

NOTES FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT VALVERDE BC  
ON FRIDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2010

Present:

Gordon Linford (Chairman)

Gui Gomes (Club Captain)

Tom Sanderson (Vice Captain)

Jan McGlynn (Secretary)

Margaret Linford (Social Secretary)

Gordon opened the meeting at 10.00 a.m. and thanked everyone for attending.

1. Minutes of the last meeting: no items to be raised, and minutes approved.
2. Apologies for absence: Jeff Perry
3. Report on the Green: some discussion took place on the state of the green at present and whether it was thought advisable to ask JV to take the grass cut down further. Gui said he still has an outstanding list of jobs for JV to finish. Gui said he had spoken with another greenkeeper who used to look after Vilamoura BC. He has been to see our green and has given a price of €500 p.m. + IVA. This was considered too high by those present. Gordon and Gui will go and see Gordie at JV, re outstanding works etc.
4. Meeting with Terry Kerr: Some discussion took place on this issue, and some clarification was given by Gui on the Portuguese version of the Club's Constitution. Gordon said as far as he was concerned the Fiscal Committee Chairman can raise as many points as he wishes, and we will discuss them. Whether we agree or not is up to the Management Committee. This view was agreed by all present.
5. Meeting with Jorge: Gui and Gordon have met with Jorge to hand over the monthly payments. Jorge seems quite happy with the way everything is progressing at the moment. With regard to the "break in" – we now have €80 from the insurance company – this has been given to David Russell in the Treasurer's absence.
6. Keeping green tidy/gardening: Everyone in agreement that the green and surrounds are looking very attractive at the moment, but still needs weeding from time to time. Tom offered to "trim" the banks on a regular basis.
7. Report on Bowls Algarve Meeting: Jan read out some notes she had prepared following the BA meeting on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> June; *Connie said she had received an enquiry from VVBC about the eligibility of Bowls Algarve members attending the AGM. Connie explained that membership is open to all bowling clubs, who in turn nominate their representatives to attend meetings and the voting of officers on to the BA Committee, is by the Management Committee. The Constitution states that it is the Management Committee who elect officers and not the individual members. It is the responsibility of the club representatives to report back to their club on the results of meetings/AGMs. Item 3 of the Constitution refers to this topic. It was also agreed that in future the BA minutes, be put on the BA website. Alan said however, if club members are not satisfied, then they have the option to put a Resolution to the AGM to change the Constitution.*

Some discussion followed and it was eventually agreed that we do not put a Resolution forward, but accept that the VVBC Representatives will report back to the Committee, any relevant items.

*Semi finals/finals BA interclub matches: PDF will be asked to host the semi's on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2011 and Valverde to be asked to host the finals on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2011 (there could be an overflow however, to the next day)*

*Midweek league: this could be once a fortnight, and will be held at one venue for all games. All clubs are asked to submit their teams.*

*Connie asked Valverde to Email her with all planned club events for the next season for inclusion on the BA webpage. Connie announced that she had €2.100 in the funds at the moment, and more to come in once the membership fees etc. are received – she is happy that this is a healthy balance.*

*Centrealgarve: this is a proposed development near Moncarrapacho for disabled families/children to holiday at. Is at present in the planning stages and it would appear has not got "charity status". They have asked Bowls Algarve if they would consider holding a charity day, for their funds. Connie said she will investigate further, and reply.*

Gui said he had paid €82.50 to BA for VVBC membership fees (cheque obtained from David Russell).

Gui said regarding the World Bowls situation, he was at Pedras yesterday when Connie had been called to a meeting with Antonio Pires and the Minister of Sport. Connie had previously said she would Email everyone with the results of this meeting.

8. Touring Groups: Jan said she was happy to report we have 14 confirmed, and 1 unconfirmed, groups from September up to Christmas. She expects the new year group enquiries to come in later in the season.

9. Eastern Algarve: Guy has spoken with Peter Harris who told him that the Eastern Algarve Competition was going ahead. Amondoeira and Albufeira BC's are not included. Teams will be: Vilamoura, Valverde, Isla Canela and Pedras. It was thought Tavira would not be taking part. After some discussion it was agreed that Valverde will enter one team (3 triples). John Marshall has resigned from the Committee at Pedras, and Peter Harris is acting Captain.

