VERWOOD BOWLING CLUB A.G.M. held 23rd October 2019 at the Clubhouse

Present : List on file

Apologies : Norman & Sue Pearce; Sue Holt, Rita Neaves, Rita Atkin, Betty Emery, Myrtle Rowland, Chris Gould, Derek Fisher, Dave Bulley

In Memoriam : Alan Hawkins and Barrie Tapp were remembered during a 1-minute silence.

Action

1. **President's Address**
Robert Wood thanked the Committee and Members for their support during the year. He paid tribute to Mike Allington, Green Ranger, and all his helpers; Betty Emery for her contribution via the Whist; Jim Scutt and Hilary Walker for the hanging baskets; Sue Holt for doing the flower beds; and the Social Committee – Eileen Wood, Hilary Walker, Gill Thomas and Gill Bassett. He thanked all members for their support on President's Day which had enabled £500 to be raised for his charity, Sailability. As their representative could not attend the AGM, Robert would present the cheque another time and a photo would appear on the website. RW
He reported that he was unhappy with the way the men's league teams had been organised and that all men players would be expected to play in league games. In 2008 there was a 1st and 2nd team – the 1st team consisted of the best players and the 2nd team inter-changed.
He wasn't sure that new club shirts would attract new members and if the Club does not have a Secretary, then the Club cannot operate. If the Club fails, then all remaining funds will go to Bowls Dorset.

2. **Minutes of the 2018 AGM**
These had not been circulated as they are available on the website. Acceptance proposed by Mike Allington, 2nd Alice Bulley.

3. **Appointment of Scrutineers for Secret Ballot for Men's Captain**
Robert Wood proposed that this should be done by the Ladies Captain and Vice Captain, Jane Roberts and Sue Dooley.

4. **Secretary's Report** – none as Roger Bassett had resigned during the year.

5. **Treasurer's & Auditor's Reports** (Full Report on file)
Peter Coleman presented his Accounts (copy on file) and reported there was a deficit of £324.72 over the year despite the sale of an item of equipment for £1,000. Social events raised £516; Whist had raised £810 and he noted that over 10 years Betty Emery had raised £5,600 through the whist drives - there was a round of applause for Betty. Short Mat organised by Chris Gould raised £131, raffles raised £472 and the Catering Team £601. £102 was raised by the Men's league teams from a surplus in the drinks fund.

   Without this income and the DIY work, there would have been a much higher deficit. The Committee propose to increase the subs to £120 and the Social Membership to £7.50.

   Expenditure has increased by approx. £3,000 spread over boarding the surround of the green, repairs to equipment, tree pruning, electrical work, shelving and flowers. Electricity usage has also increased and may be down to increased use of power tools.* Vanessa Curtis has attended a coaching course – cost £206.

   Robert Wood read the Auditor's Report and appreciation was given for Geoff Finn's checking of the accounts. Geoff Finn would now be retiring from this role.

   Raised from the Floor
   *Mike Allington queried whether this was the case with the power tools; it was suggested that the Clubhouse heaters are now old and maybe inefficient. He said the heavy cost of green maintenance was down to the new boarding and Mike Daymond

pointed out that the boarding surrounding the green was composite and should last some time. Mike Allington will monitor the water usage to check that there are no leaks. Angela Daymond queried whether any new Social Members joining before March 2020 just for the Whist would still be at £5 and this was agreed. MA

Accounts Acceptance : Proposed by Ken Haxby-Thompson, 2nd Vanessa Curtis.

6. **Election of President**

Pat Allington was elected unopposed, proposed Robert Wood, 2nd Alice Bulley. Pat accepted the chain of office and took over as Chair of the meeting.
Barry Chick raised a point of order of whether the Vice President should become the next President but it was explained that the second candidate, although proposed and seconded, had removed his name from the Notice.

7. **Vice President**

There were no nominations prior to the meeting and no one put their name forward at the meeting. Jim Scutt accepted nomination.

