

Minutes of Valverde management meeting held on Wednesday March 27th 2013

Present

David Russell [Chairman]
Maria Romano [Treasurer]
Keith Henley [Captain]
Jen Preece [Secretary]
Sue Hunt [Social Secretary]

Apologies for absence
Terry Kerr [Fiscal Committee Chairman]

The meeting opened at 2.05pm

1. Welcome new members

Two new members, Chris Vipond and Kay Cooke were welcomed to the club and introduced to the members of the committee.

2. The minutes of the meeting held on January 30th 2013

- The minutes were accepted by the committee
- Matters arising to be dealt with in any other business

3. Monthly Reports

- Keith Henley, Captain, reported on the club`s performance in the various leagues. The club came second to Villamoura in the Premier League, third in the Super Sixes and third in the Pedras League. In the Australian Pairs competition the Penny Bankers came third and the Villains came sixth.
- In the Bowls Portugal Competitions the club did very well with members winning four of the five titles. Sue Hunt won the ladies singles and John Denn won the men`s singles. The pairs title was won by Terry Kerr and Stuart Banks and the rinks team of Sue Hunt, Keith Henley, Brian Walker and John Denn was also successful.
- In the club championships, Sue Hunt won the ladies competition and John Denn the mens. The drawn pairs was won by Keith Henley and Margaret Wilson and the triples by Jack Romano, Margaret Wilson and John Denn.
- During March we welcomed six touring teams. All seem to have enjoyed their visit and there have been many comments on the member`s hospitality and the good greens. Keith wished to express his special thanks to Maria Romano for always being the first person to arrive on tour days, checking and cleaning the toilets and helping to set up the rinks.
- David reminded Keith that we need a competition for the Hunt Cup which was donated last year by Sue and Freddie Hunt. It was suggested that a summer competition be held.
- Sue Hunt, social secretary, reported that we are half way towards the number needed for

our race night on April 11th. Members are to be encouraged to bring friends.

- Maria Romano, treasurer, reported that the agreed 7.5% of their original loan has been paid to founder members. Where founder members have not responded the monies have been set aside. Some founder members have donated their money to the club and this has been put in a special fund for the benefit of the club. This fund currently stands at 375euros.
- A small number of Timeshare raffle tickets have been sold to the touring groups. The aim of the raffle is to sell 200 tickets to raise 1000euros for the club. Each club member is to be asked to take a book to sell to friends and family.
- It was agreed that a portion of any spider money be used for our charity.

4. Sub Committee Reports

- Deferred as Terry Kerr is in the U.K.

5. New Membership Applications

- Three new members have joined the club, and a further two have applied to join in December when they return to Portugal. There are currently two further applications on the board awaiting approval. This will bring our membership to 57.

6. Any Other Business

- The proposed raise for the gardener was approved by the committee. He was advised when taken on, that his wages could be reviewed in six months, depending on performance. The committee and Jack are well satisfied and he recommended a small increase of €50 per month. He is doing some extra work in the mornings and is going to rub down and repaint the tables and chairs. Jorge has also said that he will try to get us some new tables and chairs.
- A rollup cover for the west side of the pergola has been priced at 346 euros plus IVA. This will prevent the wind and rain from destroying the notices. It was agreed that the installation should proceed.
- The subject of encouraging youngsters to join the club was discussed. It will now be possible to open the club six days per week as open uppers have been found for all days except Tuesday. The weekend opening will enable any interested youngsters to play. The six day opening will commence from April 8th. Alan Preece will be asked to amend our advertisement in the two papers.
- Also from April 8th, Mel Nickle will be holding coaching sessions on Monday afternoons at 2.30pm. These will be for anyone who wishes to brush up their bowling skills.
- Changing the bank signatories is still delayed as we wait for the notary and lawyer to release the new ACTAs book.
- The stocks of our new shirts have been delivered. Please see Roma if you wish to purchase a shirt. The cost is 15euros.

- David is to look at designing a VBC name badge.
- More small metal club badges are to be ordered. These can be sold to both members and visitors.
- The trophy supplier now has a stock of 24 small trophies with our club badge on which we can purchase as required.
- The brush for taking moisture off the green has now been purchased.
- The quiz night was held on February 7th and was a great success.
- Our Open Day was held on February 24th. Attendance was good and the weather was fine. It produced two new members.
- It was agreed that we will extend the agreement to allow Val de Luz to play their home fixtures at the away club without paying green fees. This should be reviewed at the end of the summer.
- Bookmarks have been printed and are being given out to the visiting touring teams.
- Maria has not yet checked with the supplier re the cost of small towels with belt clips.
- Keith is to liaise with Jeff Perry re the Spring Pairs competition.

7. Date of the next Meeting

- Friday April 26th 2013