

**SUMMARY NOTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE VALVERDE BOWLS CLUB, HELD AT THE RESTAURANT DON CAMILLO ON FRIDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2011**

Present:

Gordon Linford (Chairman)  
Jeff Perry (Treasurer)  
David Russell, (Vice Treasurer)  
Tom Sanderson (Club Vice Captain)  
Jan McGlynn (Secretary)

The meeting opened at 10.00 a.m.

Gordon opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. Apologies for absence received from Guy Gomes, Club Captain.

1. Minutes of last meeting: nothing arising

2. Report on Green: Guy reported that there might be a problem with the (second hand) clock controlling the irrigation. This will be watched and a new clock installed if necessary. There are a few patches on the green, but these are starting to recover, and the greenkeeper is confident about this. The new centre sprinkler head was installed yesterday. The new sprinklers are much more efficient and covering a larger area of the green, but using much less water.

David asked whether we intended to put the mats down when the visitors arrive. It was agreed at the moment this was not necessary but the captain and vice captain would make this decision.

3. Report from Architect: No progress.

4. Report from Lawyer: Jan said she had sent an Email to the lawyer, informing him that we had made good progress in meeting up with Jorge and ironing out problems. He had told Jan he would be available in the future should we need his advice.

5. Meeting with Jorge: David R and Jan are holding regular meetings with Jorge & Flor, and Jan will ensure that notes from each meeting are circulated to the other committee members. Carol Barnes, Margaret Wilson and Sue Hunt have agreed to take over liaison with the restaurant regarding catering for tour parties, now that Margaret Linford and Julie Sanderson have officially resigned from the catering committee.

6. Water Wastage: Guys reported there is now little water wastage. The present cisterna is not overflowing. There is some water on the road, but this seems to be from Jorge's automatic watering of his trees on the roadside. It is Guy's opinion, that when we can afford it, we should install a soakaway before the rains start. A quote of 300€ had been received from Jack Romano. It was agreed that this decision should be made by the new Committee, but that Jorge be informed of any works that we decide on.

7. BA/BP results: 36 votes (out of a possible 42) were cast. Of these 13 (36%) were for Option 1 (that VBC should have BP membership only) and 23 (64% ) were for Option 3 (that VBC should have BP membership and BA Associate membership. No votes were recorded for Option 2 (BA membership only).

The way forward is therefore now decided, and the result will be announced at the members' meeting to follow this meeting. Jeff will announce in his next newsletter that we now go ahead with Option 3, and will now contact Bowls Algarve to take out Associate Membership for the club. This decision gives those VBC members who wish to remain with BA, a chance to enter other BA competitions, i.e.Cameron Cup, BA Championships. Guy has asked Jeff to try and ascertain how many bowlers will want to play in BA competitions, so that we know if we can enter a team into the BA Winter League. Jeff pointed out that for each member registered with BA, a fee of 2.5€ is payable to BA. Tom thought it was unfair to the BP members that the club should pay this sum. After some discussion it was agreed 2.5€ should be charged to the appropriate bowlers. 8. BP Sub committee report: the next BP meeting is on 5<sup>th</sup> October.

8. Winter Leagues: BP have organised BP Premier and BP Premier 10s League. VBC will enter one team in each. The BA League is to be decided, but if we cannot raise a team, then Connie should be notified. Some discussion followed on the way bowlers are selected for these events, It was generally thought that we should put in our best team for these events.

9. Sponsorship: No advances have been made on this subject. Finesco, a possible sponsor, have yet to visit the club. This is a subject that will be addressed by the new committee. Guy has said we need a sponsor for the anniversary pairs in October. Guy has pencilled in 23<sup>rd</sup> October for this event. It was pointed out that although David Hills will still provide our score cards,

he is not willing to sponsor an event this year. Gordon said he has 12 bottles of wine left over from the last competition, and some presentation gifts.

Jeff asked Gordon if he would continue to deal with this side of the business. Gordon said he would not manage the shirt sales, but he would continue to do the pens and key rings. The shirts have made us almost 1.000€ since we started selling them. We have 6 polo shirts and 6 sweat shirts in hand, plus badges and 4 caps – all of these have been paid for. Gordon said if the new committee could appoint someone to take on the shirts etc., then he would introduce them to the firm concerned. They are on the outskirts of Olhao. After ordering, the shirts are available within a week.

10. AGM Nominations: David Russell is handling these nominations, and Henry has two himself. Jeff asked if he could leave a proxy vote as he will be away – this was discussed and agreed. It was agreed that a summary of nominations be put on the notice board. The subject of nominations from the floor at the AGM was discussed at length, and after a show of hands it was decided that these be allowed. It was thought that regarding the proxy votes, the persons concerned should give their proxy to whoever they trust. It can be an open proxy or a closed proxy (with a specific item). It was agreed that as the members enter the meeting, if they have a proxy vote then they be given a card stating how many votes they are entitled to. Jeff agreed to do some cards for this purpose. Jeff also agreed to produce a signing in sheet, and forward to David – as this was essential for this AGM, and will be put eventually in the Acta book. Jeff said he will prepare a financial report on the year just finished and a budget for the new year, to be presented at the AGM by David, in Jeff's absence.

11. Visiting teams and BP catering: Covered as above.

12. Membership applications: no membership applications. Most membership subscriptions will become due on 7<sup>th</sup> October.

13. Vila da Luz, Home and Away game: Guy has taken no action on this. Some of our players have entered the BP game at Vila da Luz on 24<sup>th</sup> September.

14. Members suggestions: No suggestions received.

15. AOB: David Russell said Marilyn, one of our PAYP members has asked if she could have a list of members' email address and phone numbers. When she returns to South Africa she would like to keep in touch with everyone. Jeff said this was not private information – there was indeed a list in our changing room, and Email addresses could be seen on the club Emails sent out. David will explain this to Marilyn, but will tell her we cannot supply telephone numbers.

Jan said this member, Marilyn, who has keys to the green as she also plays on a Wednesday evening, asked if she had to pay the full €6 for her, and her husband, if they only played for half an hour. This was discussed by the committee, and it was felt that she should pay the full amount – as we have had this issue arise in the past with other bowlers. It should be explained to Marilyn that if she pays the €6 she can bowl for however long she wants. Also, if she takes out a 6 month membership there would be no green fees applicable.

Gordon raised with Jeff the present method of sending out newsletters etc. and the mailing list involved. Gordon said some people were receiving information, who were not members of our club. Jeff explained that he wanted to keep the profile of the club in the public domain, but he said he did keep a “members only” mailing list also. It was agreed that there has been a problem with the management minutes being put on the website. Jeff asked if the Committee would like to approve the next newsletter before he sends it out. This was agreed. Jeff said he would send it to the Committee 24 hours before he intends to send it out and if there are no comments received, then he would assume it was approved.

Guy had sent some requests to Gordon, to be read at the meeting: on 23<sup>rd</sup> October he would like Jorge & Flor to quote for a buffet for our Anniversary Pairs competition, at a cost of €8. This would be for around 40 players. We will endeavour to get this information and report back to Guy. Guy has also said he would like to run a club triples this winter.

The proposed Christmas Break at the Holiday Inn, will need to be followed through by someone – there are names already submitted for this.

Jan told those present we already had 7 groups confirmed for 2012 – with maybe more to follow.

16. Date of next meeting: to be advised.

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