VERWOOD BOWLS CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING
held 10am Monday, 18th February 2019 at the Clubhouse

Present : Robert Wood (President), Roger Bassett (Secretary), Peter Coleman (Treasurer), Norman Pearce (Membership Secretary), Dan Ferguson, Pat Allington (Ladies Captain), Alice Bulley (Ladies Secretary), Mike Daymond (Men's Captain), Angela Daymond (Publicity/Minutes)
Apologies : Barry Chick (Competitions Secretary), Mike Allington (Green Ranger), Phil Prince (Vice Captain), Vanessa Curtis (Match Secretary)

Robert Wood reported that the Bowls Club had been represented at the recent funeral of Jean Kirby.

1.	**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**	Action
	Acceptance proposed by Roger Bassett, 2nd Peter Coleman and agreed.	
2.	**Matter Arising**	
	Separate Payments for Competitions – Norman was concerned at the extra work that this involved and agreed he should discuss the matter with Barry.	NP/BC
3.	**Correspondence**	
	Roger had received an email from a prospective new member – Steve Albray. All other communications had been passed on to the appropriate Committee Member.	
4.	**Secretary's Report**	
	Roger advised that due to his wife's health issues he would be holding back on maintenance work. All agreed that family comes first.	
5.	**Treasurer's Report**	
	Peter Coleman circulated his financial report and stated that subs paid so far equate to 30 playing members – 17 men, 13 women plus 36 social members. Burns Night raised £128 plus £39 from the raffle. £20 donation from Honorary Life Member, Barry Gatley. Most expenditure is self-explanatory but Green Maintenance £913 refers to the support boards for the green; Site Maintenance £332 covers the cost of the tree surgeon £275 and £57 for the new noticeboard. Currently income exceeds expenditure by £219. The cost of the telephone at £93 was queried as being excessive. It was confirmed that Annual Membership commences in January each year, therefore subs are overdue for Social Members. New Members fees are £60 whenever they join. Considerable discussion took place on refund of membership fees when a player is unable to play having paid their subs. This had previously been refused for Gill Farrance, but this decision was reversed at the meeting – proposed Norman Pearce, 2nd Alice Bulley and agreed; a refund will also be offered to Robin Peirce for 2018 or no fee due if he joins in 2019. Appreciation was given to the Social Committee for the successful Burns Night; Dan Ferguson and his team were thanked for their work on the boarding – agreed it was money well spent. Roger explained how much work went into removing dead wood from the oak tree. It was agreed that a £20 donation be sent to Cancer Research in memory of Jean Kirby.	PC PC NP PC
6.	**Membership Secretary**	
	Norman Pearce reported that there were now 14 female and 18 male bowlers and 45 Social. 78 out of 110 last year have renewed. There are two new members – Lyn and Peter Clark. Pat advised that John Loader and Robin Peirce would be rejoining. Alice asked Norman to produce a list of lady members so that their names can be registered for the leagues.	NP

