

NOTES FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT VALVERDE BC ON FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> September 2010

Present:

Gordon Linford (Chairman)

Gui Gomes (Club Captain)

Tom Sanderson (Vice Captain)

Jeff Perry (Treasurer)

Jan McGlynn (Secretary)

Margaret Linford (Social Secretary)

The meeting opened at 10.00 a.m.

Gordon opening the meeting, and thanked everyone for taking time out to attend.

1. Minutes of the last meeting: no matters arising, minutes approved.

2. Report on green & financial implications: Concern was expressed that the recovery of the green was not happening as fast as was hoped. It was suggested Geordie come to the green again for a discussion, but failing that we contact the boss, Richard. Later in this meeting, Gordon saw Richard and spoke to him, and he said he was on the green yesterday. They are adamant that the green should be playable by 20<sup>th</sup> September and said they are using a seaweed fertiliser to encourage the growth.

Financial implications: Jeff said he had received a Factura from JV for September, October and November. He suggested we withhold payment for at least a month. He suggested we pay them in November only, as the green would have been out of action for a month. Of prime importance is the loss of income from roll ups, 50€ per day = 600€ per month. JV still owe us 140€ which they had agreed to repay with extra work. It was agreed we try to seek compensation for loss of income and Jeff agreed to write a letter to this effect. Everyone in agreement.

3. Treasurer's report: Jeff reported that from the time of the last AGM to the present, he had estimated we would be 3,000€ in the black, but we are actually 6,000€. Jeff said we had had a very good first year. We have finished with cash in hand of just over 6,000€ (he added we do have 10,000€ in the bank but an amount has been set aside for the lawyer's fees). Jeff recommended we do not change membership fees for this year. Everyone in agreement with this. Jeff has prepared a financial report for the AGM, which he has shown to Terry.

4. Meeting with Jorge: Guy and Gordon have paid Jorge his cash and there do not seem to be any problems, Jorge appears quite happy. Gordon added that it was definite there will be no matches on Sundays, as the restaurant closed.

5. AGM nominations: Jan has received nominations from Jeff Perry to be re-elected and Tom Sanderson to be re-elected. Jeff said he wanted to propose at the AGM that a position of Assistant Treasurer be created and proposed David Russell. This will be for the Fiscal Committee. He agreed to get a nomination form filled out. Jack Romano is willing to stand for the post of Vice President of the AGM/General Assembly. A nomination form will be completed in this respect. It was suggested that perhaps Margaret Wilson could be asked to take the position of Secretary to the Fiscal Committee. Jeff agreed to do this. Jan agreed to take the minutes of the AGM.

6. Matters arising from the members meeting 03.10.10: Keys to the storeroom: Guy said someone had requested at the meeting that full members should have keys, in order to access the green for a game, and said he has no objection to this. However there are some keys still missing. After some

discussion it was suggested everyone who has a key pays a deposit, e.g. 10€. Tom suggested keys be numbered and there be a book for this purpose. Guy said it cost 1€ to get a key cut. Jeff proposed any paid up member who wants a key, pays a €5 refundable deposit. This amount would cover 3 keys, one to the bottom car park gate, one to the green gate, and one to the storeroom gate. All keys will be registered by Jeff. A vote was taken and the sum of 5€ was agreed.

Cleaning of the Tardis: some members had reported a smell when the vehicle serviced the Tardis, and this to be monitored.

World Bowls and Bowls Algarve situation is being monitored and no further news at this time.

Footwear/monitoring: Guy said any member of the club who sees someone wearing inappropriate footwear should take responsibility for bringing it to the bowler's attention.

Novice training: Sometime ago, 2 new bowlers arrived at the green and were put in a team with other experienced bowlers, this caused some concern, and they have not returned since. Guy said in future any new bowlers would not be put into a game immediately. We have enough experienced bowlers to help such persons in the first instance.

Clothing: Gordon said in his opinion anyone representing the club should wear whites. It was the responsibility of the skips to pay attention to this.

