VERWOOD BOWLS CLUB COMMITTEE MEETING

held 10am Monday, 12th August 2019 at the Clubhouse

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

		Action
1.	**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**	
	Acceptance proposed by Peter Coleman, 2nd Mike Allington and agreed.	
2.	**Matters Arising**	
a)	Loft & security lighting : Norman has it in hand.	NP
b)	Trees : The holly tree and one other had been removed by the two Mikes; the dead evergreen branch was a contentious issue but it was agreed by 6 votes to 5 that it should be removed. Mike Allington has a quote for £160* v previous quote for £175**. Post meeting: * +vat & cash payment; **fixed price	MA
3.	**Correspondence**	
	Robert had had a phone call from Chris Fripp about the Ringwood Shield Competition. Verwood should have played Highcliffe home and away but failed to turn up. Mike Daymond was aware that Highcliffe had come to the club with a team but had not known about the competition. Chris Fripp had advised that in future notification will be sent to all clubs about this end-of-season competition.	
4.	**Treasurer's Report**	
	Income : Three new members and money for two more just received. £40 is Robert's additional playing fee. Fish & Chip roll-up raised £6.50. Captain's Day Raffle £100 after deducting cost of meal and expenses; £23 from Friendly match with Cranborne. Sale of Spiker - £1,000. Expenditure : Site maintenance : £45 flower bed timber frame; £13 doormat; £151 garden plants – Sue Holt has been advised that the budget is £100 but perennial plants have been established which will reduce the cost next year. £80 subsidy for the Crofton coach trip. Currently income exceeds expenditure by £1,168 but this is mainly due to the sale of equipment.	
5.	**Membership Secretary**	
	Norman had provided up-to-date printed lists of the membership showing the following : 31 playing men, 23 playing ladies, 46 social members, 1 honorary; total 101	
6.	**Competition Secretary**	
	Barry reported on the difficulties of organising the Finals weekend when some players were only able to play on one of the days and some were in several finals. The dates of the Finals Weekend are to be put on the Club Renewal form and it was agreed that people must be available for both days of the Finals Weekend to enter the competitions. Barry will re-arrange the schedule planned for this Finals Weekend which may mean running to a third day. Robert Wood offered to mark on Finals Weekend. The dates for **Finals Weekend 2020** were agreed as **29th & 30th August** - i.e. Bank Holiday weekend.	BC
7.	**Fixtures Secretary**	
	Vanessa reported on a very successful Friendly match at Ringwood. The Ken Farrance competition had been well supported with 8 triples teams – report is on the website. Crofton have approached us for a date for 2020. Vanessa left the meeting at this point.	VC
8.	**Ladies Section**	
	Alice reported that B&D were considering a new Triples competition. Noreen Jones of Fordingbridge had offered to take on the role of New Forest President which Verwood had been unable to fulfil. There had been a secret ballot at Fordingbridge as two ladies were interested in taking on the role.	AB

	Alice will send a letter of thanks and some flowers to Noreen. Two teams from Verwood took part in the NF Triples competition and one team won through to the quarter final. There is still some controversy about playing matches with wet protection mats. Mike Allington stated he does not have a problem if protection mats are not used – the green is for playing on.	
9.	**Ladies Captain**	
	Pat Allington advised that Verwood is 4th from top in the New Forest B league. There's a re-arranged match with Braeside due to be played. In the Edna Paisley Verwood are third from bottom.	
10.	**Men's Captain**	
	Mike reported that at the end of the New Forest season Verwood are third in Division IV; in Bowls Dorset Division II we are at the bottom but he feels that Div III will suit us better. There have been better results since re-scheduling the teams in July.	
11.	**Men's Team Selection** – requested by Mike Allington	
	Mike Allington explained that he joined as an Social member as he thought be might be moving away, but this was converted to Playing Membership, but since then he had only been offered league games twice, and then as a Reserve. Robert Wood also pointed out that he had had a complaint from Peter Simpson by phone in similar vein in that he was reserve for six games. Robert wasn't happy that the teams had now been displayed for the remainder of the season; he felt all players who volunteered for leagues are of similar standard and should be rotated. Mike Daymond stated this was not the system used in the past and he had waited four years before he had the opportunity to play. It is a question of concentrating efforts on winning OR rotating the play. Phil Prince stated that usually teams were planned a month/5 weeks in advance and it was only the last team sheet that covered a longer time. Generally they played with two strong teams and rotated the remaining players. They have found that 50% of the games needed the Reserve to play. Phil and Mike D had made all the decisions together. Robert felt that in 2020 there should be rotation of all who want to play. Pat & Alice stated that this was the system used by the Ladies. Vanessa feels that Verwood do not offer enough training to people to improve their game particularly with tactics and communication between those bowling and those advising from the head. Peter Coleman added that in the past teams were always kept together and there was no rotation. The aim was to win the leagues and create team spirit. It was agreed that we have to choose between a winning system versus a rotation system. This would be down to the 2020 Captains.	2020 Capt-ains
12.	**Green Matters**	
a)	<u>Green & Equipment</u>. Mike Allington reported that the green had been treated twice. He stated that money needed to be spent on the ditches to make a permanent improvement. He pointed out that £1,200 had already been spent on temporary boarding for the ditches, with £400 worth of boarding stored. Currently one mower is away waiting to be fixed - £350 is needed for its repair; we have two other mowers, one of which is very old. Alice Bulley said the ditches needed repair; Phil Prince said the remaining boards would be used and noted that the boards are all held in place by long-lasting stakes. Mike Allington demonstrated a pre-formed gutter section that if installed around the green would be likely to cost in the region of £15,000. Mike was asked to get a quotation. Angela said grants could be applied for and she was willing to try if it was agreed. Meanwhile ditches will be repaired with the board. Mike drew attention to our green being heavy compared to others and this is caused by the thatch	PP MA

