

NOTES FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT VALVERDE BC
ON FRIDAY 14th JANUARY 2011

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 thanked everyone for attending.

1. Minutes of the last meeting: no items arising and minutes agreed.
2. Report on green and JV: Everyone is of the opinion that the green is definitely improving under the new green maintenance company. The front edge has now been re-patched. We have received a letter from JV asking for a final payment of €1000 in view of the fact that we have terminated the contract early. After discussion, the committee was of the view that we have sufficient evidence frequent of poor performance by JV to support significant claims against the company for loss of income, and that we should therefore refuse any further payment. Jeff to inform JV of this decision.
3. Meeting with Jorge: The only item arising at this meeting was the subject of Parking. Jorge requests we use our bottom car park. Tom will arrange to take some branches down, and he and Gui will provide a sign for the corner of the road, indicating the car park area. It had been noticed that even though the restaurant had been closed after Christmas, Flor and Jorge had turned up to provide facilities for the bowlers which was commendable.
4. Acta: this has been done and Jan has put it into our Acta book.
5. John Freeman: Margaret said Lorraine had told her John was feeling a little better and had asked if his membership could be put on hold for the moment, until such time as he could bowl again. His Chemo. is coming to a close and there is a possibility he might have a bone marrow transplant. Lorraine had said she would like to continue to bowl from time to time and would act as a reserve if needed. Jeff agreed to write a letter to John about his membership.
6. Netting for green: We have a roll of netting, which Gui is going to cut into pieces of 2m. square, which will be much easier to handle than one long roll. We have been putting netting down for games.
7. Bowls Portugal: St. Georges Day (Saturday 23rd April): We have had an enquiry from John Hewitson, President of Bowls Portugal, asking if VVBC would host this event. This was discussed. It was queried whether this competition was just for Bowls Portugal members. It was thought we should reply to John saying that we are prepared to host this event, but asking whether it is restricted to Bowls Portugal members – because if VVBC members could play on this day, it might encourage them to join Bowls Portugal. Flor has agreed to cater for this event. John Hewitson to be informed of our decision.

Bowls Portugal was discussed at length, and it was thought that as our club is a member of BP, then it should have a voice on the Committee. John Hewitson has indicated that he will come to VVBC and discuss any relevant items with us – this to be arranged. Gui said he proposed that Terry

should represent VVBC on the Bowls Portugal Committee. We have about 15 members who have individual membership of BP.

Premier League (Bowls Portugal): John Hewitson had circulated details of a proposed new league. Suggested dates: February 3rd, 10th and 23rd, and March 10th, 17th and 31st and April 12th and 28th. One team to be invited from each club: Vilamoura, Vila da Luz, Valverde and Isla Canela as an Associate Member. This to be 3 triples per team, with 2 sets of 9 ends being played. Cut off date for entries, 15th January. Some discussion followed on the advisability or otherwise, of providing bowlers for this league, when we have our own league team positions to fill. It was agreed we leave Terry to sort out VV bowlers to play in this Premier League. Gui said we try to find room in the club changing rooms, for a Bowls Portugal cork notice board.

Bowls Portugal, Aggregate Competition: This was proposed to start on 24th January and involves BP members keeping their score card, from one roll up per week at their home club. John Hewitson to provide a score sheet which can be submitted by the Club. Terry to be asked to promote this event. Presentation of prize to be at the Vila da Luz Red Nose Day Charity Match on 18th March. It was agreed we take part in this Aggregate Competition.

8. Grading of road: Jack has been asked to do this work, but we are aware that he is due to go into Hospital shortly for a knee operation. He did agree to do this work, but it needs to be done when the road is dry. We will leave it to Jack to decide the right time to do this work.

9. Spreading of gravel: It was questioned whether the existing gravel had been paid for, this had been ordered when we laid the slabs (Jose). Gui of the opinion that the gravel was ordered by Terry when we did the edges of the green, and as far as Gui is concerned the gravel belongs to us. The Club working party will be spreading gravel on 19th January. Ignacio has said that he wants the sand pile moving. Gui will speak with him. Tom will bring a chain saw and cut back branches to facilitate an easier access to the car park, and will also trim the banks. Jeff said he will put this event in the next Newsletter, remind people that volunteers for the working party are needed. More gravel will be ordered.

10. Notify teams of alternative parking: This has been covered under item 4 – once we have the trees cut back, and sign up, it is to be hoped everyone will use the bottom car park.

11. Members suggestions: No suggestions had been received

12. Jan has researched: Refugio Aboim Ascencao orphanage in Faro: an orphanage for 88 children under the age of five, all of whom are either orphans or the victims of abuse. The refuge has been caring for children in the Faro area for almost 50 years and while it receives some state support, the majority of its funding is derived privately, through local businesses and the community. It was agreed that Jan find out more about this charity, and report back to the Committee.

13. Spring Open Pairs: This is ongoing and Tom said he will try to arrange a sponsor for this event. The Holiday Inn was suggested and Gordon said he knew the management and would approach them. We could offer to display a banner for the Holiday Inn, which would publicise their Hotel.

14. Photographs: Gordon is collecting the monies for these club photos. Jeff will include this item in his next newsletter, i.e. that we now have a cut off date of Wednesday 18th January for orders for photos, at €5 each.

15. Pedras Spring Trophy: Gui said he was in favour of this event and thought this would involve 9 bowlers. Gui agreed to get more information and will put a list up to see who is interested in playing.

16. A.O.B.: Gui has circulated an Email from the suppliers of the valve needed for the pump house. Jeff agreed we should go ahead with this replacement and said we could fund the purchase.

Gui said we need some more club pennants (20), for the next batch of touring teams. Gui will place an order with All Bowls and ask if we are entitled to discount for a bulk order.

After some discussion, it was agreed with regret that D.J. Bristow's membership to VVBC be terminated and a refund of his membership, which expires on 30th April, be given. Gordon to inform DJ and Jeff will arrange to send him a cheque to his home address.

Gordon raised another item, in that he had become aware that club clothing was being ordered direct from the UK through VVBC members. Gordon said that nearly €1000 profit had been handed to the treasurer, for clothing ordered through our suppliers. A problem arises in that our club logo is being replicated for clothing purchased in the UK. It was thought the logo should remain our property. It was suggested that the persons concerned could be asked to make a contribution to club funds if they continue to provide this service. It was also thought that we should not permit any firm other than that used by the club, to use our logo. It was felt all members should be made aware that the club received commission from the profit from all any clothing items ordered through the club

There will be a Bowls Algarve meeting on Thursday 20th January. It was asked if the club representatives could raise the point that when we play away, we would like the rinks to be drawn prior to the match, not pre determined.

18. Date of next Meeting: Friday, 11th February at 10.00 a.m.

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