

NOTES FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT VALVERDE BC
ON TUESDAY 6TH APRIL 2010.

Present:

Gordon Linford (Chairman)

Gui Gomes (Club Captain)

Tom Sanderson (Vice Captain)

Jan McGlynn (Secretary)

Jeff Perry (Treasurer)

Margaret Linford (Social Secretary)

Gordon opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending.

1. Report on the Green: Gordon said he did not think the green was up to the required standard and thought that Jardim Vista should take more initiative in deciding when to cut the grass. Gordon also said he felt the green was too heavy, and had had comments from older bowlers about the difficulties in bowling. Guy said they were cutting 3 times a week, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
2. Rain Sensor: Guy has discussed this with Jardim Vista who said they had now disconnected this sensor. We are therefore not sure if this sensor is actually working, but the green is being watered every day now. Jeff confirmed that we have not yet paid for this sensor. Jeff confirmed he has asked for some compensation, due to the fact we had to reschedule a match, due to the grass not being cut. Jardim Vista need a receipt from Pedras for the cost of our game. Jeff asked those present whether it was thought the present contract should be renewed for a year with Jardim Visa. We will get a discount for this method and Jeff wants to avoid bank charges by paying cash/cheque for this. Guy said he thought the Garden Center were doing a reasonable job and agreed that we give them the green maintenance contract on a yearly basis. Jeff to deal with this item.
3. Spring Pairs: Some discussion took place on holding a raffle and whether this was worthwhile. David Russell to be asked if he will help with the bowler registration. Gareth, the sponsor, to be asked to present the prizes and be offered a lunch. Otherwise all is in place for this event.
4. Electricity/water/storeroom: Jeff said he has paid up until the end of March and has all the necessary receipts. He will continue to pay €250 for the storeroom/water on the 25th of each month. Jorge will repair the window, damaged during our recent break in. Jeff reminded those present we do contribute towards the insurance on the premises and we should make a claim in respect of the wines etc. stolen from our storeroom.
5. Report from Valter re Jorge's letter: A letter has been received and circulated to the committee about our present legal situation of our green. Regarding the problem with "excess water" from the green mentioned in the letter, Guy reports we do not have a problem at the moment. However if we find at any time that the rain is causing a problem, then it would be cheaper for us to build a soakaway, rather than install another tank. A financial contribution towards the provision of a Lake, was considered to be impractical. A proposed letter to be sent to our lawyer, was redrafted, and Jan will send this off. It was also agreed that Jan approach an architect known to her with a view to assessing probable costs with drawing up plans for submission to the Camara in respect of our green. The Architect will liaise with our lawyer who is nearby. The pergola to be included on these drawings.

6. Car parking/entrance for coaches: Jorge has agreed we can spread the gravel and Jack Romano has agreed to bring in his digger for this purpose. Gordon will speak to Jack about this. It was agreed that Jeff and Gordon have a meeting on the 25th of each month, when the monies are due to be paid to Jorge, and at that time can update/discuss any points with Jorge. This will hopefully keep Jorge fully apprised of our movements on the green and we can get his comments and queries.

7. Presentation Dinner: In view of the fact that there are still some games to be played off, that this event be changed to a Presentation Lunch. Date to be arranged later.

8 Membership: Jeff reports that two of our 6 month memberships have expired, and that these two bowlers should be paying €10 per game. The subject of visiting bowlers paying green fees on rollup days was discussed. It was suggested that all bowlers register before going onto the green, and in this way any green fees will be collected at this time. Jeff will publicise that all bowlers need to do this. We need to appoint someone to do this task. Jeff said he would put a list of people willing to man the green on the website, once he receives this from Tom.

9. Summer League 2010: Margaret has arranged a suitable menu for this opening event on 6th May, at a cost of €8, and has asked Flor to cater for 50. Guy will put up a list to find out interested bowlers for the summer league and said Valverde will be putting in one team, of two triples.

10. Date for May Meeting: This to be Friday 7th May 2010.

11. AOB: Fiscal Committee Meeting held on 23rd March 2010, with Jeff Perry (Treasurer), Terry Kerr (Chairman, Fiscal Committee) and David Russell (Co-opted). (This document attached to these minutes). Jeff submitted a report on this meeting to the Management Committee and this was discussed and several comments made. It was felt that the Fiscal Committee seemed to be assuming too strong a stance in the running of our Club. Our Club Constitution states that the Fiscal Committee have an obligation to inspect the accounts and put forward any relevant views.

2.4 Backup for Treasurer: Jeff said as he might go away for a couple of months at a time, it was important he had a backup. This has to be someone who understands financial spreadsheets and the club accounts, and could easily take over, and Jeff suggested David Russell for this function. Jeff said at the AGM we should consider voting David onto the Committee as Assistant Treasurer. This was agreed.

3: Control Checks: These new forms are proving of valuable assistance to Jeff and will be used more rigorously.

4.1: Spiders: This subject was discussed at length and it was pointed out that the funds raised, help towards keeping our green functioning smoothly. The tour parties are happy that Spiders are arranged. It was agreed these be continued for visiting touring teams or friendly matches.

5.2: Contingencies: no action on this item.

6.2 Management Committee – Communication with members: Jeff said he would like Terry to come along to one of our Committee meetings and put his views forward.

6.2.4: Bowls Algarve Meetings: Jeff will ask Connie whether minutes of the Bowls Algarve Meetings can be published to our club members.

6.2.5: Member Numbers: No action on this item.

6.2.6: Match Invitation Lists: It was agreed that with regard to signing in for future matches, this should continue as before, i.e. matches to be advised via the club website, but signing in lists to be at the club on the notice board.

6.2.7: Notice Boards: This subject to be discussed with Terry Kerr when he attends one of our future meetings.

6.2.8: No action on this item. We all consider we inform our visitors sufficiently about this item.

Jeff raised an item in that sometime ago, Pedras asked for a meeting on 29th April, involving clubs interested in forming an East Algarve association. Jeff replied at the time saying we were quite happy to play friendly games, but we were not in favour of an Association/Federation, in view of the present ongoing negotiations with Bowls Algarve and World Bowls. It was agreed that Jeff and Tom should represent Valverde, as they are playing in a match there on that day.

Jan gave the Chairman a letter received from Ted Vidler asking that the Committee consider that on Monday, Wednesday and Friday roll ups, that a halfway break be taken, in order to bring more revenue to the restaurant and promote good relationships. This was discussed at length and as our relationship with the restaurant is good at the moment, and taking into account the fact we do have “rink drinks service” we reply to Ted thanking him for his concern and interest, but that we would be taking no action on this point. Jan said she would do this.

Guy said Jorge has requested an inventory of our equipment in the storeroom to give to the insurance company. Guy has taken some photos which can be given to the insurance company and he would make an inventory of our equipment also. Guy to let Jeff have a note of this, for his records.

Guy said he would be making some bookshelves for the storeroom, in order we can relocate our trophies to a more suitable position.

Jeff mentioned an “accumulator score system” that had been used with success at Tavira Club, this involved the bowlers’ personal scores on roll up days, being recorded and displayed on a chart, with a prize at the end of the season. This was thought a good idea, and to be considered for next season.

Jan agreed to order some more score cards.

Date of next meeting, as Agreed, Friday 7th May 2010