

**Minutes of the Valverde Management Committee Meeting
held on Friday February 27th 2015**

Present

David Russell [Chairman]
Maria Romano [Treasurer]
Peter Hollis [Captain]
Geff Williams [Vice President]
Tery Kerr [Chairman Fiscal Committee]

Apologies for absence

Jen Preece, Secretary.
Sue Hunt, Social secretary.

1. Minutes of the last meeting held on January 23rd 2015

The minutes were accepted by the committee

2. Monthly Reports

• **Captain Peter Hollis**

The CEAB league series has been concluded; VBC came 1st in the Canela Australian Pairs. 2nd in the Vilamoura Premier league, 3rd in the Pedras Spring Trophy and 4th in the Valverde Super sixes.

The VBC Club championship finals will be held on Saturday March 21 and Valverde will host the Bowls Portugal championship finals on Wednesday March 25

The cups for both competitions are soon to be collected, but future cups will probably be procured from Britain, as soon as a solution is found for the rapid printing of the winner labels after each final for the cups.

We are still short of 15 bowlers, compared to last year, for the forthcoming tour matches and will appeal to members to sign up to avoid the need to ask for members of other clubs to substitute.

The changing rooms are under redecoration and reorganisation so scoreboards and mats will stay on the green for a time. Geff Williams agreed to look into the provision of a steel lockable cabinet to be installed under the pavilion to house the scoreboards and mats etc (though of course not the woods for hire).

Jorge and Flor have agreed to donate the proceeds from a special lunch to be held on Friday March 6 and the proceeds of the race night will be added to help pay for the changing room redecoration.

Jack Romano (Green master!) will be asked to have the stones for the side of the pavilion re-laid inside in the back where there are no stones, to help tidy up the signing in area.

The notice boards will be reviewed, repaired and notices renewed where needed with more weatherproof material.

- **Treasurer Maria Romano**

There are now 79 members of VBC. As several have not played for quite some time, Maria will be reviewing member's status and checking on late payments.

Club cash flow and capital accounts are in good order and the early 2014 forecast of the average monthly cost of car park and changing room and toilet block rental plus water and electricity has been on target. Any member wishing to know more can ask Maria.

The process of the second partial repayment of founder's loans is under way.

- **Secretary Jen Preece**

Nothing to report

- **Social secretary Sue Hunt**

After nearly three and a half years of service. Sue has resigned as social secretary to pursue other personal commitments. The MC has accepted her resignation with regret and is sure that all members will join with them in thanking her for long and selfless service. It was unanimously agreed to send a small token of thanks as she did not want a formal presentation. She suggested Diane Williams be considered as a replacement and following Diane's Agreement the MC voted unanimously to appoint her as Social Secretary, an ad-hoc appointment by the MC which carries no vote.

3. Sub Committee reports

CEAB Terry Kerr reported that the new Spring Competition series will begin on or about April 27 and last for seven weeks or so. He will be circulating details by email.

Tavira , under the new management of Joe Scott has been invited by the CEAB to join the league, but as yet they have had no formal response.

A cordial meeting between VBC chairman David Russell and Joe Scott resulted in a tentative agreement to confer again after the tours have finished and possibly arrange a friendly match between VBC and Tavira in the summer.

4. New Membership Applications (Maria Romano)

There are three new applications on the notice boards. And a fourth is expected shortly

5. Complaints (Geff Williams)

None received

6. Any Other Business

Proper bold internal signs are required for the toilets to ask users to check if the water has stopped running before leaving. Many of the closets appear to stick and water is being

wasted. David Russell agreed to fix.

Our Printer has asked if the club wishes to become a sponsor member of the Simply Algarve Key club. A cardholder pays €30 per year for the card and, via the keyclub website, selects retailers and restaurants etc who will provide a discount on presentation of the card. A sponsor will be paid € 5 for each card sold under the umbrella of his sponsorship. As VBC is a non profit organisation, any such money would go towards club funds. The MC agreed to take a look at the website to consider the possibility.

The MC has been requested to consider the idea of holding a regular member's meeting at three monthly intervals as happened in the early days of the club. This meeting would be designed to reveal the way the club works to the many new members who might be unaware of the process. David Russell agreed to circulate an email asking for members responses.

Maria reported that the club will have to provide a concrete store for fertiliser and chemicals used on the green to comply with new regulations. Jack Romano is conferring with Don Camillos to see how best to meet the requirement. In addition Nick, the groundsman, will have to go on a special training course to certify that he and the club are competent to handle the chemical.

7. Date for next meeting

Suggested as Friday March 27th but to be agreed.