8. **Election of Committee**

Role	Proposer	Seconder
Treasurer – Peter Coleman	Angela Daymond	Ken Haxby-Thompson
Men's Captain (secret ballot): Phil Prince – 12 votes Peter Simpson – 9 votes	 Barry Chick Robert Wood	 Mike Daymond Mike Allington
Vice Captain – Mal Hancock	Ken Haxby-Thompson	Dan Ferguson
Match Secretary – Vanessa Curtis	Pat Allington	Eileen Wood
Competition Secretary – Barry Chick	Alice Bulley	Angela Daymond
Publicity & Minutes – Sue Holt	Mike Daymond	Pat Allington
Membership Secretary **		
Committee : Eileen Wood Ken Haxby-Thompson	Betty Emery Dan Ferguson	Jane Roberts Barry Chick
Secretary ***		

** Membership Secretary – It was not known whether Norman Pearce would continue with this role and Robert Wood will find out. RW

*** Secretary - There was no volunteer for the Secretary's role. Eventually Mike Daymond offered to do the role from April 2020 onwards due to being away during the early part of the year. Alice Bulley then offered to cover the gap and would see how the role developed and whether she would continue the role until the next AGM. It was noted that the role entailed being the Club's postbox and passing information on, correspondence, agendas and minutes for committee meetings plus advance notice of meetings.

9. **Change of Club Rules** – No proposals from the Management Committee

10. **2020 Subscriptions and Fees**

	2019		2020
Playing Member's Subscription	£110	Increase to	£120
Joining Fee	Nil	No change	Nil
Junior's Subscription	£12	No change	£12
New Member's Subscription	£60	No change	£60
Social Member's Subscription	£5	Increase to	£7.50
Visitor's Green Fee	£3	No change	£3
Competition Entry Fee	£1.50	No change	£1.50
Refreshments (tea/Coffee)	50p	No change	50p

Proposed by Hilary Walker, 2nd by Eileen Wood.

11. **To Consider Motions Brought by Members**

a) Amend Dress Rules : Rule OP1.11.2 – last paragraph after Management Committee, insert "Smart Casual wear permitted for all members' roll-ups". Proposed by Mike Daymond, 2nd Fred Vick – the vote appeared to be unanimous.

b) Club Shirt and new Club Badge : Norman Pearce and Vanessa Curtis's proposals to mark the Club's Centenary Year were not available for the meeting as unfortunately the sample shirt and badge had not arrived with the supplier in time for the meeting, so it was agreed that an EGM be called to discuss these when they were available.

It was pointed out that the ladies had agreed at their AGM to continue with white shirts and a new shirt would be just for the men. Robert Wood had been in touch with Bowls England and it would be in order for the ladies to continue wearing white and the men to have colour in their shirts. Angela Daymond pointed out that the sub-committee had also sought advice from Bowls Dorset.

12. **Election of Auditor**

Phil Prince is a qualified Accountant and offered to take on the role. Proposed by Mike Allington, 2nd Brian Dooley and agreed.

The meeting then continued with an Open Forum

OPEN FORUM

1. **Men's Captain** : Mike Daymond reported that he had been Men's Captain for 3 years; when he started there were enough players for 4 teams plus the Saturday league. This year he had 11-12 players at the start of the season so the number of teams was reduced to one team in each of Bowls Dorset and New Forest and no Percy Baker team. The team did reasonably well in New Forest having dropped to the 4th Division, but in Bowls Dorset we are at the bottom. Half-way through the season after losing regularly, we tried to get some wins by using the best bowlers and new members who had bowled before. Mike Allington joined as a player late in the season and was unhappy at not being selected. Teams had been planned ahead at that time because we needed to ensure we had players available by giving them enough notice and we were not expecting any additional players at that time.

   Men's Vice Captain : Phil Prince hopes there will be more available players next year, so that a second team can be formed and the Club can take part in the Percy Baker league.

   Eileen Wood asked if the Captain and Vice Captain always play in matches. Mike stated that there were times when he sat and watched so he could judge playing ability.

