

## **Minutes of Valverde management meeting held on Wednesday April 24<sup>th</sup> 2013**

### **Present**

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

The date of the meeting was changed from Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2013 with the consent of the management team

The meeting opened at 2.15pm

### **1. The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup> 2013**

- The minutes were accepted by the committee

### **2. Matters Arising**

- It was agreed that the opening up days should now be five per week, excluding Tuesday and Saturday. The advert in the newspaper will be amended and Jeff Perry will be asked to amend the web diary.
- The International School has shown an interest in bowling on Wednesday afternoons from 2pm. It was suggested that members might sponsor an interested child. David will write to the school.
- We are still awaiting word from the notary regarding the new ACTAs book for VBC.

### **3. Monthly Reports**

- Keith Henley, Captain, reported that we have received fifteen touring teams so far this year. There is one team due in May and seven in October. We have had excellent comments from the teams regarding the green and the income from the teams has been almost 3000 euros. The management team wished to express their thanks to Penny Henley for organising the teams. It was agreed that a small prize should be given to our winning rink each match, this will be bottles of wine paid for from spider monies.
- Keith reported that Babs Moss, is ill. Babs, and her husband Peter have always supported our club and so it was agreed that David should write to her to express our best wishes.
- Our race night was very successful, with a lot of non bowlers attending. It has been suggested to Keith that we set up a social membership. It was agreed that this was only viable if we held a number of social events through the year. Suggestions for wine tasting evenings and a treasure hunt have been made. Non members could be

charged extra for attending. It was finally agreed that we offer a social membership of 25 euros for non bowlers and that we charge a little extra to non members who attend our social events. Advertising social membership would be by word of mouth.

- Our Spring Pairs Open Competition will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup>. The cost will be 15 euros per entrant, 7 euros of which to go towards prizes. The competition will be limited to 28 pairs.
- Maria Romano, treasurer, reported that monies to the founder members have now been paid with the exception of those members we have been unable to contact.
- The club's financial position is good, our tour revenues will be similar to last year, and money from spiders is up on last year. Roma Gilchrist has been doing an excellent job with shirt sales, and we are awaiting a brochure which will allow members to order trousers and other garments.
- Sue Hunt, social secretary, asked about this years Christmas Party. It was agreed that Sue and David go discuss this with the Holiday Inn before we make a decision.

#### **4. Sub Committees**

- Terry Kerr reported that the Bowls Portugal Sub Committee has been overtaken by events. The meeting should have been held today, but this was cancelled as Pedras were unable to attend. It will be rearranged for May. It is hoped that the meeting will get the views of every club re Bowls Portugal and the way forward.

#### **5. New Membership Applications**

- The two pending applications have been approved and one of these is now a member. The second gentleman is away, and Maria will write to him to confirm his acceptance.

#### **6. Any Other Business**

- There was some discussion concerning complaints from members about disturbances caused by loud or apparently aggressive behaviour from players.  
It was agreed that there was a risk that some new or intending members might decide to resign or not join but some existing players may not be aware that their actions were causing disquiet and offence.  
It was agreed that when a member hears a complaint made they should ask the player concerned if they wish the complaint to be referred to the MC.  
The MC will then look at the facts and decide whether a formal reminder on behaviour is necessary.
- Dress code on the green was discussed. It was felt that roll ups should be more casual, as holiday makers may not have whites.  
For club events and league matches members should wear whites and team shirts.  
Members are asked for their comments.  
The shoe situation is more difficult, the team will look into suitable shoes or overshoes for hire (or a low cost resale).

- Discussion took place on the roles of the fiscal committee. It was agreed that their responsibilities represent a watching brief for MC and club procedures of all kinds.
- David asked that each individual MC team member be asked to think what their job involves with a view to writing job descriptions.
- PremierFX are to provide the information to go on the back of the new score cards to be printed by Gil Mather ( The Printshop, who printed our bookmarks). The Premier FX sponsorship for the new shirts versus the cost to VBC of using a local supplier provides enough excess to allow for a large batch of score cards.  
It was agreed the cards should be very slightly wider and longer than at present and made of heavier card. We have new score card holders which will be distributed and collected by team captains on the day.
- Terry asked about bowls security. David stated that no bowls sets have been taken so far and we seemed instead, on the last inventory to have gained some.  
Space and secure lockable cupboards appears difficult. It was suggested that marking the bowls to identify them as club property but any measures need careful consideration. At this time the Duty Open Upper is responsible for giving out and collecting bowls for rent.
- David suggested it would be nice to have a display area, possibly a case or shelving for the gifts and pennants given to the club.
- The west end cover for the pergola has been ordered.
- Maria was asked to consult Jack about the closure of the green for summer restoration.
- Keith asked that a date be fixed for the club Australian Pairs Championship, the 21<sup>st</sup> of September was suggested.
- David asked for suggestions for advertising the club. There are a large number of flyers. It was agreed they need distributing locally but there was some discussion as to how useful flyers in hotels and restaurants were. It was suggested that holiday makers and new comers be asked how they heard about the club and a note taken.
- Alan Preece is to be asked about progress on road signs.

## **7. Date of the next meeting**

- Wednesday May 29<sup>th</sup> at 2pm