

Verwood Bowling Club

Spring Meeting 3rd April 2024

Apologies - Tony Bird

Attendance - M Foster, S green, D O'Toole, G Parks, M Daymond, A Daymond, K Parry, P Kunert, P Kunert, C Haxby-Thompson, K Haxby-Thompson, P Prince, B Dooley, S Pearce, P Campbell, R Phillpot, E Murphy, M Hancock, S Child, R Child, B Chick, G Batstone, R Batstone, J Roberts, R Smith, S Fry, R Fry, A Chick, A Coul, S Dooley, N Pearce, K Newman, B Hall, B Hall

Presidents Welcome- NP thanked everyone for attending

Membership - NP reported that over the last 3 years playing numbers have reduced but social members have increased, it was hoped that the taster days would bring more playing members.

Treasurer- AC circulated the accounts and said that although a surplus was shown in reality this would erode during the year as it included all registration fees. The winter social events had proved successful and generated an income of over £2000 and he thanked all the organisers of the events.

Captains - BD reported all May's leagues availability sheets were now on the notice board and encouraged members to complete.

SD explained that Division 5 New Forest league was mixed and needed at least one man in each rink (2 rinks).

Green _ PP reported that due to bird damage and bad weather conditions this winter's green keeping was a challenge and thanks to all the volunteers who had helped but stressed we need some extra help on Friday mornings and to do swishing on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays. Please contact PP if you can help.

Fixtures - KHT said all fixtures were now on the board. We have one friendly home and away against Fordingbridge list for players for the first game is on the board.

Fordingbridge have also asked if we would like an informal roll up against them on 18th April, again the list is on the board.

Competitions - BC went through the competitions asking for more entries especially the ladies otherwise some would have to be cancelled again due to lack of entries. Rules and procedures are on the notice board.

Social CHT reported good attendances at the winter events and reiterated AC comments in thanking all the organisers. CHT stressed the importance of letting her know who was attending the Competition draw social for catering purposes.

Publicity - KN - the club is advertising in 3 local guides being distributed this month. He is delivering leaflets and will be asking local companies for sponsorship in return for advertising around the green.

KN emails newsletters every month to members with forthcoming events, which can also be found on the website.

President's conclusion - NP again thanked everyone for attending and also for supporting then events throughout the winter and wished everyone a successful summer.

Meeting closed at 8.15

Open meeting

Safeguarding Officer- SD explained that the club needed a safeguarding officer before next bowls season(2025) in order to participate in league games. The nominated person would have to undertake either online training or attend a day session if one was available. If anyone is interested details can be found on the Bowls England website.

History of the club - NP thanked Angela for researching and putting together the club history, she said it would soon be available and a copy held at the club when completed.

Website - NP reported the website password would change on Saturday 6th April and he would email all members with the new password.

Retention of members - NP asked the floor for any ideas, Steve Green encouraged members to play league as it was a good way of getting to know everyone and improve your bowling. SD said she felt the winter activities were a good way of staying in touch with the club over the winter and hoped they would continue this winter.

Open Pairs - SD reminded members the open pairs would be running again this year and to put your names down to enter with or without a partner.

Meeting closed at 8.30