

VERWOOD BOWLS CLUB

MINUTES of Committee Meeting held 18th January 2023

Present : Barry Chick (President); Norman Pearce (Vice President/Secretary/Membership Secretary); Mike Daymond (Treasurer); Phil Prince (Green Leader); Angela Daymond (Fixtures); Alice Bulley (Ladies Secretary); Brian Dooley (Men's Captain); Mal Hancock (Men's Vice Captain); Chrissy H-Thompson (Social/PR); Peter Simpson (Committee)
Apologies: Keith Newman (Publicity)

Barry opened the meeting by welcoming Peter Simpson to the Committee.

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| 1. Minutes of 16th November 2022
Approved subject to : Addition of apologies for Mike & Angela Daymond; item 1 = Minutes dated 19 th October 2022, not 2020. Chrissy will amend and send revised Minutes to Geoff Simonds for the website and Club file. | CHT |
| 2. Matter Arising not connected with Section Reports
<u>Presentation Lunch</u> – Committee agreed it had been very successful and that Norman should ask Sue Pearce to book again for 2023 for a lunch around the same date. | NP |
| 3. Secretary | |
| a) <u>Subsidence</u> – No support from the Town Council; advised to contact the National Rivers Authority or Dorset County Council Highways as they are responsible for drainage. | NP |
| b) <u>Bowls England Booklet for new players</u> – still waiting. | |
| c) <u>Welcome to Verwood Bowls Club leaflet</u> – in hand | |
| d) <u>Data Protection</u> – Norman circulated copies of the Club's Data Protection – committee to review to see if it needs updating. Website will then acknowledge that it has been reviewed or updated. | ALL |
| 4. Membership | |
| a) <u>Forms</u> – Norman is currently working on Membership renewal paperwork and is planning to issue them as soon as possible, including space for "Emergency contact & tel. no." requirement. He advised that his wife would not be joining until health issues resolved. | NP |
| b) <u>Joint Membership</u> – A potential member had enquired – to be considered for 2024. | AGM |
| c) <u>Whiteboard</u> – Norman has donated his whiteboard for use by the Club. | |
| 5. Treasurer's Report | |
| a) <u>Accounts & Report</u> – December Account circulated prior to the meeting. Mike Daymond commented that the Club was spending a lot and only £2,000 is currently in the account. A lot of money has been spent on Club uniform; some is stock, some is owed by members. Chrissy H-T will follow-up the debtors. | CHT |
| b) <u>AGM Report</u> (not previously circulated) – this was not sent out before Mike went on holiday but is circulated now to draw attention to the fact that he will not remain as Treasurer after the current financial year. | |
| c) <u>Score Cards</u> – The insurance company has provided a stock of match score cards. | |
| d) <u>Electricity</u> – Mike advised that 1,478 units of electricity had been used since November and expressed his concern that all social events should take the current high cost into consideration. Discussed under "Social". He is meeting with the Electric company's representative at the Club the following Friday reference the new contract. | MD |
| 6. Green Matters | |
| a) <u>Report</u> – Phil Prince had circulated his report prior to the meeting. Main concern had been the vast amount of leaves dropping over a long period and the green had been cleared 3 times a week up till Christmas. He is proposing a sharp sand treatment for deterring the worms and Norman has a suitable piece of equipment for this. Repaired mower had been returned to the servicing company and returned, and it was now in working order. | NP |
| b) <u>Leaking pipe</u> – Leak has been fixed but there is still an ongoing problem with the system. Mike Foster had done the digging work and Keith Newman is leading the investigation.
<u>Norman Pearce left the meeting at this point</u> | |
| c) <u>Overflow Pipe</u> on the irrigation system needs attention. Mike & Phil to investigate. | MD/PP |
| d) <u>Working Party</u> – Appreciation was expressed for the hard-working grounds team and Keith to draw attention to this in a Newsletter with a request for more help from | KN |

members, especially on Fridays as Dan Ferguson is currently unwell and Nigel Holt not available.

