

VERWOOD BOWLING CLUB - MINUTES

Committee Meeting 10am WEDNESDAY, 26TH JULY 2023 at the Clubhouse

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

1. **Minutes of 20th June 2023** - approved
2. **Matters Arising not connected with Section Reports** – none raised.
3. **Correspondence** – all relate to external competitions
4. **Membership**
 - a) Current Membership - 39 Playing Men; 14 Playing Ladies; 32 Social; 1 Honorary
 - b) Name Badges - Item for next Newsletter; Norman will prepare labels; Angela & Norman have badges. KN
 - c) Club Shirts – Geoff Lynn has purchased a shirt and will contact Chrissy. Promote shirts in Newsletter. KN
5. **Finance**
 - a) Treasurer's Report – reflects the full month of June. MD
Phil pointed out that some figures need re-allocating to reflect an accurate picture of where the money has been spent on irrigation and the green contractor.
Angela pointed out there are large differences between some of the budget figures and current spending and the Committee will need to look at this prior to the AGM. Members to research charges at other clubs. Possibly members could pay by monthly standing order but cost to them would be higher. ALL 2024
Mal has passed over £100 raised from the sale of drinks. Less will be spent engraving trophies this year. Suggested that some funds be put into a higher interest account. 2024
 - b) Diane Newman has offered to take over as Treasurer, subject to election at the AGM. As she is not a bowler, she will become an Honorary Social Member.
6. **Green Matters**

Phil detailed the large amount of work carried out by the few and particularly mentioned the support given by Peter Campbell and Bob Child who has spent more than 30 hours removing moss from the roof in addition to the other work that he and Sue do for the Club. Barry will acknowledge this, but it was also acknowledged that all members of the Working Party are to be commended on the work that they do (N/L). Ferrous sulphate has been purchased to inhibit moss growth on the green and the roof. However, it was felt that overhanging branches from trees on the Recreation Ground were a problem for the roof – letter to Town Council to ask if they can remove them or can we? NP KN
Noted that the side hedge is impeding our Bowls Club sign.
A lot of additional support from members is required with grass cutting and dew brushing.
Newsletter to request that members consider being part of a small group to take responsibility for certain jobs to allow for rotation of help and in order to keep subs as low as possible. The green has to be cut regularly without fail and during a lush growth period may need cutting 4 times a week.
The extra land rear of the green is being used by young people and the previous Sunday some threw logs over the hedge onto the green narrowly missing players. Whilst access from the Recreation Ground could be blocked, there was still access via the car park behind the shops/flats. Maybe a cctv notice and dummy camera might help and Norman offered to explore this. NP
7. **Men's Captain**
 - a) Leagues – better availability of players although currently Verwood is bottom of NF3 league. Notice up for players for the Ringwood Shield competition.
 - b) Captain's Day raised £220 for the Air Ambulance – successful social event in the clubhouse due to bad weather. Brian would seek an opportunity for cheque presentation. BD

8. **Fixtures**
- a) Fixtures List - Concern that President's Day followed too closely on Captain's Day but Angela explained that Coronation events and extra Bank Holidays had impinged on the normal format.
 - b) Friendlies – new players are enjoying informal roll-ups but reluctant to play in the Friendlies; it is hoped they will be more confident in 2024 as it has not been possible to form enough teams.
 - c) Fixtures Secretary – Angela would be stepping down from the Committee at the AGM and Keith is willing to take on the Fixtures List if someone else will do Publicity, but there are also additional roles to be covered : Opening & Closing Season games and Friendlies. She is keen to continue to support new players and work behind the scene.
9. **Competition Secretary**
- a) Trophy Competitions progressing. Chrissy H-T and Denise Pugh had offered to provide food for the last Trophy Day in order to have a greater variety, but Barry felt this format would be best started in 2024 as it would be chargeable. BC
2024
 - b) Return of competition fees – no progress. NP
 - c) Open Pairs Friday 5pm – Final may be delayed if weather intervenes in the last round. BD/SD
 - d) Novices Competition – one match to play to complete the 1st round. BC
 - e) President's Day 5th August – Cream Tea in aid of RNLI – open to all members – more support required. KN
10. **Ladies' Section** – Alice thanked those who had given her support following the death of her husband. No other matters.
11. **Publicity**
- a) August Newsletter – Items of report to be passed to Keith; plus matters noted during the meeting. KN
 - b) U3A Open Day at The Hub 25th July – several people had taken a leaflet and 5 signed up to try out, 4 during August. Angela will arrange these during roll-up sessions and notify Committee for support. In addition 2 people had called at the Club Tuesday evening and might be contactable via Jon Loader. AD
 - c) Information Leaflet – Keith had drafted a new 3-fold leaflet to be produced annually with information to encourage and welcome new members. Committee to provide missing information and suggestions. ALL
12. **Clubhouse & Social Area**
- a) Clubhouse roof – now clear of moss thanks to Bob Child; to be treated with ferrous sulphate.
 - b) Clubhouse Cleaning – it was noted how much work Sue Child had put in to keep the clubhouse clean.
 - c) Decoration – Barry hoped there would be help to touch up the wall where furniture has been removed and to decorate the toilets during the off-season. Members
13. **Social Events**
- a) Whist – another £200 donated.
 - b) Supplies – Norman has purchased printing paper and serviettes.
 - c) Off-Season Activities – Angela is willing to call a meeting to plan some winter activities. AD
Post meeting : 10.30am Tuesday, 12th September
14. **Any Other Business**
- a) AGM Notice – As there are several vacancies, it is important that the notice is put up sooner rather than later – well before the season closes.
 - b) Absences : Norman is away 6th- 22nd August; 25th August to 2nd September;
Mike & Angela away 22nd August to 8th September,
- Date of Next Meeting : Wednesday, 23rd August 10am at the Clubhouse** Apologies : MD/AD

Future Items : Club Leaflet; website – new password; Trophy Day Catering; high interest bank account; standing order payment for subs; review of subs