

NOTES FROM THE VALVERDE BOWLS CLUB MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON FRIDAY 8TH JULY 2011

The meeting opened at 10.00 a.m.

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

David Russell was thanked for attending the meeting in Jeff's place. Gui Gomes also unable to attend.

1. Minutes of the last meeting: no comments and these were approved.
2. Report on Green: The greenkeeper is working on the brown patches, and now looking better. It is believed the watering has been changed to 10 p.m. at night.
Jan said we need to get Jorge's approval to the cisterna project and thought we should concentrate on this, before we embark on a lawyer's letter/phone call about the contractual obligation of providing toilet facilities. We are managing with the Tardis facilities at the moment but from September onwards this matter needs to be addressed.
3. Meeting with Jorge: David holds the document signed by Jorge, in respect of water/electric readings. David said he has a receipt for monies paid last month
4. Water and electric meters: Guy reports that these are installed and working.
5. BP Sub Committee & BA/BP: It had been agreed that VV representatives on the sub committee of BP will be Keith Henley and Walter Armour. Jan has informed Tony Gilbert of BP and given him contact numbers. Jeff, in an Email to the committee of 2nd July, said we need to have a good communication channel between these two representatives and the club management committee. We need them to report back on what happens and be able to instruct them to raise club issues, or to vote in specific ways on upcoming proposals.
6. Jan attended the BA meeting on 7th July, but Jeff and Guy unable to be present. Jeff had sent an Email to Connie, which was also copied to all other clubs and our VV committee. Connie addressed his points individually. The principle topic for discussion was Association Membership of BA. Jan read out an extract from her notes in response to Jeff's points:

a) Will it be the case that an Associate Member club can enter teams into BA leagues and other competitions (eg Cameron Cup, SuperTens), and can play (some of) these matches on their home green?

Answer: Yes

b) Will it be the case that members of an Associate Member club who are individual members of Bowls Portugal can be selected as part of a club team for a Bowls Algarve competition (provided that they are registered with BA by the club, of course) ?

Answer: Individual BP members cannot play for both organisations.

c) Will any BA-registered member of an Associate Member club be allowed to enter BA Championships, and be able to play championship matches on their home green (depending on the draw, of course)?

Answer: Yes

d) Would a club moving from Full Membership to Associate Membership have any additional costs (eg a new registration fee)?

Answer: No change

e) Is the only difference between Full Membership and Associate Membership that the latter has no representation on the BA Management Committee?

Answer: Yes

All these points need to be ratified at the next BA AGM (September).

Jan said she had indicated at the meeting, that Guy had said VVBC would be entering one team in the winter league.

7. Members' suggestions: The subject of AGM nominations was raised and discussed. An internet voting system was discussed, to enable absent club members to vote. David pointed out that there was no way of ascertaining whether individuals have actually received the Email voting form. It was realised too, that to do this, we need a firm list of willing candidates for posts. In the meantime David offered to do a feasibility study on this, and report back to the Committee. Candidates were discussed for the various posts and Gordon reported that Henry would be standing down this year. As per our Constitution/Rules, only founder or 12 month members of the club, have the right to take a position on the Table of the General Assembly, the Management Committee or the Fiscal Committee. Only full members and Founder members are entitled to vote.

Tom said it had been suggested that for the club championships next year an Aussie Pairs competition be played instead of the Club 4's. This to be discussed at a later date.

8. Membership Applications: no applications have been received. David said he has put some more forms into the yellow book.

9. Charity Match suggestions: Guy suggested these be arranged anytime between October and March when the majority of our bowlers are here. We need a sponsor for this.

10. Visiting teams (catering): As the restaurant is closed at the moment, Margaret has organised an "honesty box" and cool box for the meeting with Alan Reynolds today. She said she will discuss the catering for the visiting touring teams with Jorge and Flor when the opportunity arises. The toilet facilities are also an important factor for our visitors.

A suggestion was raised that the ladies of the club provide light refreshments, on the lines of those provided at the old Vale do Lobo club, should an emergency arise regarding food. After some discussion it was felt that the restaurant might become aware of this and we may encounter health and safety/hygiene problems.

11. A.O.B.: Wednesday evening "open uppers". The attendance for this roll up has been poor, 3 bowlers only turning up for one of the sessions. David suggested that we consider making Marilyn Schewitz, who is an evening bowler, one of the "open uppers" and give her some keys. We can then continue to provide this service. David volunteered to explain the pros and cons to her. David wondered if we should advertise more widely. The subject of free introductory sessions for new bowlers was discussed, and Tuesdays and Thursdays were suggested with 2 hours free bowling (we need the green manned anyway). It was also thought we might consider an Open Day to attract new bowlers and advertise in the press. It was queried whether we could just appoint one specific person as a coach to do this. David said he would like to put up a bigger notice board on the driveway, to which Jorge has

agreed. It was pointed out that as we are now using the rear entrance way, we should put this suggestion on hold at the moment.

Vila da Luz home and away - Jan said she had received an Email from Vila da Luz inviting us to a Home and Away game. It was thought September a suitable month. Guy to be asked to arrange this.

Weeds between the slabs: Gordon offered to deal with this spraying. We do have a spray but Gordon will supply the weedkiller at 14€ for a litre. Tom said he will trim the bank as this is getting very long.

David said he had heard through a friend that the Savannah's complex were starting up again. They have approached our club in the past regarding using our green. He will send Jan the contact address, so that she can invite them to visit and assess our facilities.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 12.15 p.m.

Date of next meeting 5th August at 10.00 a.m.