Novice Skips/skip training: It has been noticed that some bowlers, without experience, have been skipping games. It was suggested that when the discs are used, that the skip discs be pulled out and the skips be chosen to receive one. It was suggested that one novice skip be paired with one experienced skip, so that they gain experience this way. Gordon said that perhaps once a fortnight the league teams play together. Everyone in agreement with this item.

President's shield competition: In view of the state of the green, it was agreed by all present that this competition be deferred until next April. This will give the green chance to recover.

Date of next members meeting: It was agreed that this was a useful meeting and we should plan another for Friday 26 November, after the roll up.

7. Anniversary Game: This had been scheduled for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October – but we need to change this date in view of the restaurant not being available. It was thought Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October could be a good date for this. Guy suggested 15€ per entry fee. Jeff thought full club members should have a discount, of €2. This will apply to yearly, 6 monthly and 3 monthly members. After some discussion, this was agreed. Guy will prepare the invitation to all clubs and Jan will notify the sponsor of the change of date.

8. Spring Pairs, Sunday 13.3.11: this item to be deferred for the moment.

Bowls Algarve Interclub finals Saturday and Sunday 19.3.11/20.3.11. Margaret reports that the restaurant are happy to cater for this event on the Saturday. If there is an overflow to the Sunday, then we will provide coffee and biscuits.

9. Keys to the storeroom: this item already covered.

10. Polo/sweat shirts: Margaret asked Jeff to put this item in the newsletter, i.e. if any member wants clothing, to let her know.

11 Club photo: It has been discovered that there is someone at Pedras who is a photographer. Gordon to ask this person to quote for a 10 x 8 photo. All members to be invited to attend the club, in club colours for this photo. There are some big tours in the future, and members will be present at these – perhaps the photo could be taken then? Guy said on 14<sup>th</sup> October there will be 8 rinks playing. Tom suggested that perhaps we could consider framing a photo, to present to touring teams. After some discussion it was thought we do not do this at the moment. Jeff to put this idea on the website. Gordon has a large supply of key rings and suggested we give some to the best visiting rink.

12. Members suggestions: this item covered previously.

13. Spreading gravel: Gordon has asked Jack Romano if he would arrange to spread the gravel with suitable equipment, and he has agreed to do this when he has some spare time. It was also suggested we ask JV to do this in lieu of what they owe us.

14. AOB: Jeff said he was aware that 2 bowlers had recently paid a year's subscription, and suggested we add a month to their membership. This was agreed. Brian Walker has sent an email to say his wife Lesley has to restart chemotherapy again, to try to halt the growth of the cancer. He will not be able to travel for a while and will not take part in any bowling this year. It was agreed we get a Christmas card signed by all club members, to send to the Walkers.

Jeff said weeding needs to be done around the green and will put in the newsletter that help is needed next Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> at 10.00 a.m.

Guy asked that the Vikings/Vulcans teams not be put onto the website until finalised. Guy has been to the new bowling club at Luz and looked at the new green and work being done on the clubhouse. They hope to be playing on the green this coming Sunday. They have invited Valverde to play a friendly next Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> /September, cost 7€ pp. He suggested we give them one of our banners, as they are a new club, to put in their clubhouse. This agreed.

Tom agreed to buy some whisky for the visiting teams/spiders etc. Our drink store was depleted when we had the break in.

Margaret discussed a fancy dress Halloween picnic and roll up for 31<sup>st</sup> October. Julie will organise this. Guy to arrange the format. Everyone to bring their own food and drink.

Jan raised the question of Bowls Algarve cards, in particular for the league players (first game 9<sup>th</sup> October). Jeff pointed out that some people have not yet paid their subs but he will include this topic in the newsletter, that league members need to pay subs in order that they can be registered at BA. Membership application received from Stewart & Mary Banks. Approved.

15. Date of next meeting: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October, 10.00 a.m.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 12.15 p.m.