10. AOB: Tom said David Laing had asked to come to one of our meetings to discuss some points but it was felt advisable that these points be better put in writing and David to be asked to do this. Some members had expressed a wish to have more social events at the club, e.g. Halloween Competitions etc., and had said that the organised Christmas event at the Garbe Hotel, was too far away for some members to get to. A suggestion was made that Valverde have a Christmas Competition/lunch. Gordon said he and Margaret had been to the Garbe Hotel to discuss the Christmas function and had been assured that all was in hand, but that the name has now changed to the Holiday Inn.

Guy talked about proposed competitions and said we have our Anniversary Pairs booked for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2010.. Guy asked Margaret whether she thought Flor would open for this event, catering for over 50 persons. Margaret will leave this enquiry until a little nearer the time. Jan said she had spoken to David Hills when she picked up our new banner, and the cash donation and prizes are still on offer.

Guy said he hoped our Spring Open Pairs competition would be on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2011 (to be confirmed). Guy wondered if Flor would open for this event, catering for over 50 bowlers. At the moment this event is pencilled in, and Flor to be approached after Christmas.

President's Shield: Henry will be leaving Portugal on 23<sup>rd</sup> October and will be in the UK for Christmas and new year. After some discussion it was agreed we should get this singles competition played on 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> September.

Guy said JV want to close our green for a week in July/August. Our Club AGM will be on 9<sup>th</sup> October.

Guy said he was concerned about the control of keys to the storeroom and it was not known who still had keys. It was thought advisable that a list/book be set up showing when keys are given out and returned. Guy and Tom to be responsible for finding the missing keys.

Rain Sensor: this is now working satisfactorily and Guy is happy all is in order.

Bowls Algarve, Midweek league: Guy asked if the Committee thought we should enter a team. It was agreed we do this.

Margaret said she had heard some complaints about strict beginners and the fact they are put into a team straight away and not given any instruction on how to bowl. Guy appreciated that this had caused problems and said from now on, new bowlers will be given lessons before they take a place in a team.

Gordon said a letter had been received from a bowler, with a request that the Committee consider introducing a more flexible fee arrangement for visitors in their position. He said he spends nearly 12 weeks of the year in the Algarve, spread over 3 visits which meant they cannot take advantage of the club's quarterly fee of €155, which he understood is only available for three consecutive calendar months. He appreciated that changing the format to one which allows members to select three individual months to suit their own circumstances would bring an unwelcome admin. burden. This bowler has suggested as an alternative that the Committee consider introducing a 4 week fee (not a calendar month), of say €60. He said at €60 per month (or 4 weeks) there would be no financial incentive for quarterly members paying €155 to switch, but it would accommodate the circumstances of regular visitors, such as themselves. (letter attached to these minutes). This was discussed by the Committee who felt it would not be fair on the 65€ bowlers, if this was done. *(After this meeting Gordon managed to speak to the bowler concerned, to explain the decision of the Committee, who accepted this decision and said he quite understood).*

John and Lorraine Freeman have made application for full time membership, and these were approved by all present.

Some discussion followed on our next AGM and the election of officers. It was thought whoever put their name forward, should be available to come to all meetings regularly. It was thought that David Russell, acting in Jeff's absence, was doing an excellent job and the Committee's thanks went to him. David Laing also, is an invaluable and reliable club member, and sets up the green before the matches – he should also be thanked. Gordon felt there might be more club members, who had skills we could use to help towards the smooth functioning of our club.

Fun Day: the subject of a fun day was discussed, and ideas such as barefoot bowling to music was suggested. Margaret to consider this subject and report back later.

Touring Teams: it was suggested that instead of giving wine as prizes for highest rinks etc., we give the winners some keyrings (which we have a stock of), and this would make a memorable gift. This was agreed.

Gordon said he thought a Club Photo, with everyone in whites, would be a good idea, and that maybe we could offer a print to our visiting teams, as a memento of their time with VVBC. This to be investigated.

It was agreed that Spiders be introduced again, for the visiting touring teams.

11. Date of next meeting: Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> August 2010, 10.00 a.m.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 12.30 p.m.