

## VERWOOD BOWLING CLUB - MINUTES

**Committee Meeting 10am WEDNESDAY, 27<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 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/Minutes); Mal Hancock (Men's Vice Captain); Keith Newman (Publicity)    Apologies : Brian Dooley (Men's Captain), Peter Simpson (Committee);

1.	<b>Minutes of 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2023</b> – approved. Norman apologised for the lateness	<u>Action</u>
2.	<b>Matters Arising not connected with Section Reports</b> – Norman will follow-up on his outstanding items.	
3.	<b>Correspondence</b>	
a)	<u>Food Safety</u> : Norman has received a Food Preparation Survey form which does not apply to the current status of the Club. He will respond saying we do not prepare food on the premises and we are not a catering business. Angela raised the matter that for some obscure reason we are registered as a business and pay business rates for electricity. This needs looking into. The idea of becoming a charity was raised but it was felt that this causes other restrictions.	C'tee
b)	<u>Charity donations</u> : Acknowledgements for donations received from the RNLI and Dorset & Somerset Air Ambulance.	
c)	<u>Dorset County Council Survey re health &amp; social benefits of Bowls</u> – Barry, Norman and Angela agreed to take copies and return at the next meeting for them to be posted back.	BC, NP, AD
4.	<b>Membership</b>	
a)	<u>Current Membership</u> - 40 Playing Men; 16 Playing Ladies; 36 Social; 1 Honorary. This includes new Social member, Barry Papworth who visited the club prior to the meeting and paid. Steven Shepherd has joined as a Social Member and is a potential player. Norman will continue as Membership Secretary but standing down as General Secretary.	
5.	<b>Finance</b>	
a)	<u>Treasurer's Report</u> – reflects the full month of August. Committee noted the discrepancy between income and expenditure and more bills are outstanding. Angela will research how long the fees have been at £120. Dual membership to be considered. Alan Coul has started auditing the accounts. Mike will finalise the end of year accounts in time for the next meeting and will be standing down at the AGM.	AD MD
6.	<b>Green Matters</b>	
	Phil's report had been circulated and committee were made aware of the hard work carried out by a few of the men bowlers in scarifying the green over 2 days and the following remedial work. In hindsight two additional helpers were needed. A large amount of off-season work is required with regular dew brushing and swishing to rid the green of the wormcasts. <b>Maintenance work now starts at 11am on Monday to allow for weather conditions.</b> <b>More help required on Fridays at 1pm.</b> Additional ferrous sulphate has been applied to the mossy areas. More seed and rootzone need to be purchased. One mower is away for repair. Phil will purchase new rakes as requested by Bob Child. New edging will need to be done on two sides but Phil thought there were enough boards in stock. Norman asked that the garden waste be used to build a barrier between the Recreation Ground / Car Park and the club's additional land. Phil is willing to continue as Green Team Leader.	Members Members PP
7.	<b>Men's Captain</b>	
	Brian Dooley will continue as Men's Captain. David O'Toole has agreed to be Vice Captain.	

8.	<b>Fixtures</b>	
	The end of season Just-a-Yard had been well supported and enjoyed. Angela is standing down as Fixtures Secretary; Nick Dodd is willing to do the computer side; a.n.other needed for Friendlies and Season Opening and Closing events.	
9.	<b>Competition Secretary</b>	
	18 trophies are currently being engraved at Alda Trophies, Ringwood where they have matched last year's price. Average cost is £13.50 per trophy. The Dooley competition trophy and the Jim Scutt Trophy do not need engraving. Committee nominations for the Jim Scutt Trophy for overcoming adversity will be discussed next meeting. The Novice Competition and the Ken Farrance Trophy competition do not have runner-up trophies. Barry has designed a certificate.	BC C'tee  BC
10.	<b>Ladies' Section</b>	
	Ladies AGM takes place at 2pm on Wednesday, 25 <sup>th</sup> October. Alice will not be a playing member next year and so is retiring from the committee. The Committee propose to disband the Ladies Section at the AGM and Barry will write to Alice and explain. Ladies Captain will be a Committee member.	AGM BC
11.	<b>Publicity</b>	
	Next newsletter will mainly be AGM and some Social events. Keith will ignore the invoice received from a professional magazine as we are covered free in the Town Guide and Facebook.	
12.	<b>Committee 2023/24</b>	
	<p>Current nominations :</p> <p>President : Norman Pearce; Secretary : Sue Dooley; Membership Secretary : Norman Pearce; Treasurer : Diane Newman; Green Team Leader : Phil Prince; Competition Secretary : Barry Chick; Men's Captain : Brian Dooley; Vice Captain : David O'Toole; Publicity : Keith Newman. Social Committee Representative : Chrissy H-Thompson; Committee (3 for 2 places) : Mike Daymond, Angela Daymond, Ken H-Thompson Ladies Captain &amp; Vice Captain will be decided at the Ladies AGM (25<sup>th</sup> October).</p> <p>Nick Dodd has been proposed and seconded and is willing to take care of the computer side of the Fixtures Secretary role, but is unable to attend Committee meetings. Another required who will attend meetings (see item 8).</p> <p>Some members are apparently unhappy that a non-playing member is proposed for the role of Treasurer. An EGM is to be held before the AGM with a proposal for an amendment to the Constitution on the lines of :</p> <p>In exceptional circumstances, the Committee has the power to appoint a non-playing member ex-officio as a member of the committee where no current playing member is willing to take on the role.</p>	
13.	<b>Clubhouse &amp; Social Area</b>	
	Mike and Keith have installed a new proximity switch in the Men's toilet; this one doesn't activate in daylight. Currently the urinal is out of action and it was agreed to install a proximity switch for this. The one seen on-line is £117 and Committee agreed this should be purchased. New hooks for the brooms and dustpans installed in the Ladies toilet. A free secondhand frig has been installed in the kitchen. <i>Following the meeting Committee members removed the old frig/freezer to Barry's car ready to go to the rubbish tip at 2pm.</i>	BC
14.	<b>Social Events</b>	
	A successful Coffee Morning was held on 12 <sup>th</sup> September to discuss ideas and a sub-committee of Angela, Chrissy and Denise Pugh was formed. Subsequently Jane Roberts joined and Alice attended the sub-committee meeting where a programme of dates was	

	formalised. Mal will enquire re fish & chips and advise Barry. Angela will seek out the other missing information and issue the Fixture List to all members. Important to note : Free Short Mat trial day Wednesday, 4 <sup>th</sup> October – if enough interest a regular event will be set up. <i>Post meeting : Barry suggested his darts event should be £3 + cost of fish &amp; chips if required. Angela has therefore made short-mat bowls £3. After issue of the Fixtures List, Phil added his “Impossible Quiz” for Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November.</i>	AD
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15.	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
a)	<u>Presentation Dinner</u> – Norman circulated the proposed Presentation menu on behalf of Sue Pearce which was approved.	SP
b)	<u>Postbox</u> – A robust, weather-proof postbox to be purchased and fitted to the inside of the boundary.	MD
c)	<u>Entrance Gate</u> – Agreed that it would be helpful if the main entrance gate was widened. Team needed.	Working Party
d)	<u>De-clutter the Site</u> – It was agreed that a working party would decide what could be removed by “Mr Iron”, the scrap metal dealer.	PP

**Date of Next Meeting : Wednesday, 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 10am at the Clubhouse**

Future Items : Club Leaflet; high interest bank accounts; standing order payment for subs; review of subs inc. dual membership; website – new password; club not a business - research; widening of entrance gate