

Minutes of the Valverde Bowls club Management Meeting

Held on Friday September 25th 2015

Present

David Russell (Chairman)

Peter Hollis (Captain)

Geff Williams (Vice President)

Maria Romano (Treasurer)

Jen Preece (Secretary)

Diane Williams (Social Secretary)

Apologies for absence

Terry Kerr (Fiscal Committee Chairman)

The meeting opened at 1.50pm

The Minutes of the meeting held on Friday September 4th 2015

The minutes were accepted by the committee

Monthly Reports

- Peter Hollis, Captain, reported that the greens were in good condition. There were however some dents in the green caused by some members. It was agreed that mats must be used where a bowler is not able to bowl in the correct manner. The greens are wet despite a reduction in watering. We have been advised that a scarifier with longer spikes is needed in order to get right down to the roots.

Peter asked that we check we have sufficient towels to present to visiting teams. The number of teams for April next year has now increased to 14.

The Anniversary Pairs competition has 28 pairs entered. Peter has the cups, and Maria will provide the money for prizes from club funds until we receive it from Ibex Insurance. (since agreed by Ibex)

Terry Kerr has now set up the Bowls Algarve League teams. The committee felt that Terry should be commended for his hard work. He has done a wonderful job, and we have received excellent comments from the other clubs.

There has been a change of date for the 3rd and 4th rounds of the President's Shield to Wednesday November 4th. This was due to a Cameron Cup fixture on the Tuesday. Australian Pairs matches due to be played on the 4th will now move to the spare Wednesday.

Peter has put a poster on the board for a Pedras Rinks Tournament on October 31st. This is a sponsored event with good prizes.

Peter has received the poster for the Alvor Australian Pairs Tournament. It is not until March 2016 so he will put it on the board next month.

The Goldra charity tournament on October 11th has now been reduced to 20 bowlers followed by lunch at Don Camillo's. As many of those playing may not be bowlers mats will have to be used and a game arranged on the day. Only 7 VBC members have signed up to play that day.

- Maria Romano, Treasurer, stated that the financial position at year end remains satisfactory.
- Diane Williams, Social Secretary, reported that the lunch on the beach held this month was very

successful. Many thanks to Geff for the photographs. He has put a selection on the board, and there are more in a folder on the table. Members can have any photographs they want, a small donation in the elephant would be appreciated.

Brian Pullin has organised a Quiz Night for Thursday October 29th. The menu will be Duck in Orange sauce or, Salmon. Up to ten teams of six are required.

The Treasure Hunt organised by Geoff and Teresa is on October 23rd. The cost will be 8 euros for food and drink. A shortened drive of 3 matches of 4 ends will be played first. Diane will let Flor know that we will not be using the restaurant on that day.

The numbers for the Xmas Dinner at the Holiday Inn are now up to 26. We require a minimum of 30 but members returning from the UK are still to put down their names.

Diane was asked to organise a Christmas Lunch for members at Don Camillos on Friday December 18th. Geff will organise a special Christmas Drive, and members will be asked to dress up.

A Valentines Competition will be organised for next year.

Diane asked if a special fund could be set aside for social events. She stated that it is difficult organising events when there is no budget she can draw on. There was some opposition within the committee for creating a fund using club membership money. It was agreed instead that we would use half the money raised in club raffles for a social fund, the other half going to charity.

Sub Committee Reports

There have been no meetings to report on.

CEAB teams are on track. Terry Kerr and Keith Henley are already organising their teams and Peter Wilson is due back within the week to organise the other teams.

Terry Kerr has organised the Bowl's Algarve League for this year and Alan Preece will take over in January.

Diane and Carol have met with Flor to ensure all this years touring teams are catered for. They will meet monthly from now on to maintain good relationships with Don Camillos.

New Membership Applications

There are no new membership applications. The membership now stands at 72 which seems to be about the optimum level, with more members now taking an active part in the club.

Any Other Business

David reported that we are preparing for the AGM on Friday October 30th. Margaret Wilson is secretary to the AGM and will be returning from the UK shortly. Nominations for vacant roles have been received and posted on the board.

The Timing of the meeting has been set back to 3 pm as there is a tour team visit on that day.

A new display board, a " Roll of Honour" has been installed in the Pavilion showing separate panels covering member's success since the formation of the club. There may be errors in those panels and members are invited to comment and detail any errors or omissions which can be corrected easily.

David wished to express a very special thanks to all those committee members that have helped his work as chairman during his 4 year tenure from 2011.

These committee members have put in a very large amount of purely voluntary work over those

years and deserve to be recognised. He hopes that all club members will join him in saying “ Thank you “ to them.

Geff Williams raised the question of why there were 11 byes in the club championship competitions. He felt that this was too many in such an important competition. Peter explained that the mathematical progression of a knockout competition meant there would be byes unless there were restrictions on numbers entering.

Geff also queried as to if there was an actual draw. Peter explained that there was a draw, and that players were seeded to ensure fairness. Jeff Perry is responsible for the Championship Draw, and Peter suggested that he speak to Jeff on his return to Portugal.

Geff also queried the issue of timing and substitutions. On the issue of timing players are encouraged to come to an amicable agreement wherever possible. If this is not possible the time limits would apply. The question of substitutes was agreed two years ago and again Jeff Perry is the person to consult.

There was some discussion on the issue of team selection. All members of the club should have the opportunity to play if they wish to, but team Captains will obviously wish to choose the best team available. It was agreed that members who wish to play for the club should also be advised that they should be prepared to support the club by playing in touring team matches and roll ups where possible.

Date of the next meeting

To be arranged by the new club chairman as the AGM falls on the date that would have been picked as the next MCM