

NOTES FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT VALVERDE BC ON  
FRIDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER 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 11.30 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, contingency plans: Jeff addressed this item. He said in consultation with Ignacio, Geordie of JV is being informed of what needs to be done on the green. The problem arises in JV's labour force, carrying out these instructions. Jeff has received two Emails from JV regarding payment of facturas. Jeff said he will deal with this matter but will make it clear that the green is still not 100%, due to their negligence. Jeff said we will have to decide when we intend to start paying JV – but it is Jeff's opinion that we do need to get the green right first. Jeff added that the rain sensor has now been fitted. Jeff has spoken to Terry about the contingency plan, i.e. purchase of a mower/equipment and storage etc., but Terry is not available until after Christmas to discuss this fully. The Committee have collected various information on this subject, and we will submit this information to Terry. Jeff said he has a programme from Ignacio about what should be done regarding maintenance. Jeff wondered if we should approach ESDAV for a quote for maintenance, but it was thought this is not a good idea. Ignacio has said he would get an alternative maintenance quote.
3. Meeting with Jorge: No problems in this respect, but Jorge has asked that no cars be parked in front of his restaurant. Jeff will mention this in the next Club Newsletter. Gordon requested that if Committee members saw any cars being parked, then the drivers should be asked to move to another spot.
4. ACTA: Gui was reminded that this is still outstanding. He will get this item produced.
5. Christmas celebrations: Margaret reported that things are progressing smoothly, and she has purchased crackers for the lunch after the bowls club roll up on 19<sup>th</sup>. She will give Jeff the receipt and be reimbursed later. Margaret asked for raffle prizes, and Jeff to put this request in the next newsletter.
6. Netting for green: Jack Romano has donated this, and there is a roll already in the club. Tom will purchase 2kg. of flat headed nails. Help will be needed for cutting this roll, Gui and Tom to do this.
7. Welcome letter etc.: Jan produced a letter she had put together for new members, and asked those present for their approval. It was agreed this letter be sent out, together with some club stickers and the information sheet produced by Jeff.

8. Membership (PAYP): Jeff apologised that he had accepted a membership from Pat Collins who had paid €65, but the membership form had not been completed and received. Jeff will arrange to get this filled in and Jan will send the new members letter.

9. Members suggestions: Arising from the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> November. It has been suggested we have some lady skips. This suggestion has been taken on board. Sweeper for green: to be dealt with under “contingency plans”. Gui said however, that he would try and find out the cost of constructing this item ourselves, using materials similar to those used at Vilamoura BC. Educating players on etiquette etc.: it was thought we should try and give our new players as much information as we can, especially during roll ups, i.e. measuring in the head etc. It was thought that some members might be happy to take instruction, but there are some who will not listen.

10. Spreading of Gravel: Gordon said he had asked Geordie a week ago, if he would alter the camber of the track up to Jorge’s new gates, as at the moment all the water runs onto the pergola and green area. If altered it would run onto the farmer’s land. He had said he would do it that day, but has not done so. Jack Romano had said also that he would spread the gravel onto our car park area, with his own equipment. Jorge has said we can cut back two large branches near the entrance to the car park area and Tom will bring his chain saw and borrow ladders from Jorge to do this. It was thought this job could be done in conjunction with Terry’s gardening day, and in this way there would be more help available.

11. Bowls Portugal: Gui circulated a letter he had received from the President, John Hewitson setting out what they hoped to achieve over 2011, and inviting VV to become a member of Bowls Portugal. This would be a cost of €35 for the club. Individual membership is €5 per bowler. Three of Valverde members are on the Committee of Bowls Portugal. Some discussion followed on this subject and the benefits to Valverde BC were debated. It was to be hoped that Bowls Portugal and Bowls Algarve will become united in the not too distant future. A vote was taken, and it was agreed Valverde Bowls Club join Bowls Portugal. Jeff will contact the President and arrange for the funds to be paid.

12. Charity Match: Gui said he has been to the Junta Fregueisa (Town Hall), in Almancil and was told there were two registered charities. One is the charity which runs the day center for old people and who are presently constructing a new Old Peoples Home. The second charity is one which helps old people with their day to day living expenses etc. Jan said she had also made enquiries, and there was a charity run by the Church, called Banco Alimentar (food bank). The organiser, Antonia, will consult with the Priest and forward more information on to us. Pat Purkiss had mentioned in an Email, a new Hospice in Faro, and thought this might be a deserving cause. More information is needed on this.

13. Any other business: Christmas closure – Jeff will put on the club website that there will be no roll ups after 24<sup>th</sup> December. The club will be unattended from 25<sup>th</sup> December until 2<sup>nd</sup> January. Roll ups to commence on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January. The question of opening the green in the new year, for the Tuesday and Thursday sessions was discussed, but it was thought that we should make absolutely certain our green is fully recovered, before recommencing these sessions.

Jan said she had two sets of bowls, obtained from someone leaving Portugal and wondered if the club would like to purchase these – one set of 2’s and one of 0’s. It was agreed to purchase these at a cost of €40 per set.

DJ has resigned from the Social Committee as from 1st December, and the Management Committee thanked him for all the hard work he has done in the past on behalf of Valverde Bowls Club.

14. Date of next meeting: Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> January at 10 a.m.