

Minutes of the Valverde Management Meeting held on Friday May 29th 2015

Present

David Russell (Chairman)
Peter Hollis (Captain)
Maria Romano (Treasurer)
Geff Williams (Vice President)
Jen Preece (Secretary)
Diane Williams (Social Secretary)
Terry Kerr (Fiscal Committee Chairman)

The meeting opened at 2.10pm

1. The minutes of the last meeting held on Friday May 1st 2015

The minutes were accepted by the committee

2. Monthly Reports

Peter Hollis, Captain reported that the Spring Leagues have now almost been completed. There will be a Summer Club Singles competition during July and August which will be organised by Alan Preece.

The green is playing well. Areas with brown patches have been airtreated and are improving. The green is not cutting up at all when players drop the ball.

Maria Romano, Treasurer, stated that the financial position of the club is satisfactory. David is to suggest some changes to the layout of the financial spreadsheet to give a clearer monthly picture. A number of founder members have not claimed their refunds. This money is ring-fenced.

Jen Preece, Secretary, reported that she has been contacted by a Canadian couple who have seen our website and wish to come and play at the club for three months during the winter.

Diane Williams, Social Secretary, reported that there will be a fun bowls match and barbecue on Sunday June 7th. The game will commence at 6pm at the bowls club. It was agreed to play the same format as played on Friday roll up but only three ends of four so that the barbecue can start at 8pm. Geff will print out score cards. There will be a 1 euro fee to provide two cash prizes. The barbecue is 5 euros per person plus a bottle of wine.

The Christmas Party has been booked for Saturday November 28th at The Holiday Inn. The club will have the Indian restaurant for the whole evening with a buffet dinner. Drinks will be included. Musical entertainment has been hired at a cost of 120 euros. It was agreed to add a small surcharge to the cost of the meal to cover the entertainment fee. The club will pay the deficit. The final cost will be 45 euros per room, breakfast included, and 28 euros per person for the meal. Everyone will be asked to bring a small gift to be distributed by Father Christmas. The hotel has asked for a minimum of 40 to 50 persons to ensure we get the special price for rooms.

Brian Pullin has agreed to organise a Quiz Night, but due to commitments this will not be until October.

If the barbecue proves popular it may be possible to arrange one in July.

3. Sub Committee Reports

Terry Kerr reported that the Fiscal Committee are happy with the financial position of the club and congratulated the treasurer on her excellent work.

Loyalty to the club restaurant was discussed at the Fiscal Committee. This item will be discussed further under any other business.

The CEAB is due to meet again in June.

4. New Membership Applications.

No new membership applications have been received

Geff asked if a lady member, who paid her subscription and then became seriously ill could reclaim the months she has missed if she is able to return to play. This was agreed.

There are some short term international memberships in the pipeline.

5. Any Other Business

David Russell has produced a circular to explain to members the situation regarding the possibility of our club playing with clubs who are members of Bowls Algarve. There has been input from other members of the committee. There was long discussion on this subject.

The main issue is competitive bowls, which is important to the club as it attracts more members, is enjoyable and helps to raise bowling standards. With uncertainty surrounding the ability of some CEAB clubs to raise teams, we need to explore other options to ensure we continue to offer competitive league bowling. It was agreed that joining Bowls Algarve could be a possible option that should be explored, if there is sufficient interest.

It was agreed to circulate a simplified email to ascertain whether there would be sufficient interest. This will need to be done before the next CEAB meeting in June.

David Russell has been approached by a hotelier in Albufeira who wishes to build a carpet bowls green. David will contact him to see what advice he requires.

Geff has been asked by a founder member if there is an agreement that founder members get annual free games for their visitors. David stated that he was not aware of this, and that it was not in the constitution of the club.

Geff asked if there is a requirement of members to eat and drink at the restaurant. David stated that whilst this is desirable, it is certainly not obligatory. It is to the clubs advantage that the restaurant is successful.

David stated that he will be stepping down as Chairman at the next AG and asked the MC to help identify suitable candidates.

David asked that we consider the need to eventually find someone to take over the clubs website. Jeff Perry is prepared to continue for the time being but we need to plan for the future. The website is a vital part of the club. It may be necessary to bring in a paid non member to be trained by Jeff. David also raised the desirability of having a club computer and internet access at the club, to help members check

the website while they are at the club. David will review and cost a plan for this for the next meeting.

David has spoken to Jorge regarding a twenty foot container to hold our bowls equipment and our chemicals. Jorge is happy for us to go ahead with this.

6. Date of the next Meeting

Friday June 26th at 2pm.