

Minutes of the Valverde Management Committee Meeting held on Friday November 28th 2014

Present

David Russell [Chairman]

Peter Hollis [Captain]

Maria Romano [Treasurer]

Geoff Williams [Vice President]

Jen Preece [Secretary]

Sue Hunt [Social Secretary]

Terry Kerr [Fiscal Committee Chairman]

1. The minutes of the last meeting held on Friday October 31st 2014

- The minutes were accepted by the committee

2. Monthly Reports

- The committee welcomed Peter Hollis, our newly elected Captain. Peter reported that the Bowls Portugal finals will be held at Valverde on Wednesday March 25th 2015. Tony Gilbert has asked Peter to order the trophies and medals. The club will then be reimbursed.

It was suggested that the club should have an honours board for our champions. There was some discussion about this.

The Christmas fun game will be the usual Friday three game drive. Members are asked to try and wear Christmas fancy dress.

Peter reported that we are well booked for tour groups next year. We will need to ensure that we have a good supply of towels and pennants. Terry agreed to order the towels, Peter will provide numbers and confirm stock held.

We continue to have difficulty with our shirt suppliers. It was suggested that we have plain white shirts so that members can buy their own and then purchase a badge. David stated that we would still be able to obtain our coloured shirts if we were to greatly increase the cost per shirt.

Peter asked if we should continue to give a bottle of Port for the spider. This was agreed. We are also to obtain an actual "spider" as clubs have asked why we do not have one.

Peter was asked who would be helping him in his captaincy. His team will be Jeff Perry, Margaret and Peter Wilson and Mel Knickle. who has asked if he can continue in a teaching and coaching role. The four league captains will be Jeff Perry, Peter Wilson, Terry Kerr and Keith Henley..

Peter will report on the leagues at the Next meeting.

Terry reported that Valverde is currently top of the Canela Australian Pairs league.

- Maria Romano, treasurer, reported that all annual fees due have been paid except for three Pay and Play members and one full member. The club remains in the black but will go into the red temporarily in December.
Maria reported that we are currently holding 700 euros in spider money. This originally went to charity but we agreed this year to keep it for the club. She has though, received a request from ASCA, a charity we supported in the past, for sponsorship for a walk they are doing. We agreed to give them 50euros.
A donated painting will be auctioned at Friday's Christmas dinner, which will go to the aerator fund. It was agreed this will be the final time we raise monies for this fund. We have managed to raise two thirds of the cost and will cover the remainder from club funds.
We will present Nick our Groundsman with his Christmas bonus on Friday.
The new big banner has been received but no bill has not yet been presented.
- Jen Preece,, secretary, asked if it were possible to alter the Monday morning fixture for league matches as this is a roll up morning. With our high membership there could be an occasion when insufficient rinks are available for the roll up. It is also very noisy for the team players, although Terry stated this should not be an issue. Jen believes we are the only club where this happens, and asked if Monday leagues at Valverde could be held in the afternoon. Peter agreed to find out the facts, but we only have one vote at CEAB meetings so might not be able to change things.
David raised the question of the green being hired for a whole week next October by a touring group and how this would effect roll ups. Peter will find out the number of rinks booked and the times.
- Sue Hunt, social secretary confirmed that she has booked and paid deposits for the Christmas weekend at the Holiday Inn.
It was agreed we should arrange a Valentine's competition for Saturday February 14th 2015. This will be a fun bowls game and a lunch. It was also suggested we hold a St George's competition. Peter will find out if we have a touring group on that day.
A Portugal Day competition was also suggested by Terry.
David suggested the committee should have an events dairy for the meetings. Jen will buy one.

3. Sub Committee reports

- Terry reported on the Fiscal Committee meeting of November 3rd 2014.
Monies not taken back by Founder Members is still held by the club. This was ring fenced for club facilities of direct benefit to the members. There were various suggestions, including pushers, new mats and cast iron benches. The four new pushers developed by Peter Wilson and Stuart Banks seem very good.
The fiscal committee raised the issue of conduct on the greens. David stated that there are etiquette rules on the notice board and that a code of conduct is included in the new member pack. The next news letter will carry a reminder.
The issue was raised of members who do not take part in the spider. The Fiscal Committee feel that as no green fee is charged for tour matches, members should support the spider.

Members should also be reminded that they should offer to buy a drink for their tour playing partner.

4. New Membership Applications

- No new membership applications

5. Any Other Business

- David welcomed Geoff Williams, Vice President to the Management Meeting. Geoff has offered to represent the views of club members at the meeting.
- David was sad to report the death of a former club captain, John Freeman. David wrote to Lorraine on behalf of the committee, and Peter Hollis, Carol Barnes and Jan McGlynn attended the funeral.
- Geoff reported that a card has been sent to Sonia Chamberlain who joined the club in July and is undergoing medical treatment in Lisbon. She was very touched and sent her thanks to members.
- David has not yet been in touch with the new owner of Tavira. It was felt he should do so, as a point of etiquette.
- It was suggested that a challenge match against Alvor Bowls Club might be popular. Peter is to look at possible dates.
- It was suggested the club collects loose coins for our funds. Many people save their coppers and this can soon mount up. Maria will get a suitable container.
- It was suggested that more lady members be captain of the day for touring matches.
- There are two tour matches in February. As Peter is away until February 3rd, Jen offered to put up the team lists during January.

6. Date of the next meeting

- As most of the committee will be away there will be no December meeting
- The next meeting will be Friday January 23rd 2015