

NOTES FROM THE MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE VALVERDE BOWLS CLUB, HELD AT THE RESTAURANT DON CAMILLO ON FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER 2011

Present:

David Russell (Chairman)
Jeff Perry (Treasurer)
John Freeman, (Club Captain)
Tom Sanderson (Club Vice Captain)
Gui Gomes (Facilities Manager)

Apologies from Jan McGlynn (Secretary), Sue Hunt (Social Secretary). Jeff agreed to take notes of the meeting.

The meeting opened at 10.10 a.m. David welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

1. Minutes of the last meeting – matters arising: Minutes agreed - any matters arising to be dealt with under other agenda items.

2. Monthly reports for November:

2.1 Club Captain's Report: John reported on the progress of the club teams as we reach the mid-season break. Valverde lead the BP Premier League, lie second in the Pedras Winter Trophy, and third in the BP SuperTens. We have heard from BP that the club will be permitted to enter two teams in next season's leagues, which is good news. The BP Australian Pairs competition starts up in January, with three of the eight teams based at Valverde. The club championships are now well under way. John stressed that he has asked, via notices on the club board, that no more than two rinks are booked for these matches on club roll-up mornings, in order to cause minimal disruption to the roll-ups. John has organised a special event for our last roll-up of the year (Monday 19th), and (with Lorraine's help) will provide some refreshments, as the restaurant will be closed. John expressed his thanks to Gerry Jones for the help and coaching he has recently provided both for those club members who represented Portugal in the recent international matches, and to several beginners who have appeared at the club recently.

2.2 Treasurer: Jeff reported that the raffle at the Club Christmas event raised €140. This triggered some debate on disposition of such funds, resulting in:

- Agreement that the Social Committee should manage some funds (to help subsidise club social events), and that the Christmas raffle proceeds should be divided between this Social fund and the club charity; disposition of raffle income from future events to be decided on a case by case basis;
- Confirmation of the previous agreement that income from spiders should be divided 50/50 between club funds and the club charity;
- Agreement that income from the sale of any items of clothing that carry a club badge should go to club funds, but income from sale of other clothing items should go to the club charity.

Jeff questioned whether PAYP members should be paying the normal 6€ green fee for home matches in the Bowls Portugal championships (as well as the €2 charge levied by BP), and it was unanimously agreed that they should. Jeff will so instruct the OpenUppers team. Jeff reported that the process for payment for the Portaloo cleaning service is still rather ad hoc; Tom agreed to call in at the Vendap office monthly and settle any outstanding bill and be reimbursed from club funds. We have had no further correspondence from the JardimVista solicitors following Jeff's letter denying any outstanding liability.

Jeff reported that club membership has risen to 52, with two new members and three renewals occurring in November. There are no new membership applications to hand, but two or three potential new members have been at the club recently.

2.3 Secretary's report: Jan was unable to be present, but had submitted a brief written report. One further tour party has booked a visit to Valverde in September 2012, bringing the total bookings to date to 13 tours in the spring and 7 in the autumn. Jan has organised a regular mention of the club in the events section of the Portugal News, and has had an article published in the Central Algarve magazine.

2.4 Social secretary: No report received.

2.5 Facilities Manager: Gui reported that the green keeper will start work on the green on Tuesday 20th December. Work will include removing and replacing some patches of alien grass that were introduced into the green by JardimVista, scarifying and spiking. The greenkeeper has now acquired a roller. David now has a quote for work to enclose the reception area of the pergola, and to construct a shelter for the gardening equipment near the portaloo. As part of this project, the carpenter will be asked to remove the leading metre from the pergola roof, so that the adjacent edge of the green gets more sunlight.

3. Sub Committee Activity:

3.1 Bowls Portugal SC: Already covered in Captain's report.

3.2 Constitution working party: David reported that we now think we can contain all the necessary changes within the Club Rules, and do not need to revise the Constitution. That will avoid fees which could amount to several hundred euros. A new version of the Club Rules will be produced in January for review firstly by the Management Committee, and subsequently by the full membership. Ratification of the revisions can probably wait until next year's AGM.

3.3 Fiscal Committee: Next meeting is scheduled for mid January 2012.

3.4 Don Camillo Committee: David to meet with Jorge & Flor immediately after this committee meeting

4. Members' suggestions: No suggestions received.

5. A.O.B.:

Members meeting

An open members meeting has been announced for 2pm on Wednesday 18th Jan. Jeff reported that John Hewitson has volunteered to attend to address some concerns that have been voiced about Bowls Portugal. This offer was welcomed by the committee.

Sponsors

Jeff reported contacts from WorldWide Brokers – a possible sponsor – to be followed up in the new year. David asked those present to email him with their thoughts about what we could ask of sponsors. .

Supplies

Tom has replenished the stock of club bowls stickers, and has inventoried the stocks of pens (adequate), keyrings (low), and pennants (down to 4). Further supplies of pennants and keyrings are being pursued. .

Tuition

Concerns were expressed about the lack of knowledge of some of our members about both bowling techniques and bowling etiquette. One short-term action is to take more care about the mix of players in roll-up sessions, so that inexperienced players always have some guidance available.

6. Date of next meeting Friday 27th January, 2012, at 10.00 a.m.

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