

SUMMARY NOTES FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT VALVERDE BC ON FRIDAY 23RD MARCH 2012

Present:

David Russell (Chairman)

Jeff Perry (Treasurer)

Jan McGlynn (Secretary)

Sue Hunt (Social Secretary)

Keith Henley (Acting Captain)

The meeting opened at 2.30 p.m.

David welcomed those present and informed them there were only 3 voting members present, as neither Acting Captain nor Social secretary have a vote under the present Club Constitution

1. Monthly reports for March:

1.1 Keith Henley, Acting Club Captain, read out his report (original attached to these minutes), which included:

- thanks to John Freeman for all the hard work he put in during his time a Club Captain;
- thanks to Peter Wilson and Peter Hollis for their ongoing help on team selection;
- a note that all the feedback from the touring sides so far this spring has been very positive;
- congratulations to Lorraine Freeman for carrying off the Bowls Portugal Ladies Singles championship.

The rest of the committee endorsed the latter point, and added congratulations to Keith for winning the Mens Singles title.

1.2 Jeff Perry, Treasurer: presented his report (original attached to these minutes), which included:

- a note that income from touring teams this year is well up on the same period last year, as is income from green fees. Income from visiting Algarve clubs is down, however. Overall, club assets are about the same as a year ago;
- A report that the club insurance renewal has been paid;
- a note that we are currently holding nearly 400 euros in our charity fund, and this will grow further as we donate half of the income from spiders to this fund;
- a note that current membership stands at 55, although 5 (6-month and 3-month) memberships are due to expire in April.

At this point Keith asked for clarification on our PAYP players and when they needed to pay, as he felt there was some confusion on this point. Jeff stated that PAYP members are liable for green fees for home games, and said he would send out a reminder about collecting green fees.

Regarding the post of Deputy Treasurer, Maria Romano is believed to be prepared to do this and Jeff will discuss this with her.

1.3 Jan McGlynn gave her Secretary's Report (original attached to these minutes). She mentioned a couple of incidents, which in her opinion should be taken on board. The first was an incident involving Dead Ends, when a VBC skip told the visiting Skip that VBC did not replay dead ends. This incident resulted in 3 extra ends having to be replayed at the end of the game. She felt all chosen Skips should have a fundamental knowledge of the rules of the game so that VBC are not embarrassed in the future. Another occurrence concerned carelessly placed rink equipment, when a visitor tripped and cut her leg badly. This could have resulted in a claim against us.

1.4 Sue Hunt, Social Secretary: Sue said catering for the Club Finals day on 31st March was in hand and it was hoped we could have a change from the usual chicken, maybe pork. She is liaising with reps. for the April groups' catering needs.

2. Competition fixture status: The Bowls Portugal Champions Finals day went very smoothly with Lorraine Freeman winning the ladies' singles, and Keith Henley the men's singles. Gui Gomes was a runner up in two events. St. Georges Day (BP): It was agreed Peter Hollis' name be inserted at the bottom of the poster. Keith said 15 individuals have replied so far. Tony Gilbert said we could accommodate up to 45 players. Jeff agreed to put out an Email to everyone and ask for names to be registered. Cut off to be 12th April. David will put a signing in sheet on the notice board. The cost of the game and meal to be 15€, full Valverde members to pay 13€. A raffle will be arranged. Club members to be asked for contributions. As last year, any profit will be split 50/50 with BP. This not to include the raffle. Other club competitions: Spring Open pairs: a date of 25th May was suggested, but after some discussion it was agreed that this event be cancelled for this year. Last year it was played in March. Jan thought at the start of the year, we should all sit down and plan our future programme with regards to competitions. Pedras Spring Trophy and proposed meeting: Keith to discuss with Peter Harris and it was agreed we are in favour of this competition. The club response to the Bowls Portugal questionnaire has been submitted by Jeff and will be discussed at the next BP sub committee

3. Coaching by the Colemans, April 2nd: David has produced a specimen score card, which he showed to those present. Jeff reports there has been a lot of interest and he fears we will be over subscribed. Jeff said he thought it might be too intense for new bowlers to undertake. We should pick the 24 players who are going to get the most benefit from this course. It was agreed the cost to be 2€ for each session. Necessary equipment to be arranged on the Friday before. It was agreed the Colemans be offered lunch and we present them with a bottle of port. Jeff agreed to write to the Colemans.

4. Sponsorship: David said he has received confirmation from Premier FX that they will sponsor a competition. David will meet with this company at the club on 28th. Holiday Inn: it was pointed out that we are displaying their banner and maybe sponsorship should be followed up. Ibex: Jan has secured sponsorship from this company and suggested we use them for one of the autumn competitions. Keith suggested that the Don Camillo be asked to sponsor some shirts showing their logo for the use of our league teams, with maybe the bowlers paying half of the cost.

5. New membership applications: Raymond Yorke, PAYP – application approved. Brian Pullin, PAYP – application approved. Cilla Lambert, PAYP – application approved. Jeff will send the usual welcome letter and membership cards when fees are paid.

6. Constitution and Rules: It was agreed that the proposed amendments be revisited. David and Jeff agreed to do this. These new amendments to be circulated to the membership for their input before the AGM.

7. Action list check: this subject to be discussed at the next meeting.

8. A.O.B.:

David said he had acquired the trophies for the club finals day at a cost of 147€. For runners-up, medals will be considered for future competitions, as they can be bought from David's supplier.

Keith of the opinion we should have an Open Day to invite interested persons to experience bowls.

Don Camillo minutes: David said he has a folder for DC minutes and said he wondered whether it was necessary to continue to hold meetings. Jeff thinks it important that we have a written record of any agreements made and that Jorge is copied with this.

Green upkeep: David reported that Jorge intends to dig a soakaway at his own cost, to deal with the excess water problem.

Temporary screening of the pergola corner: It was thought the Architect should be asked to visit the green and be informed of what the club want to do. David agreed to meet with the Architect.

David reported that Jack Romano would like to give a presentation on alternative plans for green maintenance. After some discussion it was agreed that Jack should do his presentation.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 5.00 p.m.

Date of next meeting Wednesday, 25th April at 2.00 p.m.