VERWOOD BOWLING CLUB
Committee Meeting
Wednesday 8th April, 2026

Present: Ken Haxby-Thompson, Chrissy Haxby-Thompson, Steve Green, Keith Newman, Phil Prince, David O'Toole, Keith Shaw, Angela Daymond, Mal Hancock

Meeting opened by Ken H-T at 10.00 am

1) **Apologies for Absence -** Barry Chick, Alan Coul, Sandra Campbell

2) **Approval of Minutes of Committee Meeting 11th March, 2026**

Minutes approved, signed and filed.

3) **Safeguarding Officer's Report**

Under 18 forms are back from Ray and Alyson. Awaiting form from Alex and Zander.

Latest safeguarding bulletin posted to Clubhouse Noticeboard and Geoff being contacted to post same on the website.

DBS application for Alan Wase in hand and the amendments to our constitution in relation to R9 remain in hand.

4) **Competition Officer's Report**

Barry Chick not present at meeting but all knockout comps are posted on Bowlr.

5) **Treasurer's Report**

Apologies from Alan Coul but reports our financial resources stand at £29,031.00 of which £28,560.00 is on deposit with approximately £700.00 from short Matt and darts still to be received.

Short term liabilities are about £8000.00 for fencing and sprinklers with a balance of £4000.00 yet to come from the grant.

6) Greenkeeper's Report

On track for Saturday Opening thanks to a good turnout from our army of volunteers. Tree surgeons have done a good job but it appears there is another tree needing attention. Sprinklers with some fine tuning from Keith Newman are working fine and Holm Oak Fencing have started their work.

7) Captain's Report

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday League Fixtures need to go up and sign up sheets for teams. The requirements are 12 players on Monday, 6 players on Tuesday and 9 players on Thursday. All the home matches are posted on Bowlr.

8) Membership Secretary

Daisy, who is 11 next month, has now joined but will always be accompanied by her grandparents Ray and Alyson Usher. Angela and Chrissy will compile a new members welcome letter with a reminder our monthly newsletter can be accessed through our website.

9) Correspondence

No new correspondence.

10) Ladies Secretary

Still vacant.

11) Publicity

Reported, nobody receiving Vista magazine which currently has an advert for VBC. Meanwhile Angela is in contact with Viewpoint, Verwood Focus as well as the U3A who are happy to publicise our club. The notice board outside is to be refreshed and Stewart Rennie is able to produce A3, A4 and A5 posters, as required, advertising our taster weekends Angela to liase with Stewart on this.

12) Fixtures

All Fixtures to be put onto Club House Matches board with sign up sheets for players availability.

13) Social Events

Our ever favourite Monday afternoon Whist will continue as usual but other events will be with varying bowling events and will be published at that time.

After some discussion it was decided on a vote that alcohol could be offered after Sunday Roll Ups and other Social events with a nominal donation of £2.00 to the club funds. Phil Prince wished his NO vote to be recorded. However we will be encouraging players to B.Y.O.B as this saves administration.

14) Any Other Business

a) Choosing Rink/Knockout Comps
Also, again after some discussion, it was decided on a vote that we would no longer use the draw a rink system on knockout competitions but go with the pre-booked rink system as per Bowlr. Again Phil Prince wished his NO vote to be recorded. We will review this halfway through the season.

b) Bowlr
Keith to check on cancelling a booking on same day.

c) Summer Baskets
Chrissy has been in touch with Sheila and Peter and sadly they will no longer be doing the hanging flower baskets this year but will continue with the flower beds. So alternate arrangements need to be made.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting was closed. The next Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th May, 2026 at 10.00am.