VERWOOD BOWLS CLUB - MINUTES

Committee Meeting held at 10am Wednesday, 24th May 2023 at the Clubhouse

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

Apologies : Alice Bulley (Ladies Secretary)

1. **Minutes of 12th April 2023** approved. No matters arising. Action

2. **Correspondence**
   a) Website - Geoff Symonds had emailed the Committee with details about the hosting arrangements shared with Sixpenny Handley for the provision of the two websites. With a new person taking over at 6d Handley as it means sharing information for which Geoff asked permission. Proposed Norman and agreed, asking Geoff to keep us informed. NP
   b) Emails – Committee were reminded that when sending out group emails to the members, they should be sent "blind copied" to avoid clogging the system. ALL
   c) Subsidence Issue – Norman trying to find out which Waterways Authority to write to. NP

Brian Dooley joined the meeting

3. **Membership**
   a) Members - Norman distributed the up-to-date Members List showing an increase in membership in the past 2 months from 61 to 84 of whom 37 are men players and 14 lady players; 32 Social, 1 Honorary.
   b) Guidance for new bowlers – New version "Let's get ready to roll" not yet issued; Norman will produce copies of the old version for new members. NP
   c) Welcome Letter – Angela had shared a copy of a "Welcome letter" which she was giving to new members who came to the Beginners group and asked members to check it out. ALL

4. **Treasurer's Report**

Mike had shared his report which now more clearly shows the figures for uniform items sold following a meeting with Chrissy H-T when the balance of stock was also checked. There had been large bills for the tree work and an income of £202 from the summer whist. On the question of match fees/drinks expenditure – this is organised by Mal and the balance is recorded in the end of year accounts.

Mike reported that there had not yet been a telephone bill and Barry said it would be for 2 months at £32 per month and is due shortly. Barry had managed to retain the club's telephone number, but the answerphone needs setting-up – Norman offered. Barry has all the paperwork for the phone. NP

5. **Green Matters**

Phil's written report had been circulated giving details of the following –

Sprinkler system has now rectified itself – possibly air-locked;
dead wooding of the oak tree;
Greensleeves maintenance;
crow damage to the green and installation of Henry the Hawk – installed in the wheelbarrow so that it can be moved around

Members reported that Ringwood were using rubber snakes and pieces of hose; also that there are solar-operated owls. MEMBERS

Phil needs more volunteer support particularly with brushing the green on Thursday and Saturday morning; it was felt those coming to the Sunday roll-up could do the brushing then.

Moss treatment has been effective but advice had been given that the spores from the roof moss might be the cause – members to find someone who could remove the moss from the roof. Installation of a copper strip would be a deterrent to the moss. ALL

6. **Leagues – Men's Captain**

Brian reported that all league results are on the website. He had struggled with a shortage of players and if required, new members would be invited to play.

7. **Fixtures**

a) Updated Fixtures List on noticeboard and website. Angela has cancelled the June Beginners sessions as all new players are now competent enough to join in roll-up sessions – Angela will email new members. Norman asked for a copy of the Excel spreadsheet. AD AD

b) Date of AGM agreed as Wednesday, 1st November. AD

c) Opening Triples had gone well.

d) Taster Days – only one booked, others turned up on the day resulting in several new members. Agreed a 10.30am start time in 2024. Also agreed that it was a good idea to combine Beginners Sessions with General Roll-ups so there could be more help on hand. AD

8. **Competition Secretary**

a) Trophy Competition details are on the noticeboard; Barry away for the Reg Hurford and Angela will deputise; he's also away for the first Triples Day but players could organise themselves. Brian enquired about the return of competition fees where there was no competition now. Norman will evaluate these. AD NP

b) Open Pairs – Peter Simpson agreed to make up the numbers. Brian requested some score cards for this competition. Barry has a suitable trophy. Final will be played before Finals Weekend. NP

c) Novices Competition – more entries required – Angela will email new members. AD

9. **Ladies' Section** – no report

10. **Publicity**

Keith had delivered publicity leaflets round the town. He is working on a letter to gain sponsorship support and members helped with ideas. Club leaflet originated by Vanessa – Mike may have a copy. MD

Newsletter items needed – mentioned at the meeting : help on the green, especially dew-brushing; return of trophies. ALL

11. **Clubhouse & Social Area**

Mike Foster has fixed the problem with the sink; Bob & Sue Child continue to do an excellent job with cleaning and maintaining stocks. Paper towels required – Norman will go to Costco and Mal will go with him to investigate the cost of drinks. Wifi problem was sorted at the end of the meeting – one figure incorrect on the password. Barry is willing to paint the toilets with help during the off-season. Brian volunteered his help. Bookcase to be relocated and books stored or removed to a charity shop. NP BC/BD AD

13. **Social Events**

a) Coronation Fayre & Taster – very successful. Donation to Town Council covered by income.

b) U3A Open Day at the Hub 25th July 1-4pm £20 – agreed. AD

c) Rustic Fayre – help needed – newsletter item – decision to be taken next meeting. AD

d) Whist numbers increasing.

14. **Any Other Business**

a) Visitors who are bowlers – confirmed that it is £5 per session. Angela will advise Geoff Batstone. AD

b) Score Card Folders – Barry will source leather ones. BC

c) Diane Newman has offered to take over the Treasurer's role and is currently working with Mike. Norman wishes to be relieved of the Secretary's role at the AGM.

Date of Next Meeting : TUESDAY, 20th June 10am in the Clubhouse
NOTE : CHANGE OF DAY

Meeting closed at 12.15pm

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