VERWOOD BOWLS CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING held 10am Monday, 1st July 2019 at the Clubhouse

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

1.	**Minutes of the Previous Meeting** Proposed by Vanessa Curtis , 2nd Pat Allington and agreed.	Action
2.	**Matter Arising** – Loft lighting – not known. Two outside lights are now active.	NP
3.	**Correspondence**	
a)	Roger Bassett had resigned by email sent to the President, but a question was asked under AOB about a replacement Secretary; Mike Daymond was able to advise that Roger would continue to act as a postbox for correspondence and was continuing to help with the green and grounds.	
b)	Complaint Matters – Discussion took place on matters relating to visitors wanting to play. In the past applicants contacted the Secretary, Geoff Finn and he came up to introduce them to the game, after which they joined if they wanted to. Player Visitors (such as people on holiday) must pay £3 a visit and be accompanied by a Member. It was agreed that anyone interested in the game who had been unable to attend an Open Day session, could play on 3 occasions before taking out membership. Notice required for the clubhouse – Angela to draft for Robert. Some of these conditions are stated in the Constitution and Mike Daymond would print off a copy to be put in the Clubhouse.	AD MD
c)	Other Correspondence – Committee not aware of any.	
4.	**Secretary's Report**	
	Professional Name Badges – Roger Bassett had passed over a quote for purchasable name badges – no action required.	
5.	**Treasurer's Report**	
a)	Accounts : Details were circulated – figures as at 13th June. 5 new members and 2 renewals. £131 made on the day of the County games. Spend on equipment totalled £558; timber purchased was to extend the shelving to enable double width storage of spare bowls, plus a new noticeboard relating damage to the green; 2 white jacks to improve visibility. Income exceeds expenditure by £197.	
b)	Telephone : Research of alternative phone line suppliers has revealed that John Lewis provide the most reasonable service through Plusnet at £25/month plus an additional £5 covers all calls to mobiles. Vanessa proposed moving to John Lewis, 2nd Phil and agreed. Roger has supplied a phone with an answerphone – Angela to supply a pad with attached pen for recording messages.	PC AD
6.	**Membership Secretary** – no report.	
7.	**Competition Secretary**	
	Barrie reported that the competitions were going well and three successful trophy events had taken place. A "bring and share" lunch had proved popular. Vanessa would be organising the Ken Farrance trophy competition in August as Barrie would be away. Trophies need to be returned. The Novices Competition – it was agreed that the closing date for entries and the start of the competition would be reviewed next year so that late joiners could take part. It was agreed that "Novices" applies to new players with up to 2 years playing experience. It was noted that there is a Frances Harpwood trophy for the lady players, but no equivalent trophy for the men.	VC
8.	**Match Secretary**	
	Vanessa shared a written report detailing the Friendly matches, the successful Improvers Sessions	

	held on Monday mornings and the Friday 10-end sessions which have included the Australian Pairs. Vanessa pointed out that she needs to know as soon a possible details of new members so that she can give them her "New Members Package" and encourage their participation. Peter will contact Norman as Peter has no record of Paul Stabler – Mike D passed his membership form and payment to Norman some time ago. Trip to Crofton : Vanessa proposed that the cost for going to Crofton by coach should be £10 pp with any shortfall paid by the club; 2nd Mike Allington and agreed.	PC/NP VC
9.	**Ladies Captain**	
	Pat reported that she and Jane had struggled to make up teams for league matches but she was hopeful that the Club would not be relegated. Sue Dooley was proving a valuable team member. She also pointed out that several members just wanted social bowls.	
10.	**Men's Captain**	
	Mike D reported that they had re-scheduled the teams to make 2 strong teams, plus 2 others in order to try and win some league games; results have improved but no wins yet. Players are enjoying the after-game drinks and socialising with all costs covered by a £2 match fee. The game against Milford (stopped due to torrential rain) had been re-scheduled for 10th July. Captains' Day on 6th July has been organised with Pat, with shared responsibilities and it was hoped it would be a fun day with a raffle to cover expenses. Greys had been chosen to allow for non-discretional inclusion of the new players, plus coloured shirts. During the match at Lymington one of the home players was quite unpleasant and a report of the incident was sent to their Club Captain who has apologised. The member in question sent a curt apology but Mike has made it clear that this player will not be welcome to play in the return match.	
11.	**Green Matters**	
	Mike A had nothing to report regarding the green; however, Steve Hill, the professional green keeper has recommended a new organic approach to speed up the green by reducing the thatch beneath. The cost for this 2-year programme is £700-£800 which includes £240 labour – Mike will have full details next meeting and any decisions need to be based on what the Club wants from the green. The system has been used successfully at Ringwood Bowling Club. There's been a problem with grit in the sprinkler system which Mike is trying to resolve. Dan will refix the blue disc. No further discussion on moving the equipment shed. The old Spiking machine sold to Steve Hill for £1,000 plus 4/5 free treatments, but has yet to pay. <u>Helix</u> : The Friday morning sessions with young people from the Helix Centre is proving very worthwhile; in total about 20 different young people have played for about one hour and Mike has been helped by Peter Dedman.	MA MA DF MA
	Mike Allington left the meeting at this point	
12.	**Social & Housekeeping**	
	Robert reported that Eileen will be organising another Fish & Chip Supper following the Friday 10-end Bowls Session on 26th July. Some of the new lady members are now on the cleaning rota.	
13.	**Publicity**	
	The Council leaflet with names of some local bowls clubs omitted Verwood because it was likely they could not get through on the Club's phone – the new answerphone will help resolve this. Various press items of the opening day have now appeared, posters displayed and website updated with information on trophy competitions. Committee gave permission for pictures of Captain's day to appear on the public noticeboards (PO & outside the Club). There seem to have been a few visitors looking in on the Club.	AD

