

Minutes of the Valverde Management Meeting held on Friday November 20th 2015

Present

Mary Anne Whitehead (Chairman)

Maria Romano (Treasurer)

Geff Williams (Vice President)

Jen Preece (Secretary)

Diane Williams (Social Secretary)

David Russell (President)

Terry Kerr (Fiscal Committee Chairman)

Apologies for absence

Peter Hollis (Captain)

The meeting opened at 2 05pm

1. **Minutes of the meeting held on September 25th**

The minutes were accepted by the committee

2. **Matters Arising**

To be discussed in any other business

3. **Monthly Reports**

Mary Anne Chairman, read a report from Peter Hollis, Captain. The green will close on Saturday December 19th and reopen on Monday January 4th.

Peter has asked if he can order two new jacks at a cost of twelve pounds each, this was approved. He also asked about new mats at ten pounds each. Maria stated that Paul Rawlings had given the club four mats it was also agreed that we check first with Amadeo at Villamoura before ordering as he may have some to spare.

1000 score cards have been ordered and paid for by Premier FX

Peter will order the cups for the club championship which will cost about 100euros. Paul and Wendy Rawlings have also given us some cups.

Nick is to put a new u bend in the gents toilet which has been causing problems.

Brian Pullin has donated 300euros from his birthday lunch towards the new metal container.

Maria Romano, Treasurer, reported that the club finances are satisfactory. She is hoping to make a further payment to founder members in January. A payment of 300euros has had to be paid for Nick's social security. Terry Kerr agreed this could come out of the continuance fund. It was also agreed that Nick's pay should increase to 650euros.

Diane Williams, Social Secretary, reported that all is ready for the Christmas Dinner dance. She would appreciate donations for the raffle. She will collect the money for the meal over the coming week. The bowls club Christmas dinner will take place on December 18th. Diane has arranged a Valentine's dinner and dance for Saturday February 13th. She will meet with Flor regarding the menu.

4. **Sub Committee Reports**

Terry Kerr, Fiscal Committee chairman, reported that the budget for the last financial year was virtually on target and that Maria is to be congratulated. It is hoped that we shall be able to repay monies to founder members in January.

5. **New Membership Applications**

There is one new membership application.

6. **Any other business**

1. It was agreed that since we have played in the Bowls Algarve League we have been aware that other clubs have smarter shirts than we have. David thanked Margaret Wilson for ordering white shirts in the UK and stated that Janine Rialing is willing to undertake responsibility for club clothing. David is to pass on to Mary Anne details of a website that supplies club shirts.
2. There have been problems with the sprinkler pump. Repair will cost 600euros, Maria is checking our insurance. This has raised concerns regarding the bore hole pump, and there was discussion regarding insurance of same.
3. A letter from Teresa Allen was circulated supporting the visiting teams. This matter had been raised by Terry Kerr at the AGM. He asked if there was a limit to the number of teams we could accommodate. Jen Preece stated that she also had concerns. There was much discussion. It was agreed that the visiting teams are very important for our finances, but they rely on the good will of members and can cause problems for green maintenance. It was agreed that there should not, if possible, be more than five teams in a week and not more than one a day. It was also agreed to write to Carol Barnes regarding our discussions and to invite her to attend a management meeting.
Mary Anne asked if the team lists could go online. David explained that it is not possible with our current software to have the lists online, but members can email the captain if they wish to play and are not able to come to the club to sign a list. It was agreed that members should always have priority and that non members should be used as reserves. It was suggested that non members be asked to pay a match fee.
4. The committee sent their thanks to Geoff and Teresa Allen for their
5. excellent Treasure Hunt, and for the 150euros they raised for the club.
6. There was some discussion regarding the issue of wifi for the restaurant. It was agreed it was not practical for the club to have a computer due to security issues.
7. Isabel Peters is to be asked for her comments on the new member induction pack.
8. There have been problems with the rink book. It is important that all team captains put their matches into the book. This is especially important at the moment when there are so many club championship matches. Terry Kerr agreed to be a rink coordinator.
9. Jen Preece commented that in the AGM reports there was no mention of Mel Knickle's contribution to bowls tuition. It was agreed he should be thanked.

Maria stated that Mel had spoken to her about training. He wishes to give private lessons for up to 6 players at a cost of 10euros per hour. These lessons could include etiquette, the reading of heads as well as bowls technique. It was agreed that if he wishes to sell his services that was acceptable, but he should pay for the use of the green .

10. The issue of the metal box for chemicals and equipment was discussed at length. A 4mt container will cost 1000euros. Geff asked permission to get a local metal worker to give a quote for a box, and it was agreed that if this quote was less than 600 euros he can go ahead.
11. David has obtained some new sponsorship for the club. Alan Belcher of Private Fund Management wishes to sponsor an annual competition and also a quiz night or other social occasion. He has already ordered a banner for our green. It was suggested that he be asked to sponsor the Spring Pairs Competition. A suggested date was March 26th which is Easter Saturday, but we would need to check with Flor. It was suggested that the firm might like to sponsor equipment. Their logo could be on mats etc.
12. Terry Kerr asked that the code of conduct be amended on the club website. He also asked if a copy of the amended version could be put on the club notice board

7. **Date of the next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Friday 8th of January at 2pm