

NOTES FROM THE VALVERDE BOWLS CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON FRIDAY 4TH MARCH 2011

1. Minutes of the last meeting - no comments.
2. Report on green: nothing adverse to report, the green is bowling well.
3. Modification to pergola: Guy said we need to remove a section of the roof, and replace with Perspex to enable the sun to shine on the damaged areas, which are presently not recovering and are permanently in the shade. It was questioned how much this was likely to cost but Guy said we could wait until October to do this.
4. Irrigation pump service: Guy said Ignacio had drawn his attention to the fact that this pump was becoming very noisy. It was suggested we should take the pump out now and get it overhauled. This cost will be in the region of 150-200€. It was agreed we should do this before the summer season. Guy will disconnect the pump and Ignacio will get it overhauled, but we would need a quotation for this first.
5. BA/BP situation: Jeff said he had had confirmation from Connie this morning about a meeting regarding this item, for 10 am. on 22nd March. This meeting to be held at Valverde, with representatives (3), from all the BA/BP clubs. This is a positive move. Tom, Guy and Jeff to attend this meeting, and Jan will take the minutes. A “neutral” chairman for this meeting (already sourced), will be suggested and Jeff will prepare some paperwork for this.
6. Comp. finals day: 23rd and 25th March. Margaret asked if we needed food arranging for this event. It was decided that bowlers should order what they needed individually.

Connie/BA finals day: Saturday 19th March. Margaret has written to Connie asking her for their food requirements for this day. No reply to date. Margaret needs a reply soon to consult with Flor – Margaret to try to make further contact with Connie.
7. BP St Georges Day: 23rd April: Guy has spoken with John Hewitson and he requested that Valverde runs the tournament and decide on entry fees. The club will retain half and the other half will go to BP funds. We should make a charge of something like 15€ p.p. (12.50€ for our club members). Margaret will ask Flor to arrange a buffet for 8€.
- Vila da Luz, charity/Red Nose Day 18th March. A poster is up on the notice board with a signing in list. Players can also just turn up on the day.
8. Grading of road (payment): Jack has been paid 120€ for this work.
9. Members suggestions: No suggestions received.
10. Charity: Margaret has asked Pat Purkiss if she and Nick would take on this task. Pat said that Nick could get through to people in Portuguese and that she would also speak to Chris Wright who runs the charity at Tavira. A report will be made back to the Committee.
11. Spring Open Pairs: At the moment only about 18/19 entrants have been received. Guy said he would have preferred at least 24. Holiday Inn have agreed to sponsor this event, and will put up a Banner. They will give 100€ and maybe a case of wine. Guy has ordered the trophies at a cost of 40€. Jeff handed Guy 40€ for these. The trophies will have an inscription to the effect the sponsor

is the Holiday Inn, Algarve. Some discussion took place on the prize monies for this event and whether it was possible to pre-advertise these prior to the game. However not knowing in advance how many participants there would be, it was not thought this was possible.

Jan mentioned a problem that had arisen last year – in that bowlers using the bottom car park, arrived and started playing without registering or paying their dues. It was agreed there would be 2 gatekeepers this year. Jeff will print tickets, as per last year, to include the buffet.

12. Sponsorship: Gordon and Margaret (as stated above), have been in touch with the Holiday Inn who have said that unfortunately they might not be able to provide any representation at our event. Tom reported negotiations with his potential sponsor were progressing. Jeff said Kenny Laing of Currency Direct will sponsor St. Georges Day.

13. Pens: These are now ready for collection. Jeff gave Gordon the money to pay the supplier and asked Gordon to supply a receipt.

14. AOB: Jan asked about progress with ordering more Banners – these are on their way. Regarding score card holders: Gui said he thought Anglia Bowls supply them for £5. It was thought that we would need 10. Margaret and Peter Wilson are leaving for the UK soon and live near Anglia Bowls. It was thought they could be asked to investigate the cost. The Wilsons are on Email. (After the meeting Margaret was approached and she said we should go onto the Anglia Bowls site and decide what we need, and contact them by Email and she and Peter will bring the holders back with them. On accessing Anglia Bowls website later, it was found they charge £3 each for the score card holders plus an extra £1.10 for a logo).

Return game with Vila da Luz – Tuesday 29th March was suggested for this. Guy to write to their Club Captain and suggest an 11 a.m. start. Format: triples.

Petchey Travel (Irene Herod) – 30th March. As requested by the tour leader – Guy will arrange the requested format for this game of 2 bowls triples, and write back to Irene Herod. Margaret will contact her re food.

It had been suggested at the last BA meeting, and taking into account potential Toll charges, that each club should have their own fund raising days to establish a “central pot”, for each club to draw on for travelling expenses, i.e. league games. (i.e. this “pot” to be kept by Bowls Algarve). Some discussion followed on this subject and it was agreed that this Committee are not in favour of having fund raising events. Everyone should take responsibility for their own expenses/car share etc. This view to be conveyed to BA at the next meeting.

Guy mentioned the proposed Pedras Summer Trophy. This to be a team of either 2 triples or 3 triples. Guy thinks we can enter a team of 3 triples. This competition to be every 2nd week, but commencement date not known. Jeff thought we should put up a list to ascertain whether members wanted to play in the Pedras Summer Trophy or the BA Summer League. Jeff to put it on the web page and a signing list to be put on the club notice board.

Tom said that Julie will need some help on the Interclub Finals day on 19th March. Margaret and Gordon not here. Extra help will be sorted out.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 12.20 p.m.

Date of next meeting: 8th April at 10.00 a.m.