

Present:

David Russell (Chairman)

Jeff Perry (Treasurer)

Jan McGlynn (Secretary)

Sue Hunt (Social Secretary)

David welcomed those present and thanked them for attending.

1. Minutes of last meeting: no comments on these.
2. Captain's report: No report from Club Captain (now resigned). John has passed over a detailed agenda of club matters which will require the urgent, immediate and short term attention of the person who takes on the role of Club Captain. The Chairman asked that a vote of thanks be recorded in respect of the excellent work John has done for the club in the past, and he will be missed.

Treasurer's report: Jeff apologised for not having done the normal report. In terms of the financial situation he said there was not a lot to report. We have had a good month in terms of roll ups/fees. Jeff said he has paid out the club subscription to BP for this year. Insurance: when Jeff renews the club insurance, he will enquire about extending the cover to include the mower and other equipment.

Secretary's report: Jan said she had had one alteration to one of the touring teams, which she has reported to the Captain, she has adjusted the signing in sheet. Publicity continues, with adverts in both the English newspapers.

Social Secretary: Sue reports that she has been in touch with the reps. with regard to catering for the touring teams. She says her team will help with serving the food. BP finals day is being finalised.

Facilities Manager: Jan read out Guy's correspondence and formal resignation. It was queried how roundup got on to the green. It was thought someone who was spraying weeds on the path, might have carried it onto the green. Jeff will put a note into the newsletter in case anyone carries out spraying again on the weeds in the paths. Guy has donated 100 club badges, which he bought himself. These to be used for presenting to the winning teams.

3. Sub committee reports, Bowls Portugal minutes: It was noted that BP are to take action to help promote the game of bowls among younger people at schools and sports clubs. This is to be welcomed.
4. Resignations: Tom Sanderson has written a letter resigning from his post as Vice-Captain, with immediate effect, and has handed over a number of items of club property that he was holding (pens, keyrings, rule books, etc.). Tom's resignation was accepted by the committee and David will write a letter of acceptance. The resignations of John Freeman and Guy Gomes were reluctantly accepted. David will reply. Both John and Guy have provided advice on matters needing attention by their replacements.
5. Reaction to member views of 24.2.12: Jeff said we as a management committee now have to decide the way forward. Under the existing Club Constitution and Rules, a General Meeting is required to elect new Club Officers, and as this requires at least three weeks notice, it is not the solution to the needs of the next – very busy – month. As an interim arrangement, Keith Henley will be asked to become Acting Captain, heading a small committee to select club teams for Tour party games and other fixtures. Jeff

will take over administration of the Club Ladder. David will instruct the 'Open-uppers' on laying out rinks for each day.

6. Arrangements for tour parties: as discussed above.

7. Competition fixtures: BP champions, finals day 22nd March: Markers needed for the two singles games, one male and one female, appropriately dressed. 5 rinks need to be set out. The committee should be well represented at this event. Club Finals day 31st March: 2 markers needed for this. Trophies need to be sorted out which will later need engraving. Keith to be asked to do this. St. Georges Day 23rd April: Acting Club captain to be asked to arrange format and liaise with Tony Gilbert once we have agreed on a format. Other Competitions: Presidents Shield: date for this to be decided in the autumn. Spring Open pairs: it was suggested this be maybe 1st May, format needs to be agreed, maybe as before. Circulation and poster to be arranged. Trophy already in hand. Anniversary Pairs: autumn – to be arranged. Pedras Spring Trophy: an invitation had been received from Pedras to attend a meeting to discuss this competition. It was suggested Keith deals with this, and reports back.

BP Questionnaire: Jeff said he has had 13 replies and will formulate a club response to BP on these results. Jeff's next newsletter will inform our members of the club response.

Trophies, pennants and mementos: Trophies discussed above and new pennants now in the storeroom. We have badges to give to the winning team and pens to give to the opposition. A few key rings are available. Jan asked if the spider was to continue, agreed this to be arranged for the tour teams. We have 8 bottles of wine in the store. Someone needs to undertake the spider competition and collect monies. More prizes will need to be purchased.

8. New bowlers, coaching etc.: David said he would like to set up 7 rinks every day, with one allocated to new players/coaching sessions. Jeff read out a letter he had received from Trevor and Chris Coleman who are EBCS level 2 coaches, and are visiting the Algarve for 5 weeks in March/April and had previously played at our club. They said they would be willing to play in any tournaments, but also would be prepared to hold a "clinic" session one morning/afternoon or a 4/6 rink "skills" session. Jeff has already replied to this couple, but he said he thought he should ask the opinion of our members in the next newsletter and then he will reply on their coaching offer.

9. Sponsorship: Jan reports she has been successful in obtaining sponsorship from IbeX Insurance Company. They have offered to either sponsor 15-20 shirts with their logo on, or alternatively 150€ and a case of wine. This was discussed and it was thought maybe IbeX could sponsor our proposed spring open pairs (1st May). Jan said she had told this company they could be present at the green and bring any promotional material they wished, and they would also present the prizes. Jan said when she went up to their office, she would discuss provision of a banner, and maybe some bookmarks (taking a sample we have received from another bowling club).

Premier FX: no response.

Worldwide Brokers: Our members have not responded regarding an invitation to attend a seminar.

Finesco: David will approach this company

David Hills still provides the score cards.

10. New Membership applications: Applications for PAYP membership received from Sue and Ron Ives. Application approved and Jeff will write welcome letter and enclose stickers etc. Eric Brown, 65€ already received, application approved. Jeff to send letter also.

11. Constitution and rules: defer to next meeting.

12. Action List to be updated.

13. AOB: Insurance inventory – this is in hand. Lawyer: Jeff to send our lawyer a cheque for 422.33€.

14. Date of next meeting: Friday 23rd March 2012, 2.00 p.m.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 5.15 p.m.