

NOTES FROM THE VALVERDE BOWLS CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON FRIDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2011

The meeting opened at 10.05 a.m.

Gordon Linford, Chairman, welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

1. Minutes of the last meeting: No matters arising, approved.
2. Report on Green: Gui has changed the watering times. He has been able to check the new electric meter, and since Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June, we have used 12 kw. Gui reports we can get the water meter installed for about 350€ rather than the original quote of 750€. Gui and Jack will arrange for this installation. Regarding the water on the road, Gui says he has Emailed a company in Spain who sell polystyrene tanks (cisternas). He needs to cost out a 35.000 litre tank which will be 3m. high. It was thought this size of tank would give us good water storage. Prices awaited from Gui.
3. Meeting with Jorge: There has been no meeting since April when the monies due, were paid.
4. Water and electricity meters: The electric meter and socket, is now installed and the electrician has been paid 225.75€ for this job by the treasurer, Jeff..
5. Members Suggestions: no suggestions to hand
6. Members' meeting: The last meeting was very satisfactory and some interesting points were raised, which were taken on board. It was agreed we should schedule another meeting in September. A date of Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> September was agreed for the next members' meeting, after the roll up.
7. Membership applications: 3 have been received - Graham Scott (PAYP, new bowler), Marilyn and Selwyn Schewitz (already bowling at our club). All these members approved, and they will be informed and receive the usual letter.
8. BP/BA: Jeff has asked Alan Reynolds to come and talkl to our club members about this ongoing situation, but so far has had no response. Jeff thought (1) We could stay with BA and drop out of BP. (2) We can drop out of BA and stay with BP. Both of these options lose club revenue. (3) We can do as Connie suggested and stay with BP and create another club which remains with BA. (4) We can stay with BA and create another club with stays with BP. It was hoped we would not lose revenue with these last two options. The views of VV club members have been sought on this. The general opinion was that we should stay in BP and still play in BA leagues etc. but lose the right of representation on the BA committee. This option would be acceptable. Jeff queried whether the BA Constitution would allow this. Jeff agreed to contact Connie to find out if we can become an associate member.

Gordon asked the views of those present: Guy thought we should stay in BP and play league/competitions with BA and lose representation on the BA committee. Tom: agreed with Guy and said he thinks BP is the way forward, but he believes we have to stay in BA to keep some of our bowlers happy. We will lose representation on the Committee. Jan of the same mind as Tom and agreed we have to consider the needs of all our members. The fact we lose representation on the BA committee is not an important factor. Jeff: said we need to find a way to play with both organisations and does not think that losing the right to appear at the BA Management Committee meetings is a problem. He believed that the ultimate decision on this, needs to be put to the membership of our club.

If we want to go the ALBA route, we need to amend the present Constitution to allow our club to have another club operating from its premises. The new entity would need its own Committee.

Gordon: said he felt talking to various members had been beneficial, and it would appear that there are far more members in favour of BP than BA.

The general feeling was that we should clarify details with Connie as to whether we can stay with BP and play BA games, and forfeit representation on the BA committee.

Gordon said that anyone who was found to be undermining the club. would be approached about this and asked to explain themselves. It was felt that anyone in this situation should be asked to put their case forward. Some discussion followed on the loyalty of our club members.

9. Keys for back gate: These have been distributed. Jeff has a padlock for the Tardis and he will give a copy to the cleaning company, and the other can be kept in the store room.

10. VBC Constitution: This has been prepared and approved. Jeff queried that there did not seem to be any provision regarding the renewal of membership of undesirable members. It was discussed and suggested that memberships that are up for renewal, be discussed at the committee meeting prior to this date. Jeff will put the new marked up Constitution on the website, so that everyone has a chance to view it before the AGM.

11. Sponsorship: It would appear that Premier FX are sponsoring Pedras BC, they are present at competitions and lay on a buffet at their Almancil premises for members at the end of the season. Jeff believed there is an opportunity out there, to seek this type of sponsorship for our club. Gordon said we propose going to the Holiday Inn again this winter. Gordon reminded those present that he had 12 bottles of wine and a quantity of pens, when these are required. Tom said he will ask Finesco if they are still interested in sponsoring our club.

12. Club Flyers: These have been printed out and Jeff gave some to club members for distribution, particularly at Vale do Lobo and Four Seasons Fairways.

13. AOB: The Fiscal Committee have raised the issue to spreading the load of club duties. David Russell has started to put together a list of jobs that bowlers might be willing to take on. Jeff has agreed to circulate details of this. Regarding green fee collections on Tuesdays and Thursdays, David will organise the expansion of the collection team to provide cover on these days. A sign will be erected, giving club opening days/times.

Jeff told those present he will be away from 23<sup>rd</sup> June until 29<sup>th</sup> August. He will however still be in touch by Email. David Russell will take charge of the cheque book and payments to Jorge. Jeff said at the BP/BA meeting held at our Club, one member informed him that they could not play at Vilamoura because they and some others were banned from Vilamoura. Jeff has Emailed Tony Gilbert and John Hewitson and has been given assurance that all of our club members would be granted entry to the club .

Jan asked the position regarding replacements for our Management Committee members who are stepping down this year. Some discussion followed on this, and an approach has been made to members who might be interested in taking a position on the Committee.

Jeff also raised the question of the proposed BP sub committee, for which we need to put forward two members/representatives from VVBC. It was thought one of these should be from the Management Committee. This is assuming we stay with BP.

Regarding the BA winter league, it was thought we will only put one Valverde team in.

Guy said he was a little concerned, as he had called by the club during last Wednesday's evening roll up, and found the bowlers had changed the rinks around, and were playing in a different direction. This was believed to be because of the sun. Guy stressed that he did not want bowlers changing the rinks around to suit themselves. This fact will be put on the website and also a note will be put in the signing in register.

14. Date of next meeting: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 10.00 a.m.

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