

Minutes of Valverde management meeting held on Wednesday May 29th 2013

Present

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

The meeting opened at 2.05pm

1. The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday April 24th 2013

- The minutes were accepted by the committee

2. Matters Arising

- To be discussed in any other business

3. Monthly Reports

- Keith Henley, Captain, discussed the situation regarding roll ups. There are a number of learner bowlers at present due to our increasing membership. It is important that they get the opportunity to play with more experienced players and to ensure that this happens the draw system of roll ups will be suspended and instead teams will be picked from the players available. The open upper will ask a suitable member to select the teams. Keith is to meet with the open uppers to organise this.
- David reminded the committee that there is a rink booking system for members who wish to organise practise sessions.
- Terry asked if contact had been made with the people who came to the open day, Keith agreed to email them.
- Maria Romano, treasurer, reported that the financial situation of the club remains healthy.
- She reminded pay as you play members who come to the club for practise that a green fee is still payable. David agreed to post a more vivid notice on the subject on the noticeboards, as the present one was too small to attract attention
- Jen Preece, secretary, informed the committee that The Portugal News are no longer allowing free notices on their Events page unless it is for a specific dated event. This means our weekly notice advertising our roll ups will no longer be published unless we pay for an advert. The cost is 50cents per word. This would mean a basic advert would cost around 18euros a week. It was agreed instead to put a piece on the news page every other week and include club information in this. In the meantime Jen will ask Alan to get more information regarding paid adverts with a view to placing one monthly or weekly during the winter.

- Sue Hunt, social secretary had nothing to report.

4. Sub Committees

- The relationship between the club and the Don Camillo restaurant remains very good. Sue reported that photographs of the club feature on the restaurant's Facebook page. Keith stated that everyone he spoke to praised the food at the Spring Pairs event.
- The Fiscal Committee met on May 1st. A list of 23 ideas put forward by members have nearly all now been actioned. The committee remains concerned over the club's debt it has with architect and lawyer. No bills have been received despite requests. In view of our healthy financial position it was agreed to leave things as they are. The club has set aside contingency monies. Sample checks have been undertaken of club finances, no problems found.
- The Bowls Portugal Development sub committee met on May 15th. Terry reported that the meeting was positive and agreed firm proposals for Bowls Portugal management to consider.
Of the possible ways forward for Bowls Portugal, two clubs chose to "Do nothing", one wanted another EGM, and two want club control within the existing Bowls Portugal constitution - with clubs jointly nominating "recommended" candidates for the Management committee. But as no one could envisage candidates standing for election at the present time, they agreed to propose the only viable choice - the "Do nothing" option, to prevail until the November AGM.
All felt strongly that, whatever the fate of Bowls Portugal, they wanted league bowling to continue. They agreed to propose that clubs be asked to decide by 30th June, who wants to be included in leagues next winter. {This commitment is needed as Luz are doubtful they will open soon and be able to field teams, and Balaia have applied to join Bowls Algarve}. They further propose that all participating clubs meet at Pedras on July 10th under the chairmanship of Pedras to form a committee to organise and administer the various leagues with the work spread over all clubs.
These proposals have been passed to Keith Henley as President of the General Management Committee for him and his team to decide the action to be taken,

5. New Membership Applications

- There is one new membership application on the board

6. Any Other Business

- The club has a large quantity of brochures and flyers. It was agreed these should be distributed within the "Golden Triangle". Club members who currently undertake no specific role within the club should be asked if they will do this.

- Catalogues of bowls clothing are now available and on a table at the green at roll ups. There is also a price list for club clothing. Members can order from the catalogues Via Roma Gilchrist.
- The request by David Reilly of Algarve Bowls to bring groups of bowlers to the club was discussed. This would amount to seven sessions over fourteen days. It was agreed that the price we currently charge to visiting teams (€10.00 per player) should apply, and no discount be offered. David will email David Reilly to advise.

7. Date of the next meeting

- Wednesday June 26th at 2pm.