

Minutes of the Valverde Management Meeting held on Friday July 31st 2015

Present

David Russell (Chairman)
Maria Romano (Treasurer)
Geff Williams (Vice President)
Jen Preece (Secretary)
Diane Williams (Social Secretary)

Apologies for absence

Peter Hollis (Captain)
Terry Kerr (Fiscal Committee Chairman)

The meeting opened at 1.40pm

- The minutes of the last meeting held on Friday June 26th 2015

The minutes were accepted by the committee

- Monthly Reports

Peter Hollis, Captain was unable to attend the meeting.

The Club championship series has been defined and is on the noticeboard and website

The Australian pairs internal league schedule has now been issued by Margaret and Peter Wilson and has been circulated.

The Anniversary Pairs event has been fixed at September 26 (note: this marks the end of the 2014-15 season)

- Treasurer

Maria Romano, Treasurer, reported that the financial position of the club is satisfactory. And that the membership of the club has gone down from 79 to 72 members

- Social

Diane Williams, Social Secretary, is organising the Social Evening to be held on September 12th at the Don Camillo restaurant. She is trying to arrange music for dancing. Jen Preece said that Brian Pullin provided the music for the social evening held some time ago. Diane will talk to him to ask if he is willing again.

Geff Williams asked that the poster and list for the Christmas party should go up soon.

- Sub Committee Reports

David Russell, Chairman, reported that we have now received confirmation from Canela that they will not be playing in the CEAB league this year.

- New Membership Applications

No new membership applications have been received.

- Any Other Business

The club has sent a formal application to join Bowls Algarve. Terry Kerr, Fiscal Committee Chairman has been negotiating on our behalf. As yet no answer to our request has been received. Jen Preece, Secretary, asked what would be the cost of the joining fee. David stated that he understood the fee would be small.

David asked Maria if she would be willing to allow members to use her carpet green as practise for matches at PDF. She was happy to allow this in September when her visitors had left. It was thought that this could be a club event where members would provide their own food and drink.

David reported that Roma Gilchrist has stood down from her role as clothing coordinator.

The committee wishes to formally thank Roma for all her hard work.

Owing to the difficulty in sourcing clothing, especially shirts in the club colours, and the problems of having enough of the right stock it has been decided that the club will change to plain white shirts which they can purchase themselves or use a suggested supplier.

It was suggested that it might be necessary to have a style guide.

The club will need to find a supplier of woven badges and someone who would be willing to sew them on, plus embroidered names and if needed, sponsor logos.

This may prove difficult and suggestions from the membership are invited.

An inventory will be taken of any remaining clothing stock, and a volunteer will be needed to organise the new system.

David stated that the club will need to obtain new stocks of bowls stickers. There are sufficient stocks of pens, towels and metal badges.

Geff Williams, Vice President reported on the ongoing problem of the purchase of a metal container to hold all our equipment. It would cost 40 euros a month to rent a full size container for a minimum of three years. To buy a container would cost 1400 euros as of now, or, 1000 euros in October (an end of season return of stock for the suppliers in Setubal). We would also require a separate metal container of 220x100x60 for our chemicals. Geff explained that the container and its inner box would contain all our equipment inside the club's perimeter. David asked if this was really necessary as we would still have to pay rental for our current store. A small metal container just for our chemicals would release space in our store . The problem of storing our bowls equipment could be solved by purchasing two small metal containers. Geff is to get a quote for these. Though the large container remains the favoured solution and will be reviewed in October.

Maria reported that the flower beds have been weeded, and that Nick has worked hard on the greens which are bowling well. The MC is very pleased with his work altogether.

There was a general discussion regarding the appointment of a new club chairman . So far no one has volunteered. It was suggested that a lady chairman would be good.

- **Date of the next meeting**

Tentatively set for Friday August 28th at 1.30pm. But may be shifted into September as the Captain will still be away.