

NOTES FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT VALVERDE BC
ON FRIDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2011

Present:

Gordon Linford (Chairman)
Gui Gomes (Club Captain)
Tom Sanderson (Vice Captain)
Jeff Perry (Treasurer)
Jan McGlynn (Secretary)

The meeting opened at 11.30 a.m.

Apologies for absence received from Margaret Linford.

1. Minutes of the last meeting: no matters arising, minutes approved.
2. Report on the green and JV: Everything progressing satisfactorily and no problems at the moment. Iosif, the maintenance worker, reported this morning that the area under the pergola overhang, will recover when the weather gets warmer, probably in about 2 weeks time.
3. Meeting with Jorge: During the meeting Jorge mentioned about the increase in electricity charges. We have used no water for 5 months now – therefore no electricity used by the pump. We usually water at 6 a.m. and 10 p.m. It was discussed whether it would be feasible for the club to put in their own meter in the future and the cost benefits from this.
4. Club Competitions, Finals Day: Guy suggested Friday 25th March but was concerned that we might not be able to play off all the finals on the same day. Guy suggested 23rd March and 25th March, the presentations being made on the 25th.
5. Bowls Portugal, St. Georges Day: This was for Saturday, 23rd April. This will be an open competition and Jeff thought John Hewitson might be waiting for us to come up with a proposal. Guy will check with John over this. Food will need to be arranged.
6. Grading of road/spreading gravel: This has now been done, and is satisfactory and much improved. We have however not paid for the road section, Jack Romano to be approached about the cost owing. There is some tar material that can be used when the right vehicle is available to spread it. Gordon said that club members who volunteered to work on the recent “gardening day”, should be commended for giving up their time. The gardens are looking quite attractive now.
7. Notify teams and visitors of alternative parking: Guy and Tom had said they would arrange notices to be placed advising the recommended parking area. They will endeavour to source out suitable signs for this purpose.
8. Members’ meeting and suggestions: Following the members’ meeting regarding BP, Jeff Emailed Bowls Algarve (Connie), to inform her that we had had a meeting with John Hewitson, BP, a meeting with the Management Committee of VVBC and an open meeting with members of the club. The decision was that the majority of the club members agreed that we continue with the membership of both BP and BA. We intend to decide after our first year’s membership, of BP, whether we continue or withdraw. This will obviously be a subject for discussion at the next BA meeting on 17th February. A report will be made back to VVBC Committee.

9. Charity: The information received by Jan so far, on possible charities, was discussed. Jan said she was in favour of “adopting” the girls home in Olhao, run by nuns, Centro do Bem Estar Social de Nossa Senhora de Fatima. Jan had contacted Peta Birch (birch@mail.telepac.pt) who said she had been concerned with this group sometime ago, and thought it was a worthy cause. Gordon thought he and Margaret could visit this home, and that maybe Pat Purkiss might be interested to attend also. They will report back their findings. Mike Almond of the Algarve Resident has offered to cover this event in their newspaper.

10. Spring Open Pairs: The date of 14th March clashes with the date given for the Super Tens. A suggestion was made this be changed to Saturday 26th March – and this was agreed with the restaurant. Jan made a suggestion that we Email past participants of this competition, and invite them to take part, as well as sending a poster to all clubs. This was agreed. Jan and Gui to liaise with Email addresses.

11. Photographs: These have been distributed and paid for.

12. Sponsorship: Tom has had a meeting with Finesco, who also sponsor Bowls Portugal. Tom suggested a sum of €100 plus a case of wine for our Spring Open Pairs Comp. Finesco, although not opposed to sponsorship, would like a letter from our Club to put before their Committee. Jeff Perry agreed to write a letter giving more details: contact Wilson Hamilton, Finesco, Guia. Finesco have a banner which BP currently use at the moment, but could also be used for promotional purposes at our club. They were informed we were aiming for 32 pairs, and that their attendance at the game would be appreciated. We will aim to get a press release on this event.

Gordon and Margaret have contacted the Holiday Inn regarding sponsorship and intend to meet with Vicky Goode at the club to discuss this further.

Kenny Laing of Currency Direct, who gave a presentation to Committee members this morning, could maybe be approached regarding sponsorship. Jeff will enquire regarding this.

13. Pens: Gordon is arranging another order of these. He showed those present the type of pen he thought suitable. Everyone in agreement with this. Gordon said upon ordering 1000 pens each would cost 40 cents. The wording will include our club website address. Gui said he has Emailed Allbowls and put in an order for more pennants – he will chase this order. Jeff suggested we consider buying some score card holders for use at league competitions/visiting teams etc. Gui said he would enquire the cost of these.

14 AOB: a new application for membership has been received and after some discussion, it was agreed that we should leave this application on the notice board for the moment and discuss it at our next meeting.

15. Date of next meeting: Friday 4th March 2011.

16. A report from Terry on the recent meeting of the Fiscal Committee was approved. No actions are necessary at this time.

Gordon thanked everyone for taking time off to attend this meeting.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 11.50 am.