	Website : Angela commented that she had had occasion to look at Crofton and Lymington's websites for information and found that they display to the public the diary of events, committee details and other clubs show their fees. Committee agreed that suitable items such as these could appear on the open area of the website; but items such as the Constitution and Minutes should be in the Members' only section. Currently the Constitution is not on the website. She also suggested that email addresses could be "secretary@verwoodbowlingclub", "president@", etc. to reduce admin when there are changes. This was agreed. Angela will contact Geoff Symonds.	AD
14.	**2020 Centenary Year**	
	Mike Daymond proposed that a sub-committee be formed to plan a celebratory event. To be publicised. Mayor, Bowls England and Bowls Dorset need to be included.	AD
15.	**The Future of the Club**	
a)	Club shirts – Angela thought there was interest in having modern-style club shirts as worn by other bowling clubs and 2020 would be a good time. Sub-committee to be formed to gauge interest and submit proposals.	
b)	Site Improvements – Mention had previously been made in committee about moving the equipment shed and Angela thought this could be part of the remit of a "Grounds & Improvements" sub-committee inviting ideas and involvement in long term planning by Club members. There could be fundraising for projects if necessary. No one on the main Committee was interested in leading this group. Quote received for removal of holly and laurel tree, plus large dead branch on an evergreen. Mike Allington was called back into the meeting for this item and wished to take responsibility for the laurel and holly; it will be £175 for the dead evergreen branch and this was agreed.	AD MA
c)	Member Involvement – Angela will display a poster inviting input from members.	AD
d)	Church Trustees – Angela had met one of the Church Trustees (who she knows well) whilst shopping and tested the water about updating the alcohol regulations at the Club; he was not against but would need to discuss with the other Trustee and await an approach from the Bowls Club. Angela advised the Committee that Swanage Bowling Club had purchased their lease and wondered if this was of interest to Verwood. No decision taken on either issue – the Club's Trustees are Brian Hall and Gill Farrance. Trustees to be invited to the Centenary.	
16.	**Any Other Business**	
a)	Robert wishes to convert his social membership to Playing Member - £40 fee agreed.	
b)	Peter Coleman needs to know the Locker No. now being used by Derek Fisher - £5 fee paid.	RW
c)	Fire Extinguishers – Contractor now ceasing to trade but existing extinguishers valid up till September when the annual service is due. They are recommending new extinguishers at a cost of £148 each which last for 10 years and do not need servicing. Used in kitchen and equipment shed. Peter will contact the Fires Service for advice. Angela will find out who the Memorial Hall use.	PC AD
d)	Coaching Course – Vanessa is keen to go on a 2-day Stage 1 coaching course at Honiton at a cost of £130 in March 2020 and this was approved with all expenses to be paid by the Club. She would like to take on the role of Player Development in the future.	
e)	Next Agenda : Cost of Social Membership (requested by Pat Allington).	AD
f)	Whist Drives – Betty was helping compile the list of players ready for publicity.	
	Robert had to leave the meeting at this point	
g)	Captains' Day – Angela had invited Ron & Sue Thorpe to come along.	
h)	Dementia Care Home proposal for Edmondsham Road opposite Moorlands Road – now going to Planning Meeting. If it goes ahead it could add to our parking problems.	

Meeting closed 12.45pm

DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING : MONDAY, 12TH AUGUST 2019 at 10am