tent!	KH-T
	c)	<u>Presentation Lunch</u> – Monday, 28 th November 12 for 12.30pm at Remedy Oak. Norman will circulate the 3 menus so that one can be chosen by the committee before circulating to the members.	NP
	d)	<u>Just-a-Yard End of Season Event</u> – Sunday, 11 th September – to be followed by tea and cake - £2pp.	KH-T/ AD
	e)	<u>Off-season Activities</u> – suggestions made included Beetle Drive (dice in the drawer) & Bingo with paper entries, plus dominoes – all to take place in the evening with an American supper or ploughmans; Quiz with fish & chips. Christmas Coffee Morning with Christmas music in the background.	CH-T
15.		Competition Secretary – no update.	
16.		Any Other Business	
		<u>Fixtures for 2023</u> – Angela felt that members should be asked what they would like to happen at the club, in particular roll-up sessions. Alice thought there were too many but had enjoyed doing Tuesday mornings with the starters. Tuesday morning had not been supported by other club members as a General Roll-up. Angela had heard that last year's Wednesday evening attendees had continued to meet on Wednesday evening in 2022. This year we had tried Sunday mornings bearing in mind those who are still working. We need the views of the members regarding preferred times for General Roll-ups which Angela feels are important for new players.	KH-T
17.		Date of next meeting : 10am Wed 28th September at the Clubhouse	

Meeting closed at 11.55am. Future Items : Subsidence; Club Leaflet (NP); Change of password; Sponsorship