

VERWOOD BOWLS CLUB - MINUTES
Committee Meeting held Wednesday, 28th September 2022 at the Clubhouse

Present : Barry Chick (President); 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)
Apologies : Jim Scutt

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| 1. | Minutes of 17th August 2022 – approved. | <u>Action</u> |
| 2. | Matters Arising not connected with Section Reports | |
| a) | Ukrainian guests – not in attendance the previous Monday & no response re extra day. No further action. | |
| 3. | Correspondence – one item shared. | |
| 4. | Membership | |
| a) | Some potential new players have joined as Social Members for the winter and they will therefore get early notification of playing membership. Total now : 37 playing men; 18 playing women; 39 Social. Norman issued copies of the updated members' lists to the committee and said that in future, just one list would be available. Ken will note on a Newsletter that this list is available on-line for all members to download. | KHT |
| b) | <u>Name badges</u> – agreed to wait till new season to issue to new members. | |
| 5. | Treasurer's Report | |
| a) | <u>August Accounts</u> circulated; Mike reported he purchased and fitted proximity switches in the mower shed and equipment shed. Annual Accounts to be prepared after 30 th September year end and Phil will get together with Mike to review the presentation for the AGM. | PP/MD |
| b) | <u>Steve Hill</u> Invoice now received £660. Mike intends that he will be paid by a monthly direct debit in the next financial year starting in October. | MD |
| c) | <u>Expenses slip</u> – to be re-circulated to committee. | MD |
| d) | <u>Drinks Income</u> – Mal reported that this year there had been a small profit on the drinks for matches but costs would need to be monitored in 2023 v match fees. | MH |
| f) | <u>Card Reader</u> – Mike had purchased a card reader for £49 so members can pay by credit card – cost to the club is 2p in the £, but now that there is no longer a bank in Verwood, this would assist administration. | |
| e) | <u>Items Sold</u> – bowls for £60; bowls bag £5. | |
| f) | <u>Trophies</u> – about to be sent away for engraving. | BC |
| g) | <u>Outstanding Payment</u> for a club shirt – Chrissy to follow-up. | CHT |
| 6. | Green Matters | |
| a) | <u>Report</u> – Phil's report listed all the work that has been done; members had carried out the scarifying which was very labour intensive; lawn sand and seed have been applied, but moss is still a problem. The many worm casts make mowing very time consuming as the mud builds up on the mower and has to be repeatedly removed. PH levels of soil to be tested. Steve Hill has been requested to visit for his advice. However, committee agreed that Phil should approach "Greenside" – proposed Alice Bulley, 2 nd Chrissy H-Thompson and agreed; advice could also be sought from Bowls Dorset/Bowls England. Because there is so much end-of-season work, Phil recommends that next year's season ends on the first Sunday in September. Phil and the team were thanked and congratulated on all the work that has been done this year. | PP

AD |
| b) | <u>Subsidence</u> – This has not got any worse but it was thought that once the rain started and the stream was running, the problem would be exacerbated. Norman will prepare the letter to the Council. | NP |
| c) | <u>Edging to the green</u> – some boarding needs replacing – boarding already purchased. More shingle is needed in the ditches to level up the rubber mats and so avoid puddling. | Work
Party |

