

SUMMARY NOTES FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT VALVERDE BC ON WEDNESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2010.

1. Maintenance of the Green: It was agreed that we need to allocate time every month for JardimVista to properly maintain the green. It is proposed to allocate the first Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday each month to green maintenance – to be reviewed with JardimVista. A rain sensor has been installed (to avoid unnecessary watering), but we need a dry spell of several days to check that this is working properly.
2. Slabs/brita pergola: As soon as weather permits, we will organise a working party to move spare gravel to the area under the pergola, as a temporary measure until we are in a position to decide about further development. Hopefully this can be done before our first visiting group arrive (19th Feb).
3. Report on Bowls Algarve Meeting: Jeff gave a report on the Bowls Algarve meeting. There were two main agenda items: the structure of the league competition and the potential relationship with World Bowls. On the former, a decision was taken to retain the current league format (ie a single Algarve-wide league) for 2010/11, with a possible change to a two division structure in 2011/12. Each club now needs to decide how many teams it will want to put forward. With regard to the recent contacts from World Bowls, it was agreed that each club would reply to acknowledge the contact, but that the substantive response should come from Bowls Algarve on behalf of all the member clubs.
4. Spring Pairs Competition: Gareth Bullock, of the Bowen Technique, who is sponsoring this event will provide €40 towards the trophies and also put up 12 bottles of wine in presentation bags. He is also ordering engraved pens to be given to every entrant. He intends to offer discount treatments, which will be detailed on his promotional flyers. We will also provide money prizes to the top 4 pairs. We should have 64 entrants for this event, and we continue to receive entries. Margaret will liaise with Flor for similar catering to that provided for the Inauguration Day. Julie will be asked to consider organising a bottle stall or raffle.
5. Valentine's Day: Margaret said we have 21 people for Valentine's Day but the Vaults Restaurant have created a problem in that they want everyone present for 12 noon and vacate by 2 p.m. This is very inconvenient, because it means the competition will be very short, maybe 12-15 ends. For future events she is making enquiries with the previous owner of Flor do Algarve. The Committee thought that full members should take priority over €65 players when selection is being made against touring teams. **This was agreed.** Jeff said at the moment we have approximately 50 paid up members.
6. Contact with Vilamoura: Jeff reported on contact with Amadeu Gil da Rocha of the Vilamoura club. It was agreed that we seek to play home and away friendlies with Vilamoura, but do not embark on any kind of league play with them, which might prejudice the Bowls Algarve arrangements.
7. Lesley Walker, Flowers: Margaret Linford said she has sent Lesley some flowers and a card. She will contact Brian for guidance on what would be the most appropriate use of the remainder of the collection from the club. There is a letter from Brian on the board, saying that Lesley has started her chemotherapy. Lesley and Brian hope to visit Portugal later in the year.
8. Three way tournament: This has been very successful and the food provided by Flor was excellent. She has been thanked for this. Jeff reports that Pedras would have liked to play in this event and he suggested a future 4 way competition to include Pedras, this to be about April. The Committee in agreement and suggested Jeff go ahead and arrange this.
9. Use of club bowls: Concern was expressed over some regular players using club bowls and showing no inclination to buy their own, and also on occasion removing club bowls from the premises (for use in away league games). As the woods have been purchased by the club for the use of casual visitors, this practice should be discouraged.

10. Date for March meeting: Monday 8th March 2010.

11. Any other business:

- Tom raised the subject of Spiders and said he would like it approved that if there were less than 20 entrants then one prize bottle was presented, but if there are more than 20, then 2 bottles be put up.

Everyone in agreement.

- Tom said he would like to donate a trophy to the Club, for a ladies' singles competition.

- Guy said that in future club triples, pairs and 4's will be drawn from the hat. **This was approved.**

- For the Club Championships, there will be no finals day, but there will be a presentation day. Jan suggested that perhaps the presentation of prizes could be done in the evening and that the Restaurant be asked to cater for this event which will be around the end of March. **This was agreed.**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 1.10 p.m.