

Minutes of the Valverde Management Meeting held on Wednesday April 6th 2016

Present

Maryanne Whitehead (Chairman)

Maria Romano (Treasurer)

Peter Hollis (Captain)

Jen Preece (Secretary)

David Russell (President)

Apologies for absence

Terry Kerr (Fiscal Committee Chairman)

1. Minutes of the meeting held on Friday March 4th

The minutes were accepted by the committee.

2. Matters arising

The container has not yet been painted. It is to be painted green as soon as possible

The committee wish to emphasise their full support to Ken Rawlins, Rink Manager. It was felt that this was not made sufficiently clear in the minutes.

3. Report from Peter Hollis, Club Captain

The Anniversary Pairs Competition will be held on Sunday October 23rd, David will contact Ibex regarding sponsorship.

The President's Shield : 1st round Tuesday October 4th

2nd round Tuesday November 1st

Final Monday November 7th

The summer roll ups will change to a 10am start from July 1st

The Christmas party weekend will be December 3rd or 10th, Maria to arrange.

Greens Maintenance will take place on tuesdays.

A dinner will be arranged at the Don Camillo restaurant for the presentation of club trophies.

Peter will be responsible for getting the actual trophies engraved as this has not been done for two years.

It has been suggested by Ken Rawlins that Australian Pairs should be withdrawn from the club championship as we already have an Australian Pairs competition, and it would reduce the pressures on matches. It was agreed to leave things the same for this year and review again next year.

Ken has also suggested that there should be more summer competitions. This can certainly be considered if there is sufficient interest.

Paul Frampton has agreed to deputise for Peter while he is away this summer. Paul spends much of his time at the club, and will be available throughout the summer. We hope that more experienced club members will help and support him.

The visiting team match on Friday April 15th will be a mixed drive format.

The summer singles competition will again be organised by Alan Preece. It will commence once the league matches have been concluded. As yet we have no dates for either league.

It is hoped to organise an early evening fun bowls competition followed by dinner, Maria will liaise with Flor for possible dates.

John Denn to be contacted regarding a pub crawl to Quarteira after a shortened mixed drive. This will provisionally be Friday September 23rd.

4. E mail from Terry Kerr

Terry has raised the issue discussed at the last meeting for having one fixed date for all membership renewals. This was again discussed, but whilst it works well in the UK where there is a six month break, we are a year round club. Maria did not see that it would make things easier for her and David is happy to send renewal notices so we will stay as we are.

Terry also suggested the appointment of a Competition Secretary to ensure the rules of the club championship are adhered to. It was felt that our more flexible system suited the transient nature of our members.

The suggestion for age specific summer competitions can be considered when we arrange the summer program.

Many thanks to Terry for his suggestions.

5. Opening up roster

There was further discussion on this issue. David reported that there have been occasions when the green has not been secured and the toilets have been left unlocked with the cistern running. There was a long discussion regarding the need for volunteers, or, for increasing Nick's hours. Maria will discuss with Nick.

It was agreed to hold an open members meeting after roll up on Monday June 6th to discuss this and other issues. These open meetings should then be held quarterly.

6. Report from Maria Romano, treasurer.

The financial position is satisfactory.

David is sending out reminders for membership renewal.

New mats will be needed in the near future. Private Fund Management are prepared to offer more sponsorship so we will use this to buy the mats. Coloured mats are now available but it was agreed to stick to black and white.

Jorg informed us that the club will be charged 4 euros per cubic metre for the water used in the toilets. This could mean a charge of 20 euros per month.

We have agreed to accept the 4 euros but a faucet is to be installed so that we can turn off the water when locking up and hopefully reduce the cost significantly.

Water charges for the greens remain the same.

7. New Membership

The club has six new members, this increases our membership to 91.

8. Club Clothing

Maria has a meeting with suppliers at Porches on April 7th. It may be necessary to change from maroon as it is a difficult colour to make colour fast.

9. Any other business.

Jen has been contacted by a company called Avalon who arrange prepaid funerals and wish to meet with members. It was felt that this was not a suitable image for our club. If any member is interested and wants further information ring Simon on 917914590.

Terry has asked about the 1 euro prize fund collected at fridays mixed drive. Peter confirmed that all monies are given out in prizes and that a book has been kept from the start where all monies are entered. Maria will discuss with Terry.

The committee wish to thank all members who played in the Bowls Algarve winter League. Valverde came joint third, and were the top grass club. This was a great result for our first season. Thanks to the brilliant core team who gave up 22 saturdays. Thanks to the reserves who played and to Maria who did refreshments for our home games. Finally well done Terry Kerr and Alan Preece for organising and captaining the team.

Jorge has again discussed with David the problem of insufficient trade for the restaurant generated by the club. David made it clear that members can be encouraged to use the facility, but long periods of closure and increased prices are not helpful. David has asked that in the future increases in the price of food and drink should be discussed with us prior to making the change. It is felt by Jorge that customers are put off by the presence of bowlers. He has requested that bowlers who do not intend to use the restaurant should park in the club carpark (behind the green) and not use the restaurant car park.

10. Date of the next meeting

Wednesday May 11th at 2pm.

