

NOTES FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT VALVERDE BC
ON TUESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 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 10.10 a.m.

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

1. Minutes of the last meeting: there were no matters arising from the minutes, and these were approved.
2. Report on Green, contingency plans: A discussion followed on the present condition of the green, and in Gui's opinion some of the rinks are now bowling well.

Contingency plan: It was discussed whether in the long term we should strive to become self sufficient and buy our own maintenance equipment and hire someone to operate it. We do need somewhere to store this equipment, which is secure. Terry had recommended that if we decide to take this route, then we need someone to drive the project. It was thought we could ask Terry if he would take on the project and if necessary form a sub committee. To summarise, in the short term it was decided to continue with JV and the advice of Ignacio, and that we invite Terry to set up a contingency plan. **This was proposed by Gordon Linford and seconded by Tom Sanderson.**

3. Meeting with Jorge: Jeff reports that Jorge has said he would like the coaches to come in at the back gate and Jorge said he would cut back some of the trees to facilitate easy entry. Tom suggested we put a notice up, along the front fence, indicating that coaches for VVBC use the back entrance. The next meeting with Jorge is on 24th November.

4. Fiscal Committee report: Terry has submitted a report and the main recommendation is that we should set up a contingency plan for green maintenance. Jeff did not think there was anything else we should follow up on. Jeff reports that our bank balance is very healthy at this present time.

Tom said he was concerned that some club members are not participating in the spider. Jeff thought this might be associated with the fact that on one occasion a VV member won, but was not given the prize. Tom said it was policy now, that whoever wins the spider receives the prize, but that it was a personal choice as to whether they accepted it.

5. Christmas celebrations (small gifts): Margaret asked if the Committee would authorise her receiving some cash towards gifts for the Christmas celebrations – approx. 3-5€ per head. This was agreed.

6. Keys to the storeroom and green: Jeff has got 10 sets of the 3 necessary keys. There will be a deposit of €5 for these, which is refundable. Some concern was expressed about members using the green, for example on Sundays, and of making sure guest bowlers paid green fees. Jeff said he was of the opinion that members should be able to play on the green at any time they wished, but if they bring non members or PAYP members, then they should ensure green fees are paid.

7. Welcome letter: Jeff produced a sample letter/email for sending to new members. New members should be made aware of the website, roll up times, leagues etc. , and also access to the green. Jeff said once he has finalised the draft, he will circulate it to the Committee. It was agreed we give new members a set of club stickers.

8. Membership: Jeff reported we now have 52 paid up members – 39 full members and 13 PAYP. This is about 10 more than last year.

9. Members suggestions: Jeff said he had been made aware by members, that we should endeavour to get the teams for games, published earlier. Tom and Guy said this can only be done if bowlers do not delay in putting their names down. Jeff said bowlers were also informed via the website of forthcoming games. Tom said it was in the bowlers' interest to make sure their names were entered, as once the required number of bowlers was obtained, then the list was removed.

10. Spreading of gravel: Gordon has asked Jack Romano about this, who has said he would arrange for this to be done as soon as he can get the necessary equipment on site. Alternatively, Gordon said he could ask Geordie of JV, if Jack is unable to do this job.

11. Bowls Algarve report: Jeff has produced a summary of the last BA meeting and has circulated it. There were three main topics:

First Topic: The publication of summarised minutes on the BA website, proposed at earlier meetings by the Valverde delegates. Although this has been agreed by the committee at two previous meetings, all the delegates present, except the Valverde representatives, were now against the idea. As a compromise, Connie suggested that information about BA activities could be promulgated via a newsletter, and Jeff agreed to draft a sample.

Second topic: World Bowls situation – a small amount of progress has been made towards this project. A draft document is being produced and is being translated into English – Alan Reynolds and Daniel Vicente are working on creating this Statutes document.

Third topic: Jeff reported on the discussion about the Vila de Luz application for membership. As it looks as though this is unlikely to be resolved in the near future, Jeff made a suggestion that Vila da Luz be invited to play a return friendly game at Valverde, possibly before Christmas.

This was proposed by Jeff Perry and seconded by Gordon Linford.

12. Charity Match (next year): After some discussion, it was felt that as we were in the Almancil area, we should aim to support a local charity for this game. Gui thought we should speak to the Almancil Council and ask if they could suggest any local charities. Gui offered to do this. We could endeavour to get some publicity for this event, including newspaper coverage. A sponsor is needed for this event, and Tom added he had someone in mind. Jeff said he would include in his next newsletter, that at the members' meeting on 26th November, we might discuss charities etc.

13. Match Selection notice: this item has already been discussed.

14. A.O.B.: Jeff asked about pens and key rings for visitors. We have sufficient numbers of these.

Jeff has taken out the insurance for the green with David Hills.

Halloween Game: This went well, and was enjoyed by those who attended and who played to a special games format. It was hoped that this type of event could be repeated.

Nets for green: Jan said she and Jeff had noticed whilst playing at Alvor that they were using a good quality, roll up, net. Jan thought this type of net would be invaluable to VVBC, especially for visiting touring groups who have been seen to be a little heavy handed. **It was proposed by Jan and seconded by Gordon, that we consider using nets for our next season.** It was thought the cost of these would be something like 120€ including flat headed nails. Tom will source the netting and nails.

Gui agreed to work on the ACTA of the last AGM, for inserting in our ACTA book.

Tom reported that he had had a small problem arising from the Vikings team – in that some bowlers were not willing to play with certain other bowlers. Tom has juggled the teams and has resolved this issue. It was agreed that at the next members' meeting it should be raised that some “disharmony” had been noticed recently on the green. The Committee agreed that any personal issues should not be taken to the bowling green and any bad language and anger would not be tolerated by the Committee.

15. Date of next meeting: Friday, 3rd December at 10.00 a.m.

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