

NOTES FROM THE VALVERDE BC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 25TH APRIL 2012

Present

David Russell (Chairman)

Jeff Perry (Treasurer)

Jen Preece (Acting Secretary)

Peter Hollis (Acting Vice Captain)

Sue Hunt (Social Secretary)

The meeting opened at 2.30 p.m.

1. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

David welcomed Peter and Jen to the meeting. They were formally appointed as members of the committee.

2. The resignation of Jan McGlynn as secretary to the committee was accepted with regret. David has sent a letter to Jan thanking her for all her hard work.

The committee thanked Peter for taking over the organization of the Touring Teams.

The resignation of Wattie Armour was noted. A replacement representative will be required for the Bowls Portugal Committee.

Alan Preece has agreed to become our Press Officer. He has commitments this summer but will be available from mid September.

3. Monthly reports for April were presented.

Peter Hollis, Vice Captain, reported that the St. Georges Day competition had been a great success. The competition would move to a different venue next year as Valverde had held it for two years.

The final visiting team are due on Friday April 27th. On the whole team visits have been very successful, and there has been positive feedback. There was one incident when team numbers were reduced from 32 to 22 at less than 24hrs notice. This necessitated cancelling club members who had agreed to play. Whether or not a complaint should be made was discussed. Jeff is to talk to Jan with regard to this.

Greens maintenance changes seem to have been fairly seamless. Peter felt that the greens may need scarifying as they are a little heavy.

David is to ask Jack Romano to make a presentation to the committee about changing the green maintenance arrangements at their next meeting and will himself discuss this with Jack between now and then and Terry Kerr to be asked to attend

Jeff Perry, Treasurer, reported that the St. Georges Day competition had raised 187euros for the club and 97.50euros for Bowls Portugal.

The financial position of the club remains about the same as last year. Membership is slightly up on last year but is likely to fall as a number of resignations take effect.

Jeff reported that signatories for cheques was now a problem and would have to be resolved.

Sue Hunt, Social Secretary, wished to thank Carol Barnes for standing in for her whilst Sue was in the UK, and, especially for organising the St. George's Day raffle.

There was discussion on the possibility of changing the Christmas Party venue. Sue stated that the usual venue offered an excellent deal but agreed to check around.

Peter suggested that deposits should be obtained for events to try to prevent people withdrawing at the last minute.

Sue felt that there had been a considerable improvement in the food provided for events by the Don Camillo restaurant.

4. Jeff will attend the Bowls Portugal meeting next week. A replacement is required for Wattie Armour.

Rink booking discipline and use.

It was felt that there needs to be an agreed process for the booking of rinks. It was agreed that this should be decided by the Club Captain.

5. David produced a print of the proposed new Don Camillo sign which will incorporate the Valverde Bowls Club. The design for the sign was well received. The club will pay one third of the cost of the sign which is estimated by Jorge to be an initial payment of 200 euros and 20 euros a year thereafter. It was agreed that the sign should include our name, web site address and a telephone number. Voting in favour of the sign was unanimous. (There are currently only two voting members) David is to ask the restaurant for access to the other photographs taken for the sign. These could be used in other promotional material for the club. He will hand these to Alan Preece. As part of a briefing on the new job of Press Officer.

There is a notice on the board for the Pedras Summer trophy, 4 pairs have been entered

The club will again offer to hold the Bowls Portugal Australian Pairs presentation but awaits word from the organisers as Pedras have withdrawn from hosting it for this year.

Dates need to be fixed for the President`s Shield (club) competition and the Annual Pairs (open) competition. It was agreed the Captain should choose the dates.

It was suggested that the club should hold a charity day. It was agreed that the decision should be the Captain`s.

David suggested that non bowling events could be organised by the club. Sue, Social Secretary to discuss with the Social Committee.

6. Coaching and training plans were discussed. David suggested setting aside a day for training, using the Coleman rules, but Peter felt that there was unlikely to be a good attendance. It was agreed to wait until September. In the meantime it would be necessary to recruit someone with the necessary experience to help with the training. At the next Bowls Portugal meeting Jeff will ask if any progress has been made on their coaching proposals.

7. Sponsorship status was ongoing, with nothing to report. It was suggested by Peter to try Medal Insurance who have an office in Almancil and are specifically for the expat community.

8. There are no new membership applications.

9. Jeff, Treasurer, and David, Chairman, are to meet to further discuss the Constitution and Rules.

10. It was agreed there was a need for action lists.

Jen, Secretary, will produce an action list from the minutes. This will assign tasks, with a target date.

It was agreed that an integrated events list is needed for the website and for the information of members.

11. A.O.B.

The notice board notice has been changed to show Jen Preece as Secretary.

It was agreed to press ahead this summer with the erection of plastic sheet cladding in the enclosed corner of the Pergola on the green. Jack Romano is to be asked to obtain a statement of cost for the next meeting.. This will then be voted on.

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Wednesday May 23rd at 2.30p