

VERWOOD BOWLS CLUB

MINUTES of Committee Meeting held 8th February 2023

Present : Barry Chick (President); Norman Pearce (Vice President/Secretary/Membership Secretary); Mike Daymond (Treasurer); Phil Prince (Green Leader); Angela Daymond (Fixtures); Brian Dooley (Men's Captain); Mal Hancock (Men's Vice Captain); Keith Newman (Publicity); Peter Simpson (Committee)

Apologies: Alice Bulley (Ladies Secretary) Chrissy Haxby-Thompson has resigned due to health problems

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| 1. | Minutes of 18th January 2023 – approved. | |
| 2. | Matters Arising not connected with Section Reports | |
| | a) <u>Presentation Lunch</u> : Wednesday, 22 nd November 2023 at Remedy Oak Golf Club. | |
| | b) <u>Jim Scutt Endeavour Trophy</u> – Barry had organised and it met with the approval of the committee. Barry will do a new sheet for the Trophy Board and a certificate will be awarded with the trophy. It was noted that Jim's bowls have been donated to the club. Norman will ask about his club shirts, etc. | BC
NP |
| 3. | Correspondence – none of any relevance. | |
| 4. | Membership | NP |
| | a) <u>Paperwork for 2023</u> – distribution will be shared. | NP |
| | b) <u>Data Protection document</u> – Norman has amended this following comments from committee members. | |
| | c) <u>Membership Coffee Morning</u> – Saturday, 25 th February 10-12noon (apols Angela & Mike) | All |
| 5. | Treasurer's Report | MD |
| | Accounts circulated. Electric meter readings : 18 th Jan 1,482; 7 th Feb 1,875. Noted we now have a card reader to avoid cheques but Norman advised that scanning by phone puts payments into the bank direct. Bank transfer is preferable but we realise modern technology is not for everyone. Norman will be supervising the collection of subs on 25 th February as Mike is away. Mike asked that notice be given at the Spring Meeting that he will be retiring as Treasurer in October. | BC |
| 6. | Green Matters | PP |
| | Phil reported that the irrigation system had been fixed and tested under pressure and he acknowledged the work done by Mike Foster & Keith Newman. Phil had sought advice from a new contractor (Greensleeves, which is a franchise) and the committee accepted his proposal that a weeding/feeding regime be implemented every 10 weeks at a cost of £194 inc vat and materials. This compared favourably with Steve Hill who had not been particularly reliable during 2022. Pea shingle has been purchased for the ditches. During the meeting a tree cutting contractor called at the green and will quote for the removal of dead branches on trees along the roadside. Bob Child had seen the problem when cleaning the patio shelter. Overflow pipe adjustment is in hand. | |
| 7. | Clubhouse & Social Area | |
| | a) <u>Springclean</u> – Angela felt the only items needed were roof lights and windows. | |
| | b) <u>Need to know board</u> – now fixed to the wall facing the door – for important notices. Barry had also prepared and fixed up notices reminding members to check all lights and heaters before leaving. | |
| | c) <u>CCTV</u> – Norman and his son still investigating link to members' phones. | NP |
| | d) <u>Heating</u> – Mike intends to blank off the wall switch for the newer heater so that the heater is controlled by its own on/off switch. It was also agreed to raise it 18" so that the screen could be read easily. The wall-mounted fan heater in the main area is not reliable, sometimes blowing cold air. A small fan heater has been donated by one of the whist players. | MD |
| | e) <u>Rear Loft Light</u> – Mike intends to fit a proximity switch. | MD |
| | f) <u>Outdoor Benches</u> – Geoff Batstone has offered to treat these in the spring. | GB |

8. **Leagues**
 Brian attend the New Forest Bowls League Spring Meeting and advised the following :-
 There are no Fixture Lists yet; Iford Bridge Bowling Club has folded; there may not be a Div 5, but if that is the case, Div 4 will operate a mixed league; sharing play will be allowed in Divisions 3, 4 & 5; there will be a 10-end league.
 The Ringwood Shield will now have a second trophy “Totton & Eling Trophy” for a competition between all first round losers. Brian will give a written report in future. Norman will check his emails to see if he has received the Percy Baker fixtures. Bowls Dorset East also awaited. BD
 NP
9. **Fixtures**
 a) Outline shared but will be re-sent as a PDF file. Taster afternoon – Sunday, 7th May will combine our bowling trial on the Recreation Ground at the Coronation Fayre and the opportunity to bowl at the club. Fee for the Fayre is by donation – agreed £30. Friendlies with 6d Handley arranged for August. AD
 b) Coaching Angela had researched qualified coaches – there are several at West Moors but it was agreed that our new players who joined at the end of last season could be coached by members at the beginning of the season. Wait and see who joins; Brian & Sue Dooley, Norman and Angela willing to help; Mike suggested adopting new people and arranging their own time to coach to ensure everyone benefits. This was thought to be a good idea. Coaching for experienced bowlers may be considered in the future.
10. **Club Uniform**
Distribution of shirts – Chrissy Haxby-Thompson has agreed to complete this task and collect payment. Committee expressed appreciation for all the work she and Ken had done and Norman will send a letter of thanks. Committee vacancy to be advertised. CH-T
 KN
11. **Ladies’ Section**
 a) Ladies Meeting – not yet arranged by Alice. Brian will ask Sue Dooley to contact Alice as the meeting was needed to discuss the proposed Dooley Internal Ladies Competition. AB
12. **Publicity**
 a) Next Newsletter – items to Keith. ALL
 b) Advertising Budget – Committee advised Keith that he could send proposals to the Committee once he had the costs and committee would respond by email so that he could meet closing dates. Post Office noticeboard was a possibility and Focus Magazine. KN
 c) Posters : QR Code is a possibility for posters. Norman offered to laminate. Include “just 3 words” information.
 d) Local Organisations – Angela will provide contact information. AD
 e) Group Emails : *Post Meeting from Angela : When sending out group emails send them blind copied to avoid people replying to all – advice from Geoff Symonds.* ALL
13. **Social Events**
 a) Events held : Music Quiz much enjoyed; Whist has raised £285.
 b) Forthcoming Events : Bingo cancelled; 2 Quizzes, Games Afternoon & Skittles in February and March. Participants to contact the individual organisers as per the Events listing.
 c) Formation of a Social Committee – could come out of a Ladies Meeting but should involve other members, too. AB
14. **Competition Secretary** – Dates arranged for the Mixed Triples : Wednesdays 5th July and 2nd August at 10am. BC
15. **Spring Meeting Wednesday, 29th March 2023**
 a) Items to consider : Committee Vacancy; retirement of Treasurer in October; Section Reports; encourage support from all members.
16. **Any Other Business**
 a) Flickering Light in the clubhouse roof windows seen at night by a passer-by. Norman will investigate. NP
 b) Licensed Bar – considered a non-starter.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING : 10am Wednesday, 15th March 2023