

## MINUTES

Of the Annual General Meeting of the Valverde Bowls Club, held at the Restaurant Don Camillo on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2011

Present:

President of the Table: Henry Parlour

Vice President: Jack Romano

Fiscal Committee:

Chairman: Terry Kerr

Management Committee:

Chairman: Gordon Linford

Treasurer: Jeff Perry

Deputy Treasurer: David Russell

Secretary: Jan McGlynn

Club Captain: Guy Gomes

Vice Captain: Tom Sanderson

The meeting opened at 10.30 a.m

1. Henry Parlour, President of the Table, welcomed those present and thanked them for attending this 3<sup>rd</sup> AGM of Valverde Bowls Club. He introduced the present Committee.
2. Apologies for absence: Jeff Perry, Treasurer, Margaret and Peter Wilson, Keith and Penny Henley, Nick Beaumont, Helen Armour, Freddie Hunt, Judy and Geoff Drewer.
3. Minutes of the last AGM and matters arising: These have been published on the website. No matters arising, Minutes approved.
4. President's address: Said the new Committee will be required to update the present Constitution with an input from the members. Any comments from members will always be noted and discussed. This new Committee will meet as soon as possible. Said there were some anomalies and logistical problems encountered this year which we overcame. It is to be hoped with the approval of the Fiscal Committee, that the club can become more involved with the restaurant, and any problems and queries can be addressed in consultation with the restaurant and the management committee representatives, David Russell and Jan McGlynn. Henry pointed out that we are a members' club, we own the club and we try very hard to make it a happy club, which we can do with input from the members. Henry mentioned the Committee who work tirelessly for the club. Henry proposed a vote of thanks to Guy, who was always available to deal with any problems on the green, including electrical problems etc., in addition to his Captain's duties.
5. Reports from the Management Committee: Gordon Linford, Chairman, gave his report, and said he would like to thank Henry, the President, for all his support during the last year. He also thanked the Management Committee for their efforts and support in the last year and said there difficult times which we managed to overcome, thanks to their input. Thanks were also expressed to Terry Kerr, Fiscal Committee Chairman.

David Russell, Deputy Treasurer: said that the closure of the green last year, because of the incident with the grass and the subsequent loss of touring teams, had had a significant impact on income. The poor weather in February and March this year with the cancellation of matches, had also influenced profits. We

have now changed our green maintenance company, which has made a great difference to our green. We have now purchased new green sprinklers. .

Jeff has recommended that there should be no change in membership fees. We will seek new members and will have a membership drive. The financial situation in Europe at the moment, is difficult, but at the present time, for Valverde BC, things are looking good. It was thought that the imminent Toll charges for the A22, might have a significant influence on the bowling community.

Bill Smith: asked about the VAT increase to 23% on electricity etc. David Russell said this has been taken into account.

Lorraine Freeman: queried the present membership charge of 2.5€ for BA members, which had been paid by our club in the past. BP members pay 5€ for individual membership. Tom Sanderson pointed out that at the last Management Committee meeting it had been decided that bowlers wishing to play in BA competitions, should pay the 2.5€ membership fee themselves.

Terry said he knew there was a great uncertainty regarding income, and yet Jeff had recommended we have no increase in subs. David said we did not want to discourage anyone from renewing their membership. Henry said this was one of the matters the new committee would be addressing, and all members would be updated on any decisions. David Russell said the new committee will be looking at not just constitutional changes, but structural changes.

Jan McGlynn, Secretary, gave her report and said we were becoming well known as a friendly and welcoming club, where bowlers could be assured of a good game in good company. We already have 13 tours for 2012, and several of these are returning for a second time. She emphasized it was not just our excellent bowling green which was greatly enjoyed, but the welcome they received from our members, and the chance to sit and enjoy a drink afterwards in very comfortable surroundings, courtesy of Jorge and Flor. Jan said her job was a busy one, but was undertaken with the best interest of the club at heart, with an aim to making Valverde BC the premier Algarve club. She thanked Pat and Nick Purkiss for taking the time to source a charity for our club, and finding and visiting the retirement establishment in Almancil. We have since met with the manager and his assistant, and our aim is to have a charity match, to support this home. She thanked the outgoing committee for their help during the year and wished them a peaceful and enjoyable retirement.

Guy Gomes, Captain, gave his report and said he would like to see bowlers putting their names down for the various competitions. He thanked bowlers who took part in the recent Australian Pairs and said he would like to present the prizes to: 1<sup>st</sup> Place, Jenny and Jerry Jones, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Tom Daly and Sue Hunt, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place Peter Hollis and Carol Barnes. He went on to explain Valverde BC's success in various Bowls Algarve and Bowls Portugal competitions, and thanked all bowlers for entering these events and to committing themselves week in and week out. He said that over the past 2 years there have been a couple of occasions when we did have problems and those times when he felt he wanted to try another sport, but he said it was moments like this that gave you the urge to carry on and do better.

6. Election and re-election of officers: Henry addressed this item and said the input of nominations was rather disappointing. From all of the members who were eligible to vote, we only received 11 forms.

Chairman, Gordon Linford is standing down. David Russell has received 9 nominations. It was proposed that David Russell be appointed as Chairman for the next 2 years. **No votes against, no abstentions, approved by the majority.**

Club Captain, Guy Gomes is standing down. 8 Nominations have been received for John Freeman. It was proposed that John Freeman be elected as Club Captain for the next 2 years. **No votes against, no abstentions, approved by the majority.**

Club Secretary, Jan McGlynn not standing down. 9 nominations have been received for the re-election of Jan McGlynn as Club Secretary for the next 2 years. **No votes against, no abstentions, approved by the majority.**

Terry Kerr, Fiscal Committee Chairman, not standing down. One nomination had been received for the re-election of Terry Kerr as Fiscal Committee Chairman for the next 2 years. **No votes against, no abstentions, approved by the majority.**

Henry Parlour, Club President: Henry said he had wanted to stand down and offer the post to someone else, but everyone was insistent he carried on. One nomination had been received for Margaret Wilson, which has since been withdrawn. 7 nominations received for the re-election of Henry Parlour as Club President for the next 2 years. **No votes against, no abstentions, approved by the majority.**

Regarding the Social Secretary, Henry explained Margaret Linford has resigned as from today and he said that over the past 3 years she has done a tremendous amount of work and he was sorry to see her standing down. Henry said this post would be addressed as soon as the new Management Committee meets and a new team would be appointed at that time.

7. Thanks for retiring officers: Henry thanked all retiring officers, Margaret and Gordon Linford and Guy Gomes, for their outstanding work since the formation of the club.

8. Welcome to the new Committee: Henry welcomed the new Committee and said that although they might not find things easy, he was convinced they would do a good job.

9. A.O.B. Henry said he would like to take the opportunity to thank Jorge and Flor and asked those present to do their utmost to see that he and the club had a good liaison.

John Freeman new Club Captain, thanked everyone for voting and said he believed he had a hard act to follow. Said he hoped that during the next two years we can put this club forward to becoming the most popular club on the Algarve.

10. Henry said he would now close this AGM. The date of the next meeting will be decided by the new Committee.

The meeting closed at 11.35 am.