- d) Surrounds – Phil felt that the working party were coping with jobs, but Ken will ask in a newsletter for offers of help if people want to work at a time other than Monday morning. KHT
7. **Clubhouse & Social Area**
- a) Signage – new signs now in situ.
- b) CCTV – this can be monitored on Mike’s ipad when he’s at the clubhouse, but not from his own home. We need technical support from a member – newsletter request. Norman’s son may be able to give advice. KHT
NP
- c) Decoration of the toilets and kitchen – Barry keen to start mid-October but would be glad of help from one or two others who can paint to a good standard. KHT
- d) Outdoor Benches need treating and could be done under the patio cover as long as the terrace was properly protected. There is a large plastic sheet available. Newsletter request. KHT
8. **Leagues** – Verwood men reached the semi-final of the Ringwood Shield, being beaten by West Moors who were the eventual winners. Alice reported that Jane Roberts & Sue Pearce had definitely said they wouldn’t play in the NF5 league again. Angela was happy to continue.
9. **Fixtures**
- a) Friendlies – 6d Handley was a close match; Cranborne have notified that they will not be playing Friendlies in 2023.
- b) Taster Day – Saturday 20th August attracted new members and potentials for 2023.
- c) Rustic Fayre + Taster Saturday 10th September. Successful attracting new bowlers to the Taster Day and also promoted the Club to the wider audience. £47.40 income which more than covered the cost of the stall. Angela suggested the same is done for the Carnival which will be BH Monday, 29th May 2023.
10. **Club Uniform**
- a) Clothes order – no progress. *Post Meeting : Chrissy has been advised that they have arrived!* CH-T
- b) Iron-on Badges – noted that they may come off in the wash and sewing is the only way. Chrissy happy to sew for others. CH-T
11. **Ladies’ Section** - Alice reported that the Ladies AGM was on Friday, 7th October at 2pm. So far there were no nominations on the poster she had displayed. Sue Dooley’s suggestion for a “Dooley Cup” competition will be discussed and brought to the Committee after the AGM. AB
12. **Publicity**
- a) Newsletter – Ken was given several items at the meeting. KH-T
- b) New Club photo for our noticeboard – large mixed group as on the website. NP
- c) Website – Everyone is very appreciative of all the work that Geoff Symonds has done on the website and Ken will encourage members in a Newsletter to look at it in detail. KH-T
- d) Post Office Noticeboard – Ken would find out the cost. KHT
13. **Social Events**
- a) New Fixtures List issued with a variety of social activities which came out of the Coffee Morning attended by 13 members. Variety of organisers but members need to book so the organiser knows how many tables and other equipment is needed.
- b) Non-Members - It was agreed that non-members could attend all events at the Clubhouse, but they would be asked to pay £1 more than members. Treasurer is concerned that fees are too low in view of the extra heating costs expected.
- c) Skittles – Tuesday, 11th October 10.30am – well supported. Numbers will be limited to 30 players – currently 25 + 2 non-players.
- d) Quizzes – It was agreed that members bringing non-members to form a team of 4 should be together, but others would pick a table no. on arrival so that members would get to know each other.
- e) Whist – Summer whist sessions have raised £400. Price will need to be increased to £3 on the winter sessions to cover extra heating costs. Mike is monitoring the electricity used. AD

14. **Competition Secretary** BC
Finals Day – Barry reported that all had gone well with some closely fought matches and the “Bring Your Own to Share” lunch had been well received. He was disappointed that there were just 4 entries for the Frances Harpwood Trophy and 2 of those withdrew, so there were no semi-finals. The rounds for the Mixed Triples Competition will be held on set dates in 2023. There was discussion about the rules for the Novice Competition and Barry will provide a revised wording for Norman to put on the new Membership Application Forms with a later closing date so that new members can be encouraged to take part. BC/NP
15. **AGM Wed 2nd November** – apologies : Angela & Mike Daymond
- a) Committee – Ken advised that he would not be joining the Committee next year as he is to be Captain at the golf club. Agreed that we needed new blood on the Committee. Norman would continue for one more year but would be reducing his league play – agreed it would be helpful to find someone to learn his work during the coming year in readiness for taking over. KHT
- b) Minutes : As Angela is away, Chrissy agreed to take the Minutes. CHT
16. **Any Other Business**
- a) Leftover rolls in the freezer & a quiche – possible use at a quiz.
- b) Presentation Lunch – Christmas menu chosen. Details will now be circulated. NP
- c) Bowls England Booklets – still not received – Norman will follow-up NP
- d) Markers’ Course – Norman & Sue Pearce attending NP
- e) Coaching Day at Verwood – Angela pursuing. AD
- f) Bowls for Donation – former member Len Rackham has some – Angela to follow-up. AD

Meeting to prepare for AGM :

Wednesday, 19th October 10am in the Clubhouse

Future Items : Club Leaflet (NP)