

Minutes of the Valverde Management Meeting held on Friday March 4th 2016

Present

Maryanne Whitehead (Chairman)
Maria Romano (Treasurer)
Jen Preece (Secretary)
Terry Kerr (Fiscal Committee Chairman)
David Russell (President)

Apologies for absence
Peter Hollis (Captain)

Prior to the meeting, Maryanne met with Ken Rawlins our Rink Manager. There was discussion about the new system. It was agreed that there must be a clear notice on the notice board regarding the booking of rinks. These rules must be adhered to. The notice will be circulated to the members.

1. Minutes of the meeting held on Friday January 29th

The minutes were accepted by the committee.

2. Matters arising

Jen Preece asked about the container which is in the bottom car park. She understood we had agreed on a metal box to be made for us locally. Maryanne stated that Peter, Jack and herself had decided that a container was more suitable as it provides more room. The cost was an extra 300euros. The container is to be painted.

3. Preparation for the Spring Pairs to be held on Sunday March 13th

Thirty two pairs have entered which is the maximum number we can accommodate. Jeff Perry has suggested four prizes, but the committee had originally agreed on only first, second and third places. Maryanne will liaise with Jeff. Maria will provide the prizes from club funds in case the sponsors bring a cheque.

Peter has the trophies and Jen will liaise with Flor regarding the buffet lunch.

4. Report from Peter Hollis, Club Captain.

There was no report as Peter has had to return to the UK.

5. Report from Maria Romano, treasurer

Our financial position is satisfactory.

There have been three new membership applications which were accepted by the committee.

The voucher scheme method of payment was discussed. This is used by a very small number of members and is difficult to administrate. It was agreed that this scheme should be discontinued after the current year. Issued vouchers will of be honoured.

In the future reminder letters will be sent out for renewal of membership.

6. Social report

Maryanne stated that the Valentines Evening dinner was very successful. She stated that even though we were primarily a bowls club many members enjoyed having social events. She hopes to continue to have events during the summer, maybe in conjunction with the French boules club.

7. Report of the Fiscal Committee meeting held on February 10th

Terry Kerr, fiscal committee chairman reported that there were no financial irregularities. There are some minor problems with cash collection when games are held outside of normal match days.

The subject of issuing founder members with free green vouchers for family members was raised. The committee considered this but rejected it. Founder members receive a 5% reduction in membership fees which was considered sufficient.

8. CEAB report

Terry Kerr reported that at the meeting a representative from Canella reported on the current situation. The green is still operating, and roll ups are organised, but there is no chance of them fielding a team in the league.

The Pedras spring trophy will be held on a monday, and consist of two triples. It is hoped that Tavira will enter. The thursday Australian Pairs league is unlikely to be held as it would only consist of Pedras and Valverde.

Our best option would be to enter the Bowls Algarve Spring league. This would consist of two triples. Terry will send out a circular to see who would be interested, and giving some idea of the travel involved.

9. Club Clothing

It was agreed that we must move forward on this issue.

The club will continue to have maroon and white. Jen Preece felt it was important for the club's image and that most members, especially those playing in the leagues, would buy a good quality shirt.

David will check out Algarve suppliers and Terry will get information on the suppliers to his club in the UK.

10 Any other business

Maria stated that the club bowls are now in a locked cupboard. She asked that members should be reminded that it is not allowed to swap your own woods for Valverde woods. The reasons being that some sizes of second hand wood are worth more than others due to their rarity, and that we as a club need to maintain similar numbers of each size.

David Russell produced a paper on daily player management.

It had been raised at the last meeting that the club loses custom as it is not open seven days a week.

There was general discussion on how this could be managed and by whom. It was agreed that this and the current system needs to be thought about. Ideas please !

Our advertisement in the newspaper needs to be changed, and we need a notice for the front gate.

To be discussed at the next meeting.

11. The date of the next meeting

Friday April 1st at 2pm