7.	**Men's Captain**	
	Mike Daymond waiting on Fixtures lists. Noted that he and Angela are away 27th February for 3 weeks.	
8.	**Ladies Section**	
	Alice reported that the ladies would not be taking part in the B&D Rinks League but it was rumoured that there may be a new Triples League. There may be a problem fulfilling fixtures as during one summer week three players are away at the same time. She explained that top bowlers are now allowed to play in the Edna Paisley league and the ladies present were pleased to learn that Blandford are in the West Section and Verwood in the East! Alice will be away for 2 weeks from 26th February.	
9.	**Match Secretary** – no report	
10.	**Competition Secretary** – no report	
11.	**Green Matters**	
	Dan reported that the whole of the front of the green facing the clubhouse had been re-boarded and parts in other areas replaced as necessary. Where the green had been cut away, this would be filled with gravel obtained free from a member but needing hard labour of three people to collect and deliver to the Clubhouse. This will be topped with soil and seeded. Mike Allington will be overseeing this process. Noted that the restraining pegs had been covered in bitumen to make them last. The working party were congratulated on their hard work. Roger enquired about levelling off the ditch – question to be posed to Mike Allington.	MA DF
12.	**Publicity**	
	Angela reported that she and Roger had met with Geoff Symonds and found it impossible to comprehend the uploading system. It was thought that Phil Prince had the appropriate knowledge and that he should meet up with Geoff Symonds as we need a fall-back if at any time Geoff was unable to update our website. The Committee wished to record the tremendous help that Geoff Symonds gives the Club and what a useful tool the website is. Roger told the Committee about Geoff's style on the 6d Handley website which he also does and which has "headline topics" on the front page. It was agreed Verwood would try and follow this style. The website mentions a "Safeguarding Officer"; this was previously Geoff Finn but it was agreed that currently there was no need for someone in this role. Mike Daymond explained that it was only necessary if young people were in a 1 to 1 situation with an adult. Angela had not been able to utilise the new poster design as the snow had meant that Roger's daughter (who designed it) did not visit Verwood. However, the programme is free to download off the internet and Roger will pass on the information. Meanwhile Angela had designed another poster and it is now on display outside the Post Office and on the Memorial Hall Public Noticeboard. The Town Council has 2 for their noticeboards and website and more will be displayed at the end of March in other locations. Different posters have been designed for the new noticeboard now up on the fence, with space for any headline items.	PP/GS AD/GS RB/AD AD AD

	Items have been sent to the press and the Verwood Vista (Town Council Newsletter) which Angela showed the Committee and Open Days have been sent to the Viewpoint and Roundabout Diaries. She will try to get something in the various church newsletters. There's a photo of a Bowls banner in a photo dated 2011 which may be in the loft; noted that the sponsor board outside the gate has been taken down for refurbishment. Angela had come across a "New Members" leaflet produced in 2017 and felt it should be updated and used, plus something similar could be used as promotion in the Library, Heritage Centre, etc. Noted that last year Vanessa had produced something for new members. To be followed up. Angela thought there was potential to get items sponsored by Irvings Estate Agents who have a connection with the Club; otherwise Norman was willing to produce them. There was a discussion on name badge styles and some are available on Amazon – Norman will look at these. Roger suggested updating the club badge to include the name of the club and new shirts were mentioned, but it was felt that these items were more suited to being looked at in the autumn 2019 with 2020 in mind. Noted : there are 43 ties still in stock.	?? ?? AD/VC NP
13.	**AOB**	
a)	100 Years Anniversary 2020 – It was agreed that something special should be organised and a few suggestions made. This needs a separate sub-committee – to be referred to the Ladies Committee who will put forward ideas to be discussed at the end of the playing season.	ALL
b)	Housekeeping – Agreed Brian Tanner should be approached to clean the carpet.	RW
c)	New fish and chip supplier at West Moors will be used for a Club event.	
d)	Personnel - Robert is due for an operation on 8th April; he and Eileen are away for the month of June.	
e)	Headed Paper – Peter has updated the headed paper – to be shared with Roger.	PC
f)	Whist Drive – agreed that whist prizes could be in cash.	
g)	Loft – Mike has put in 2 shelves in the loft and extended the floor area. Lighting required.	MD
h)	Expenses – Norman was claiming expenses for labels and membership cards; also for 3 x LED floodlights for outside, plus sensors, cables and fittings; total £83.91.	PC
i)	Presentation Evening – Sue Pearce has provisionally booked this for 16th November 2019 at the Remedy Oak Golf Club.	
j)	Social Member Status – Pat asked for reassurance that Mike Allington is eligible to be on the Committee when he is only a Social Member. Reassurance given – appropriate changes to the Constitution are being put to the EGM on 27th March.	

Meeting closed 11.45 am

DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING : MONDAY, 1st APRIL 2019 AT 10am
NOTED : Ladies Spring Meeting 22nd March at 2.30pm;
CLUB EGM & SPRING MEETING : 27TH March at 7pm