

VERWOOD BOWLS CLUB - MINUTES

Committee Meeting 10am Wednesday, 12th April 2023 at the Clubhouse

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

APOLOGIES : Barry Chick (President)

Norman Pearce in the Chair

1. **Minutes of 15th March 2023** approved. No matters arising. Action
2. **Spring Meeting 29th March** approved. No matters arising.
3. **Correspondence**
 - a) Members to be advised to register at the following Bowls England address: news@bowlsengland.co.uk in order to receive up-to-date news of the organisation. ALL MEMBERS
 - b) There has been no updated reprint of the "Guidance for new bowlers". Norman will copy some of the previous version for issue to new members. NP
4. **Membership**

Current membership : 33 men, 12 ladies; 28 social. As yet just one enquiry for a Taster Day from James Milne and Linda Watts will be testing out her back.
5. **Treasurer's Report**

Report issued prior to meeting – those who had not received it asked to look at their Spam folder. Increased charges for electricity : Standing charge daily rate up from 54p to £1.62 and unit charge down from 79p to 54p. All
6. **Green Matters**

Phil Prince drew attention to the fact that the green would not be playable by 15th April due to expected heavy rainfall and it was agreed that the Opening Triples would take place on Wednesday, 19th April at 2.30pm. Angela would issue the appropriate information. This meant that the Beginners sessions would now start on Thursday, 20th April. Agreed that only dead-wooding of the oak tree would take place on the advice of the contractor. Mike and Phil will investigate problems with the sprinkler system (*Post meeting : installer has been asked to visit*); Norman will dispose of the old tables. AD
MD/PP
NP
7. **Clubhouse & Social Area**

New Telephone provider Barry emailed : I have taken out a contract with Vodafone to install full fibre 2 broadband into the club house and hopefully retain our old number (waiting for confirmation of that). We will have anytime phone calls with 700 minutes package, the phone does not have to be changed. The monthly rental is £33 with a 24-month contract. There will be no increase of price until April 2024. The fibre will be installed by Open Reach on Tuesday, 25th April any time between 8am and 1pm. Norman offered to come to the Club at 8am and stay till the Beginners session when Brian & Sue Dooley would be there till 12. It was hoped the work would be completed by then. NJP
BD
8. **Leagues**
 - a) NF Assocn Meeting - Brian Dooley had attended a New Forest Bowls Assocn meeting and brought back information which he shared. Their main concern was that each organisation had a Child Protection Officer – in our case it is Mike Daymond.

Moorlands Road is going to be closed due to gas works 17th April to 9th May – Norman will advise the leagues; Keith will include the information in the next Newsletter – advice is to park at the Potters Wheel car park. NJP
KN
 - b) Code of Dress for League Play - Brian would make all players aware of the dress code rules circulated by Bowls Dorset as they included the threat that points could be deducted. BD

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9. **Fixtures**
- a) Opening Triples – due to heavy rain and ground unfit for play, postponed to Wednesday, 19th April at 2.30pm. Angela to advise all players in case some can now play. AD
- b) Coaching Sessions to start on Thursday, 20th 10.30am. Norman & Sue not available on 20th, but Alice, Angela, Brian & Sue Dooley will be. Tuesday 25th April – Angela not available. AB/BD/AD
- c) Taster Days – just 2 re-joining members so far. Help will be required. AD
- d) Coronation Fayre & Taster Afternoon – all hands to the pump required – request in newsletter. KN
10. **Competition Secretary**
- a) Barry's written report sent by email : "This is just to inform you, that because I have only two female entrants for the triple's competition, I have therefore decided to run it as an open triples competition. This was last run in this format in 2014 because the same situation arose in that year. I will be asking for three more names for this competition, as I only have nine players at present. KN
- The Ladies competitions unfortunately will not be run this year due to lack of support from the Ladies section. All the other competitions will be run as normal. The Novice competition has only two entrants at present and I shall be asking for more names. BC
- Entries into competitions will end on April 28th, but not the Novice one, as I will keep it open longer." Lady players to be encouraged in a newsletter. KN
11. **Ladies' Section**
- Even though we are not entering the ladies leagues, Alice is renewing membership of the B&D and New Forest leagues so there will be no problem in re-entering in the future. Costs: NF - £10; B&D £10 plus £2 per head. Betty Emery's name to be removed from list of players and replaced with Alice's name. Norman will inform the Assocns. AB
- NP
12. **Publicity**
- Keith reported on Barry's successful Forest FM interview. Agreed he should change the Taster Day photo on the website. Tony Bird was researching banner providers and helping with design. 750 promo leaflets are printed for use in the Library and Doctors' surgeries plus events; they are generic and so suitable for the following year. Agreed we would again take part in the Rustic Fayre, but not the Carnival as too close to the Coronation Fayre. An advert had been placed in a Parish Guide at a cost of £19. Keith has been monitoring traffic on the website which is up by 30%. KN
13. **Social Events**
- Social Sub-Committee needed; we have volunteers to support (Denise Pugh, Jackie Hancock & Alice Bulley) but no leader. KN/All Members
14. **Any Other Business**
- a) Mike will be fitting a new frostat in the gents' toilet as well as replacing the proximity switch which is not reliable. MD
- b) Mal offered to take care of supplying the after-match drinks and it was agreed that this should include small bottles of wine. Match fees to be £3 home and away with the away fee contributing to the petrol costs.
- Sue Dooley joined the meeting to discuss her new competition
15. **Open Pairs Competition**
- It was agreed that this would take place on alternate Fridays, starting 2nd June at 5pm. Matches would be 12 ends, 4 woods with 3 points for a win, 2 for a draw and 1 for a loss. SD
- This would be flexible according to weather and allowing for a catch-up week. So far 10 pairs have entered – form on noticeboard. Angela to update the Fixtures List and Keith to publicise. KN/AD
16. **Date of Next Meeting : Wednesday, 24th May 10am in the Clubhouse**

Meeting closed at 11.40am

Future Items : Club Leaflet (NP); website new password;