

MINUTES OF THE VALVERDE BOWLS CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY NOVEMBER 7TH 2014

PRESENT

Jack Romano Vice President
Margaret Wilson Secretary to the Annual General meeting.

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 2.25pm

As well as the officers of the club there were 25 voting members present, 33 in total.

Apologies for absence, Henry Parlour, Fran Parlour, Brian Pullin, Ann DiBatisti, Guseppi DiBatisti, Bill Smith, Eileen Smith.

1. Introduction

Jack Romano, Vice President, thanked everyone for coming and welcomed them to the 6th AGM of Valverde Bowls Club.

2. President's Address

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

Henry apologised for not being able to attend the AGM. He stated that the club had been strengthened by increased membership and a bowling green able to withstand all activity. He praised the club for its friendly attitude to visitors and for the social events held during the year culminating in Jack and Maria's barbeque.

Henry praised Chairman David Russell for his guidance through troubled times and gave special thanks to Jack Romano for taking on the responsibility for the green. Jack and his groundsman Nick have done a wonderful job, the green is the pride of the Algarve.

Henry went on to thank Captain Keith for performing his roll with professionalism. Also Penny Henley and Jeff Perry for their input.

A special thank you went to Maria Romano for all the many things she does for the club. He stated the club is truly blessed to have her.

In thanking all the members of the club he referred to them as a family of friends, brought together by bowling.

3. Minutes of the 5th AGM 2013

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

4. Reports from the Management Committee

David Russell, Chairman, reported on the stability of the club with an increase in membership, more pay and play as opposed to full membership. Championship series and league matches were now deferred until after the touring club teams had been and there is now more use of afternoons. Our green is in great shape and has been praised by many. New notices have been put up outside the club to help to increase membership. David thanked all the management team individually for their great support and Jeff Perry for his help with the website.

Thanks also went to Penny Henley for organising the tours, Roma Gilchrist for her work with clothing and to Carol Barnes, Margaret Wilson, Eric Brown and Nick our grounds man.

David reported that next year we hope to repay some more money to our founder members.

Finally David thanked all members for their support.

Maria Romano, Treasurer, reported that in its 6th year the club continues to grow with a membership of 75. There are 25 full members and 50 pay as you play members. Over the year the club has had 1300 visitors and 1490 members have paid to play.

Keith Henley, Captain reported that we had 28 touring teams this year, and already have 22 teams booked for next year. There have been between 650 and 700 visiting bowlers who have, from the feedback received, thoroughly enjoyed their visit. Keith reminded members that the touring teams are an essential part of the club providing 25% of our income. He thanked all members for participating in tour matches and reported that this year, for the first time, we did not have to look to other clubs for players.

Keith expressed his thanks to Penny Henley who is stepping down after 3 years as tour coordinator. There are always late changes and problems, and he wished Carol Barnes who is taking over, every success in the job.

Keith expressed his heartfelt thanks to Jeff Perry for all his organising of matches and work on our website. Jeff makes the Captain's job so much easier.

Despite problems in the past Keith believes that Valverde is stronger and more united than it has ever been. He thanked the management team for having to make some difficult decisions. He thanked Jack and Nick for maintaining the green, and Jeff Perry, Peter Wilson, Mel Knickle and Terry Kerr for their support with the leagues.

Finally, Keith stated he had enjoyed his two and a half years as Captain and gave his full support to whoever replaces him.

Sue Hunt, Social Secretary , wished to thank Eric Brown, Ken Rawlins, Margaret Wilson and Carol Barnes for their help over the year.

5. Election of Officers

Vice President

Jack Romano has stepped down at the end of his term as Vice President.

Geff Williams was proposed by David Russell for the post of Vice President.

A show of hands showed that there were 32 votes for and none against.

Geff Williams is therefore duly elected as Vice president

Captain

Keith Henley has also stepped down at the end of his term as Captain

David Russell proposed Peter Hollis for the position

A show of hands showed there were 32 votes for and none against

Peter Hollis is therefore duly elected as Captain

The Captains support team will be considered and appointed by the Management committee at the next MC meeting.

The re-election of the remaining officers who have reached the end of their term of office was approved unanimously. They are:

Margaret Wilson . Secretary to the Annual General meeting.

Jennifer Preece. Club secretary.

Maria Romano, Club Treasurer.

There was a formal vote of thanks to Jack Romano and Keith Henley.

6. Any Other Business

1. Jeff Perry asked if he could have volunteers as markers for the Presidents Shield Competition. He also asked for more members to enter the Club Championship triples and pairs competition.
2. David Russell raised the issue of the Junior Membership fee. At 100 euros, this is expensive as juniors are only able to play in the school holidays. It was agreed by the members that the Management Team could reduce the fee to a suitable level.
3. Stuart Banks asked for clarification of the new shoe rule. David Russell stated that players were requested to change their bowling shoes at the rink side. This was an attempt to lessen the chance of grass diseases being brought to the green on the soles of shoes. There was some discussion on this topic. David will look into the use of disinfectant mats or troughs at the green entrances. Carol Barnes was asked to pass on the information to tour groups.
4. Geff Williams, the newly elected Vice President, stated that he would be happy to

take on a more involved role than the job has previously required. He asked if he might make it his job to talk to members and pass on any issues raised to the Management Team. David Russell felt that this was a good idea.

5. Jan McGlynn asked if the green side metal chairs were going to be removed as they are rusty in places and the rust stains clothes. It was suggested rather than throwing them away members each take a chair home to rub down and paint for the club.
6. Jack Romano raised the issue of touring teams coming in the mornings and asked if they could use the afternoons. Penny Henley stated that this is not possible as Flor will not open the restaurant in the afternoon just for drinks. League matches also take place on rollup mornings.
7. David Russell addressed the issue of some complaints made about the allocation of some rinks on rollup days to CEAB matches and touring parties. He stated that the management committee must take decisions as to rink use for the benefit of all members and that includes our relationship with other clubs in the CEAB and the touring parties. The membership should respect these decisions as in the best interests of the club.

7. Date of the next Meeting

This will be decided at the next Management Committee Meeting.
David Russell declared the meeting closed at 3.15pm