2. **Membership Secretary** : Norman Pearce had sent a written report giving the following figures :-

   24 Playing Ladies; 32 Playing Men; 32 Social Ladies; 14 Social Men; 1 Honorary. Total 103.

3. **Match Secretary :** Vanessa Curtis said the Diary had been kept very full. Eight new members resulted from the Open Days; Monday Improvers was well supported by new and experienced players; Friday 10 ends had worked well and Wednesday evening had been introduced for people who were working and this had proved popular. Friendlies had been arranged between Cranborne, Ringwood and Fordingbridge and only one had been cancelled. Six teams went to Crofton by coach with supporters.

   Vanessa thanked the Committee for encouraging her 2-day course for coaching and she hoped it would bring benefit to the Club, improving confidence and skills.

4. **Competition Secretary :** Barry Chick said his first year in the role had been a learning curve regarding input to the website. He hoped that in 2020 there would be more support for competitions from everyone. He is considering changes for the formats and seeding players. Those who enter need to make sure they are available for the Finals Weekend – the first weekend in September.

   Mike Daymond asked if closing dates could be later to allow for new members who join after the Open Days. **Sue Dooley** explained that she and Brian had been unable to take part after they joined. **Eileen Wood** asked if Open Days could be on a Saturday and Sunday and **Angela Daymond** suggested that some clubs have Open Days at the end of the season. That would allow people to join as Social Members through the winter.

5. **Ladies Section :** Alice Bulley reported that the ladies had had their AGM on 18th October which was poorly attended; there had been 7 apologies. She voiced appreciation to Pat and Jane for taking on the roles of Captain and Vice Captain resp. In the coming year Jane will be Captain and Sue Dooley, Vice Captain. In New Forest D, Verwood had come 3rd and 3rd also in the Edna Paisley League. New Forest are now affiliating to Hampshire. Verwood needed to provide a Vice President for the New Forest in 2020, to be President in 2021 but as no one was willing to take this on, Alice had sought support from Fordingbridge and Noreen Jones has taken on the role.

   Verwood Ladies withdrew from the B&D but may reconsider if a new proposed Triples League is passed at the AGM in November. Alice expressed appreciation to the working team for the green and clubhouse maintenance.

6. **Social Section** : Eileen Wood explained that some events had been BYO which did not raise any funds; Finals Day raised £119.14 with all cakes donated. The Christmas Club Dinner will be on 7th December and the Coffee Morning on 14th December. In 2020 there will be a Burns Night, Dominoes, Beetle Drive, Games Evening and Quiz Night and she hopes there will be Bacon and Sausage Suppers next summer. She thanked her helpers and those who had done cleaning at the clubhouse. There will be a bottle stall at the Rustic Fayre – a box is in the clubhouse for donations.

7. **Green Ranger** : Mike Allington told about the visitors from the Helix centre who came to play bowls for an hour or so on a Friday morning. Peter Dedman had also helped. There's to be a new organic treatment system for the green in order to speed it up and get rid of the thatch. This is a 2-3 year programme which has also been used successfully at Ringwood Bowls Club. Plans are being discussed for improvements to the ditch channels and a new patio area.

8. **Other Items**

a) Defibrillator : Brian Hall explained there would be a further training session for the defibrillator in April or May and recommended that members attend.

b) Club Centenary : Pat Allington advised that 2020 would be the Centenary of the Club and a special barbecue event was being planned for 15th August at a cost of £15 ph maximum. It would be open to all Members and if there is not enough support, then it would be open to Members' friends. She was looking forward to her year as President.

c) Website : Sue Dooley stated that she could not get onto the Club's website using her ipad and others voiced the same problem.

d) Presentation Evening 16th November : Sue Pearce had sent a message that 31 people were going but it is not too late for others to attend – numbers have to be with the Remedy Oak Golf Club by 1st November.

e) Men's Matches : Phil Prince said there would be a list going up in the Clubhouse for the men to indicate their availability for matches.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm