

NOTES FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT VALVERDE
BC ON FRIDAY 1ST OCTOBER 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: Gordon said he believes that since last Wednesday there has been some improvement. No more sand is to be put on the green. It is now going to be rolled and the state of the green will then be assessed. Yesterday afternoon the green was spiked and rolled, but unfortunately the worker only completed half of the green before he left. Guy said in order not to prejudice our reputation we have to seriously think about someone else to manage the green. Jeff said he thought that in the short term we have to stay with JV and should we decide to look for another company we have to take time to make sure they are reputable and reliable. At the Bowls Algarve meeting yesterday, Pedras said they had a greenkeeper who used to work at Vale do Lobo and might manage our green. Guy said he would speak to Daniel Vicente of Pedras.
3. Meeting with Jorge: Jorge was paid his monies for September and there were no problems. He has given us keys to the gate. At the moment he is doing some calçada work on the walkway to the green, which is improving the overall appearance.
4. AGM Nominations: Jan said she held 2 nominations and Jeff has 4. It was thought that Margaret's position as Social Secretary needs to be ratified at the AGM. Deputy Treasurer Position: Jeff will indicate in his address that he believes this is a necessary role. Jeff has prepared a signing in list for the meeting. Guy said he thought that if more than one person is nominated for a position, we should carry out a secret vote. Henry will have the casting vote.
5. Anniversary Game Monday 18th October: At the moment we have 18 entrants. Margaret will arrange a buffet at €7-€8 per head. David Hills hopes to be present first thing, but has to leave owing to the fact he has a business commitment in Oporto. However, a member of his staff will be present throughout the day, and will be available to present the prizes. Guy has ordered the trophies and Jan has picked up the 2 boxes of wine for prizes.
6. Keys to storeroom and green: Jeff has had some keys cut, and has issued 4 sets at a cost of €5 (refundable). Guy thinks these keys should be issued to the Committee only, taking into account that the restaurant does not open on Sundays and in view of the past history of break-ins, security of the premises is important. Guy suggested for club members who wanted to bowl, for instance on a Sunday, they had a key to (1) the bottom green, (2) the gate to the green and (3) the storeroom door. A deposit should be taken for these keys. Guy will let Jeff have the relevant keys for copying.

7. Club Photo: Gordon has seen Tony Woods who will be able to take a group shot of VVBC members, on Thursday 14th October in the morning, but this date needs to be confirmed. The charge for this will be €45 for a 10 x 8 photo, additional prints would be €5. There is a large group of visitors on that day starting at 11 a.m. so everyone should arrive by 10 a.m. Everyone should be in club whites. This item to be mentioned at the AGM.

8. Membership: At the moment there are 31 paid up full members and 4 PAYP. We have received an application for PAYP from Truus van de Vlag. This was approved. Jeff said he has spoken to quite a few bowlers recently who are interested in becoming members. Jeff said one or two memberships are outstanding and there might be a couple of people in the first Saturday league who have not paid their membership. We have not received membership forms from Mr. & Mrs. Pratt yet, who are due to play in the League. They have taken a membership form but this has not been submitted. *(At the end of this meeting, these bowlers appeared, with their membership form and a promise of payment to Jeff)*

9. Members suggestions: No comments from any members.

10. Spreading of Gravel: Gordon has spoken with Jack Romano who has agreed to spread the gravel but no cost was mentioned for doing this.

10 (a) Jeff presented a summary of the Bowls Algarve meeting held on 30.9.10. World Bowls Situation: Sr. Antonio Pires and Sr. Joaquim Pualino (from the Institute of Sport) attended this meeting. It was decided a draft Constitution was to be prepared for submission to the Institute of Sport and World Bowls (in English). The tourist board's own lawyer will prepare this document. Guy and Daniel Vicente (Pedras) will translate the document into English. At the next BA meeting, 3 representatives of the Algarve Clubs will be chosen to deal with this task. The Constitution has to cover all aspects of ownership of the various clubs, i.e. company/private owned etc. Guy will represent Valverde.

Amondoeira Bowls Club: Peter and Babs Moss will be taking over the running of this club.

Approved footwear: Jeff raised the subject of approved footwear and asked for clarification. Alan Clarke has said he would accept bowling sandals and flat trainers with just a small pattern on the sole. However, Alan will be asked to send each club a note on approved footwear.

Bowls Algarve AGM: Valverde have been asked to nominate representatives to attend the AGM on 28th October. Jeff and Guy were proposed and Jan will act as Minutes Secretary.

A report on Bowls Algarve games and rules, has been prepared by Alan Clarke and Jeff explained this to the Committee. The changed rules contained therein, will come into effect in 2011. The main amendments, which will apply both indoors and outdoors in the UK are:

- 1 A player can no longer give the mat away except on the first end after winning the toss (or for the extra end).
2. All cards in future will be kept by the Skip and only the Skip. This applies to all forms of play.

Poppy Day: Pedras BC have offered to host this on 4th November. Peter Harris said he had sent posters to all clubs with poor response. There was a suggestion made at this BA meeting that should a club not be able to put forward a team to play in any competitions, then they should notify the host club of this. Guy will put up a signing in sheet for members to play in a knockout competition on October 22nd and 25th. Two bowlers will go forward to represent

the club at the Poppy Day game. Cost of entry is €5 p.p. This subject will also be brought up at our AGM.

11. Any other business: Margaret said we as a club should consider holding a charity day but we should find out from members who they would like funds to go to. This to be brought up at the AGM. This event could be the responsibility of the Social Committee. Guy said he would put up notices on the board for the Pedras Winter Trophy and Bowls Algarve midweek League. Players will be able to choose the venue they wish to play at.

Jan said she was upset at the behaviour of some of our club members, at the game on 27th against a Personal Touch group. We are all trying our hardest to get the green back to its original condition, and overly negative comments by our own members should be discouraged. One of Valverde's rinks took a score of 47, and it was thought they should have made an effort to "ease back".

It was agreed for the foreseeable future we should not have roll ups on the green, in order to rest it whenever possible. Guy said the group booked for 15th October need bowls, and he has worked out we do have sufficient for loan.

Jeff said at the Fiscal Committee meeting held on 28th September the main subject for concern was the green and the potential financial implications should it not recover quickly. It was suggested we formulate a contingency plan. A financial report has been produced by Terry Kerr.

12. Date of next meeting: Tuesday, 9th November at 1000 a.m.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 11.45 a.m.