

Minutes of the Valverde Management Meeting held on Friday October 31st 2014

Present

David Russell [Chairman]

Keith Henley [Captain]

Maria Romano [Treasurer]

Jen Preece [Secretary]

Sue Hunt [Social Secretary]

Terry Kerr [Fiscal Committee Chairman]

1. The minutes of the last meeting held on Friday September 5th 2014

- The minutes were accepted by the committee

2. Monthly Reports

- Keith Henley, Captain, reported that the CEAB Leagues are now underway and that Valverde is doing well especially in the Pairs Competition. The new internal Australian Pairs Competition held on Wednesday afternoons has proved to be very popular. Jen Preece suggested that this was at the expense of the Wednesday morning rollup, but Maria Romano reported that numbers at the previous Wednesday had been good. Terry Kerr suggested that to make for a better competition a handicap system should be used. This was discussed and Terry has agreed to help with handicapping should this be used in the future. Keith has had comments from some members that the green is being over watered. Maria reported that less water is now being used. Keith confirmed that the green had seemed much firmer today. Maria reported that Jack wishes to close the green from Friday December 19th until Friday January 2nd. Terry commented on the new rule regarding bowling shoes and contamination of the green. David confirmed that this was a suggestion that members keep shoes specifically for bowling and try not to wear their bowling shoes outside the club.
- Maria Romano, treasurer, confirmed that the club was in credit at the end of the financial year. Jen Preece asked if the financial report would be given to members at the AGM. Maria stated that the report would be available to those members who wished to see it. David did not feel that it was appropriate to just distribute copies. Maria raised the issue of founder member refunds. David suggested that this be discussed at a later date.
- Sue Hunt, Social Secretary, reported that the list was now up for the Christmas Dinner at the Holiday Inn. She reminded the committee that the continued use of this venue is based on its excellent value for money. Keith reported that the tour groups staying at the Holiday Inn had not been happy with the food or rooms. Sue confirmed that she would be in liaison with the hotel regarding our requirements and the complaints.

3. Sub Committee Reports

- Terry confirmed that the next CEAB meeting was in April 2015.
No Bowls Portugal Competitions have been organised this year. He felt that this was a pity, and that the CEAB could have done this.

4. New Membership Applications

- There have been no new membership applications.
Mary Banks has decided to leave the club, and Felicity and John Hunt have decided to concentrate on tennis and golf, but remain members until August of next year. Keith stated that this was a pity as they both showed great potential.
There are now 75 members, which is an increase of 10 on last year. David raised the issue of whether the club will eventually consider restricting membership numbers due to the space limitations of our single green, but it was agreed that this was premature.

5. Any Other Business

- Henry Parlour has raised the issue of non members playing for Valverde in touring team matches. He has suggested that they be asked to pay match fees.
Keith confirmed that some bowlers who come to the Algarve at this time send requests in advance to play and had not been charged fees.
It was agreed that this would be controlled in future by the club's tour manager, by ensuring that priority for touring team matches should go to members and that Non members would be placed on a reserve list, but if then required to play would not have to pay a fee.
David suggested however, that some non members who have played frequently only when no fees are charged will be asked to consider payp membership.
- Terry Kerr reported that there is a new owner at Tavira Bowls Club and that we should invite him to visit Valverde. There was some discussion, and it was agreed that David contact him.
- Terry Kerr suggested that all bowlers playing for Valverde in the interclub leagues should have Valverde stickers on their bowls. This was agreed.
- David confirmed that the agenda for the AGM has gone out, and that Margaret Wilson has received an address from Henry Parlour, President, to be read at the meeting.
Nominations have been received for the two vacant officer posts of Vice president and Captain. There should be no need for secret balloting as no other proposals have been received and the window is now closed.
No one has tabled issues for any other business at the AGM, but it was agreed that we should allow topics to be raised by members.
Refreshments at the AGM will not be provided by the club.

6. Date of the next meeting

- Friday November 28th at 2pm