7. **Clubhouse & Social Area**

a) “Need to Know” Board – After the meeting an additional noticeboard was retrieved from the loft to go on the wall facing those entering the clubhouse to make Club activities more obvious. **BC**

b) CCTV Technical support to link in system to mobile phone – Norman advised that his son was unable to help, but he took all the equipment instructions with him to investigate.

c) Accident at the exit gate – There had been a minor accident when a member was leaving the Club in the dark. Agreed that the first step would be to paint the paving slabs at the side of the entrance/exit gate and if considered necessary, we would purchase 2 more solar lights. Mike would paint the slabs while he waits for the Electricity rep on the following Friday. **MD**

8. **Leagues**

Brian Dooley reported that the men would enter 3 leagues; NF AGM not held yet to know if the Div 5 Mixed League would go ahead. Committee decided not to pursue a request to amend the rules so that each team included one lady as it was unlikely we could support matches in this format in the coming season. Angela requested that Brian send her all the dates when he receives them in order to compile the Fixtures List. **BD**

9. **Fixtures**

a) 2023 Fixtures – Angela had proposed dates which were agreed. Roll-ups to be Wednesday evening, Friday afternoon & Sunday morning. Beginners Tuesday & Thursday 10.30 until early June – Alice and Sue Dooley will help but more support needed. **AD**

b) Friendly with Fordingbridge – 9th July at Fordingbridge; 23rd July at Verwood. Agreed we should approach Sixpenny Handley. **AB**
SD
AD

c) Members Coaching – Angela has yet to approach Dorset Bowls. **AD**

10. **Club Uniform**

New shirts and jackets appreciated. CHT to follow-up as per 5a). **CHT**

11. **Ladies’ Section**

Alice reported that some ladies are not interested in the Mixed League and that Jane Roberts will be organising some Ladies Friendlies. She also plans to call a Ladies Meeting soon and organise a Ladies Lunch at Crane Valley in March. At the meeting she is hoping that Sue Dooley will explain her idea for a “Dooley Trophy” event within the Club. **AB**
SD

12. **Publicity**

Barry explained that he had had a talk with Keith Newman and he is willing to take over all the aspects of the Publicity including the Newsletter and Posters. **KN**

a) Next Newsletter – Social events, price increase (see item 13), subs Coffee Morning. Organisers of the social events need to supply information to Keith. **KN**

b) Facebook – Keith is willing to help members learn to use the internet with a “Silver Surfers” session and it was suggested he should present his idea at the Spring Meeting. **KN**

c) Website – Keith to be asked to monitor the website as Angela is trying to cut back a bit! Angela is contacting Geoff Simonds about the current changes needed. **KN**

d) Post Office Noticeboard – Keith to ask if we can rent the empty board for 3 months to promote Open Days and find out the cost. **KN**

e) Taster Days publicity – Angela brought along the large poster used on the railings of the Heritage Centre last year which had been prepared by Tony Bird. Agreed we would keep the same slogan for all advertising “Not as easy as you think, but more fun than you think”. **KN**

13. **Social Events**

a) November Quiz – much enjoyed.

b) Christmas Coffee Morning – very successful and popular - £140. Noted that cost of events should be noted on all publicity. **CHT**
KN

c) Whist Drives - £230 deposited, £100 + float in hand.

d) Dominoes - £24; event held at home due to low numbers but much enjoyed.

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| e) | <u>Charges</u> – Following the Treasurer’s concern about energy costs, it was agreed that all one-off social events in the clubhouse would be £5 per person from now on – to be notified in the Newsletter. Mike Daymond will look into the costs for solar panels. | CHT
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MD |
| f) | <u>Easter Bonnet & Tea on Easter Sunday</u> – Committee thought Chrissy’s suggestion was a good one – to be raised at the Ladies meeting for offers of help. | CHT |
| 14. | Competition Secretary
Barry will set firm dates for the Triples Competition and supply them to Angela and Norman. It was suggested that they didn’t need to be on Saturday. Agreed that entry fees for all competitions should be £2pp and Trophy Days would be “Bring food to share”. | BC
NP |
| 15. | Any Other Business | |
| a) | <u>The late Jim Scutt</u> – Unanimously agreed that there should be a “Jim Scutt Endeavour Trophy” in recognition of Jim’s persistence in learning to use the metal bowling arm to overcome his health problems. Barry will look into finding a trophy. | BC |
| b) | <u>Committee Meeting</u> – Peter Simpson was concerned that committee members deviated from the subject and felt the meeting should be more controlled. | BC |

Meeting closed at 12.37pm

Date of next meeting : Wednesday, 8th February 2023 10am in the Clubhouse