

## **Minutes of the Valverde management meeting held on Friday November 1<sup>st</sup> 2013**

### **Present**

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

The meeting opened at 2.20 pm

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

- The minutes were accepted by the committee
- It was noted that the President`s Shield competition will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November and not as stated in the minutes.

### **2. Monthly Reports**

- Keith Henley, Captain, stated that the draw for the club championship had been completed, and the number of entries was excellent. The draw for the Bowls Portugal championships were also now available on the Bowls Portugal website.  
There is one remaining touring team match. So far this year we have had twenty nine teams visit, and bookings for next year are already very good and will include a match against the England Presidents` Touring Team.
- Keith stated that the green had stood up especially well this year in comparison to other clubs. It was agreed to invite Nick to our Christmas meal.  
It was also agreed that Lorenzo, the barman, should receive special thanks and that a collection be taken for him to be given at Christmas.
- Maria Romano, Treasurer, stated that the financial figures for the year were very good with a surplus now in hand .  
The club has received an insurance quote which seems to be considerably less than was estimated. Maria is to meet with the agent to ensure that the quote covers all our needs.
- Maria suggested that the 450 euros not taken by founder members be used to repair the pushers, but, David is to see if we can have more metal pushers made like the ones we obtained from the UK as these are so much better.
- The lease with the Don Camillo restaurant is due for renegotiation in five years time. It was felt that in view of the current recession in Portugal, negotiations with Jorge should begin soon.  
David asked Maria and the rest of the committee to consider ways in which founder members could be rewarded more than the current simple discount of fees.  
We will say at the AGM that we are looking at returning more of the founder`s loans as we did this year.
- Sue Hunt, social secretary, stated that Flor has quoted a price of 20 euros for our

Christmas lunch. It was felt that this was too high, our meal at The Lemon Tree last year was 12.50 euros. Sue and David are to meet with Flor to discuss this.

### **3. Sub Committee Reports**

- Terry Kerr, Fiscal Chairman, stated that the CEAB had now organised the four leagues and the rules are now on the web site. This completes their remit.
- The Bowls Portugal Development sub committee agreed to put forward a representative from each club. These three could then be put forward as a management group. Pedras have a nominee and Valverde have two, but there is no Vilamoura nominee. There are never the less three nominees as required.

Terry asked Keith to arrange an AGM for BP. There was much discussion as to whether there was a need for BP when the CEAB had managed so well. Terry felt that an AGM should be attempted and if it failed, BP would end. It was felt that the only purpose of BP was to give Portugal international status in bowls which is of little interest to most bowlers.

### **4. Membership Applications**

- The Cartwrights have been accepted as members and will join for three months from December 2<sup>nd</sup> bringing our membership to 63. A currant member`s wife has also applied to join.
- Guy Gomez has been denied membership. Guy was a founder member of Valverde and under clause 3.10 of the club rules a buyer has been found for Senor Gomez` stake in the club. There was a formal vote by the committee to agree this sale as of immediate effect.

### **5. Any Other Business**

- An aerator is needed for the green. David has made enquiries and has found that the cost would be 4/5000euros. An ex-demonstration model is available for 3215euros. The Fiscal Committee consider that this is too great an amount for the club to spend. There was general discussion and it was agreed to ask club members to contribute, voluntarily, towards the cost perhaps at a special members meeting for the purpose. Keith has agreed to include this appeal in his speech to members at the AGM.
- Terry asked about the decision to acquire plastic boxes to store scoreboards and mats at the greenside. It was agreed within the committee that these are not really needed as Nick sets up the rinks before play and members are happy to put equipment away when play is concluded.
- Terry also raised the issue of job descriptions. It was felt by the rest of the committee that for a voluntary job, official job descriptions were not required.
- Jeff Perry has offered to give a talk on Green Etiquette.

### **6. Date of the next Meeting**

7. • Friday November 29<sup>th</sup> 2013