VERWOOD BOWLS CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING
held 10am Monday, 6th May 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), Vanessa Curtis (Match Secretary), Angela Daymond (Publicity/Minutes), Barry Chick (Competitions Secretary), Mike Allington (Green Ranger) Apologies : Phil Prince (Vice Captain)

1.	**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**	Action
	Acceptance proposed by Pat Allington, 2nd Alice Bulley and agreed.	
2.	**Matters Arising**	
	2f : Loft lighting on-going. 2c : Name Badges very successful and Roger will produce one for each member. 12c : New padlock purchased. 12d : Wi-fi a costly £24.99 with BT; 1571 service at £3.50/month set up but doesn't appear to be working yet. Now saving £1 a month with on-line bill. Peter Coleman will look into alternative suppliers such as Plusnet and Zen. Another alternative was a new phone with a built-in answerphone. No other matters were raised.	NP RB PC
3.	**Correspondence**	
	An email making complaints about the Club and personnel had been sent to a committee member who shared it with the Committee so that it could be discussed. A non-member had been using the green without permission and was advised by the President that this was not acceptable. This conversation was witnessed by another committee member who confirmed that the President's report of the incident was correct. The Committee fully endorsed the President's action. Other matters in the email were also discussed and the Secretary will draft a reply to the complainant. Vanessa will look into the "Etiquette Statements" issued by other Bowls Clubs so that Verwood can have one of its own. "Smart, casual for informal play" – Vanessa had looked back through the Minutes of previous discussions on the subject and noted that in February 2017 "smart casual" was agreed, but the Constitution has never been amended. However, for the period of Robert's Presidency he asked that grey/white be worn for all informal play. All other items of correspondence had been forwarded to the appropriate Committee member.	RB VC
4.	**Secretary's Report**	
	Roger Bassett will compile a list of the bowls held in the store cupboard. Noted they are for use by new members and are not for sale.	RB
5.	**Treasurer's Report**	
	Peter Coleman circulated copies of the Income & Expenditure Statement and the following were noted :- Hilary Walker had converted her social membership to playing member; social events had raised	

	£72. Expenditure : Green brush £173; Green Maintenance £274 is reserve boarding and posts for the edges of the green; equipment maintenance £70 includes petrol for the mowers; Building Expenses includes new padlock and keys for the front gate, clubhouse carpet cleaning, general cleaning products and toilet rolls. Water cost is up to 2nd March and Sewerage to 15th February. Miscellaneous is the annual maintenance cost for the defibrillator. Currently income exceeds expenditure by £517, but £90 for the telephone has been taken since the accounts were prepared. There has been some expenditure on biscuits but this will be reimbursed by the catering section.	
6.	**Membership Secretary**	
	Norman Pearce reported : total 94 comprising 20 playing ladies, 25 men; 33 social ladies, 15 men and 1 honorary member. Mr Murphy has paid a playing fee and therefore needs a £5 refund social fee. Chrissie and Ken Haxby-Thompson have joined following the Open Day and Hilary Walker has also converted her social membership to playing member. Norman has passed the names of all playing men to Bowls Dorset. Alice requested a list of lady playing members.	PC NP
7.	**Competition Secretary**	
	Barry Chick reported that all competitions were now on the noticeboard including the Beginners Competition. There was concern that there would be new beginners after the final Open Day who would be eligible. The notice for the Alf Lockyer Competition on 15th June is now on the noticeboard – cost of meal £5.50.	
8.	**Match Secretary**	
	Vanessa reported 2 successful Open Days despite the cold. Norman & Sue Pearce, Pat & Mike Allington are not available for the final Open Day – Barry will attend. Vanessa emphasised keeping information given to new players as simple as possible. Vanessa is away for the first 2 Improvers Sessions and Robert has offered to run them. She recommends that new players are not used too soon for matches. New member pack : Agreed that they would receive a leaflet, a beginners bowls booklet and a name badge, but when needing a club tie or cravat, then this would need to be purchased at £5. Pat Allington will contact Gill Farrance about the ladies' cravats – noted there is a large stock of men's ties. Dress code to remain as grey and white for informal play. To be an Agenda item for the AGM.	VC RB
9.	**Men's Captain**	
	Mike Daymond reported that the team had won the previous Monday and there is an invitation to a B&D competition on the noticeboard. A Group meeting had been held with the league players and they had agreed a £2 home match fee so that visiting teams could be offered an alcoholic drink after the match as happens when Verwood plays away. Mike will organise the drinks and it was agreed that none would be stored on the premises. They would still be offering tea or coffee prior to play.	MD
10.	**Ladies Section**	
	<u>Leagues</u> – Alice Bulley reported that the ladies had won their first Edna Paisley match. There are changes of dates for the Shaftesbury and Waterside matches as it was proving difficult to field a	

	team. Social – Noted that fish & chips would be on offer once a month for the Friday 10-end roll-up at a cost of £6, the first date being 17th May. Notice on display for signing-up.	MEMBERS
11.	**Green Matters**	
	Mike Allington reported on a shortage of people willing to cut the grass; the new 2.5m brush needed to be pushed across the green. There is a problem with the sprinkler and Mike will reduce the time it is on. Mike needed to talk to the Umpire for the County Match Day regarding long grass on the edge of the green – Alice would provide details.	MA AB
12.	**Publicity**	
	Angela reported that following the Forest FM interview, their reporter had attended an Open Day and interviewed Vanessa. Robert said the interviews had come over well. County Matches – Angela will draw up a poster for the two club noticeboards and take photos on the day. Peter brought along an "Outdoor Physical Activity Guide 2019" produced by Dorset Council which he had collected from The Hub. In it, under the heading "Bowls", Cranborne, West Moors and Braeside Bowling Clubs were listed with contact details. Angela to follow-up and ask why Verwood is not mentioned.	AD AD
13.	**AOB**	
a)	Helix Centre – Robert and Mike Allington had offered bowls experience for young people at the new Helix Centre on Friday morning. The first is on Friday 17th May at 10am when 4 will attend with their helpers and Mike Daymond will deputise for Mike A on this occasion. Helix have confirmed that members may use their car park.	RW/ MD/ MA
b)	Site Improvements – Robert and Mike A proposed creating a new equipment shed behind the Clubhouse and removing the current shed and laurel hedge to create a patio area and it was agreed that they should first draw up a scaled plan to see whether it was feasible. There was a query as to whether Building Regulations were required. Angela suggested that maybe grants could be applied for.	RW/MA
c)	Crofton – Agreed Vanessa would organise a coach for this friendly match.	
d)	White Garden Furniture – The two Mikes will decide what to keep and what to throw; Mike D & Angela will pressure wash.	MA/MD MD/AD
e)	Rubbish – Noted that rubbish should not be stored behind the shed and clubhouse but removed from site or left by the gate with a notice for people to help with removal.	**ALL MEMBERS**
f)	Whist Drives – Angela reported that Betty will not continue to organise the whist drives but Angela, Mike and others would see that they continue, starting in October. Betty will be handing over all her files.	AD/BE
g)	Dorset County Matches – Alice to give Robert the contact names.	AB
h)	New 50p tea/coffee sign – agreed that this should not be displayed on Open Day.	RW/EW

Meeting closed 12.10pm

DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING : MONDAY, 1st JULY 2019 at 10am