

MINUTES OF THE VALVERDE BOWLS CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY NOVEMBER 8TH 2013

PRESENT

Jack Romano Vice President
Margaret Wilson Secretary to the President

Management Committee

David Russell Chairman
Maria Romano Treasurer
Keith Henley Captain
Jen Preece Secretary
Sue Hunt Social Secretary
Terry Kerr Fiscal Committee Chairman

The meeting opened at 2.05pm

As well as the officers of the club there were 28 voting members present.

Apologies for absence, Stuart Banks, Margaret Linford, Rosie Beaumont, Henry Parlour, Fran Parlour.

1. Introduction

Jack Romano, Vice President, thanked everyone for coming and welcomed them to this 5th AGM OF Valverde Bowls Club.

2. President's Address

Margaret Wilson, Secretary to the President, read an address from Henry Parlour, President.

Henry apologized for not being able to attend the meeting. He was pleased that the club had gone from strength to strength this year and was now run by its members for the benefit of all. His dream of a happy and progressive bowls club is now a reality, and the club must build on this foundation.

Henry thanked all serving officers and also all those members who give of their time to the club. He gave special thanks to Jack Romano who is owed a debt of gratitude for his management of the green, and to Nick who works so hard on the green and its surrounds as well as setting up.

Henry welcomed all those new members who have joined the club this year. He also thanked Jorge and Flor.

Finally he hoped that members would keep bowling and enjoy themselves.

3. Minutes of the 4th AGM 2012

The minutes were approved by the meeting, and no matters arising.

4. Reports from the Management Committee

David Russell, Chairman, began by welcoming those present. He stated that it had been a good year for the club, with increased membership, a friendly atmosphere, and lots of competitions and events.

The Central and Eastern Algarve Bowls committee had worked well in setting up the winter leagues.

The clubs finances are in good order, and David thanked all members of the management team for their help and support. Increased membership meant increasing pressure on rinks, and David encouraged members to use the afternoons for matches on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Members were also encouraged to volunteer their time to help the club eg. To repair the plastic pushers. David is currently working with Jorge to change the layout of the club's offices to create two changing rooms and a common room where club trophies can be displayed.

David asked the members to think of ways to give better recognition to our founder members. They currently receive a reduction in their membership fees and we hope to be able to repay some more of their loans in the future.

Maria Romano, treasurer, thanked Jeff Perry for handing over the clubs financial affairs in such good order. The club has a 7000 euro surplus for the year. The clubs financial statement was made available for club members to look at.

The clubs surplus is due to increased membership from 55 members last year to 64 this year, and to the reduction in greens costs. Maria thanked Roma Gilchrist for managing the club's clothing sales.

Keith Henley, Captain, began his report by thanking Henry Parlour, President, for donating a second lawn mower to the club. He told the members that an aerator is now urgently needed. He asked the members for donations towards the cost of this machine. Jack Romano explained that this machine was needed to help drainage. We currently hire a **hollow tine** machine, but this is not really suitable. A second hand aerator will cost between 2000 and 3000 euros. The management committee will release funds to purchase the machine whilst fund raising takes place.

Keith stated that the most encouraging thing this year has been the keenness of our new members. He expressed his thanks to Mel Knickle for giving of his time to coach them. The club has had success against touring teams this year, and, he hoped that we would go on to win trophies in the winter leagues. Keith expressed his special thanks to Jeff Perry for co-ordinating the competitions and the club championships as well managing our website. He also thanked Peter Wilson for his help with the leagues and touring teams. Thanks were also expressed for the open uppers, Ken Rawlins, Eric Brown and David Laing who manage our rollups.

Keith praised our green which has held up very well this year. We have received thanks from the touring teams for the good greens and great hospitality. We held two open competitions this year, the Spring Pairs and the Anniversary Pairs. We are actively seeking further sponsorship for competitions. Keith reminded members to arrange matches in good time and to use the afternoons where possible. Finally he told the members that he will advise them when an AGM for Bowls Portugal has been arranged.

Sue Hunt, social secretary, informed the members that John Denn, Brian Pullin, Eric Brown and Ken Rawlins have agreed to form a social committee. They hope to arrange a number of events in the coming year. She expressed her thanks to Penny Henley for her hard work in looking after the touring teams.

5. Election of Officers

The Offices of President, Chairman and Fiscal Chairman become due for reelection this year but no names were put forward to replace existing officers. The re election of existing officers was approved unanimously.

6. Any Other Business

1. Jeff Perry reminded members that the Presidents Shield is to take place over two days from November 19th. He stated that this was members last chance to enter, the draw will take place this coming weekend.
2. Ken Rawlins raised two issues from the management team minutes for October
 - a. He asked if the kitchen staff could be included in the collection for the bar staff at the Christmas dinner. This was agreed.
 - b. He asked what was included in the price of the Christmas dinner.

Sue Hunt stated that the price had now been reduced and outlined what was included. There was some discussion regarding this.

7. Date of the next AGM

Friday November 7th 2014