	underneath. Mike will obtain a formal quote for an organic treatment system which will take 2-3 years to do. In conjunction with Mike Allington, Mike Daymond had prepared a full list of all the work needed to keep the green and grounds fit for purpose in order to make the Club's players aware of the needs of the club.	MA
b)	Facilities Sub-Committee. Mike Allington is keen for this sub-committee to meet. Robert Wood asked to be part of it.	MD
13.	**Social and Housekeeping**	
	Robert reported on the excellent Captain's Day and that the Friday Fish & Chips had proved popular as 23 attended the last one. Eileen was keen to introduce evening events that included a sausage roll or similar in the summer and there will be the usual winter events; possibly a Safari Supper in the clubhouse. Peter Clark (new member) has offered to do a Quiz Evening. Tea and biscuits raised funds and next year Competition Days would revert back to food prepared in the clubhouse and everyone pays in order to raise funds. Angela felt that fundraisers were too cheap and there was a need to increase subs so that everyone contributed, but this was vetoed.	
14.	**Publicity**	
	Posters put on public boards and item sent to the press.	
15.	**Centenary Sub-Committee**	
	Notes of their meeting had been circulated and Committee requested that the date is changed to 15th August to make a break between it and Finals Day. Peter Coleman described how a Bowls England professional bowler had previously come at no cost to the club and demonstrated bowls and offered to play with those present. It was felt that this would be a good idea for the Centenary. Guest list : no MP and no partners, just Presidents as listed. Angela advised that costs to the Club could be at least £250. Raffle prizes from the local businesses were suggested. No subsidy for Club members who attend. Next meeting of the sub-committee is 29th August. Vanessa had left a note of her comments which Angela will take to the meeting.	MD/ AD AD
16.	**Club Shirts Sub-Committee**	
	Notes of their meeting had been circulated. The previous day Robert Wood had attended a bowls competition at Fordingbridge Bowls Club and he noticed what a large number of other clubs were wearing a combination of white polo shirts trimmed with different combinations of blue and gold. He feels Verwood's shirt and tie combination was much smarter and he preferred that Verwood sticks to a plain white shirt, but accepts it's a good idea to enlarge and spruce up the existing club badge. A Club shirt should be worn at any time when representing the Club.	
17.	**AOB**	
a)	Notices. Comment was made that there is an anomaly in that Norman Pearce's name is on the entrance gate as the contact person and Roger Bassett's on the noticeboard. Post meeting : Angela will change the notice on the noticeboard. Wording approved for Toilet Notice. Trial play notice approved if Vanessa is happy for her name to be used.	AD AD
b)	Presentation Dinner Menu – accepted and Sue Pearce to be thanked.	NP
c)	Vanessa's Coaching Course – Approx. total of £200 approved.	
d)	Verwood Concert Brass Sponsorship - £25 donation due and approved.	PC
e)	Telephone System – now switched to John Lewis including wi-fi but this is not quite satisfactory yet. To be investigated. Post meeting : now sorted by Phil Prince.	
f)	Fire Extinguishers. Peter Coleman and Mike Daymond will meet with the a representative of the Fire Service at 6.30pm the following Wednesday. Angela to supply the name of the company used by the Memorial Hall. Post meeting : Following details passed to Peter : Abbey Fire Extinguishers tel: 07720316273.	PC/ MD

g)	Expenditure – Mike Allington expressed concern about unnecessary expenditure eating away at funds.	
h)	Coaching for Skips and nos. 2/3 – Barry proposed coaching of how to read the head. Agreed there could be a winter indoor session.	BC
i)	Water heater timer – agreed for Mike Daymond to fit a new one – cost £18-£25	MD

Meeting closed at 12.55pm

DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING : MONDAY, 2nd September 2019 at 10am

Apologies : Mike and Angela Daymond