

Valverde Bowls club

Minutes of the Management Committee meeting September 26 2016

Present:

**The MC**

Chairman MaryAnn Whitehead  
Treasurer Maria Romano  
Captain Peter Hollis  
Fiscal Chairman Terry Kerr  
President David Russell  
Apologies for absence Secretary Jen Preece

**For the CEAB discussion**

MC  
Keith Henley  
Eric Brown  
Paul Frampton  
Ken Rawlins  
Margaret Wilson

**1. Terry Kerr and CEAB update**

Terry outlined his exchanges with Vilamoura and Pedras over the last months, attempting to get agreement on the numbers of teams and match fixtures with the CEAB

There was much discussion over the wilful refusal of Vilamoura and Pedras to agree to consider the requirements of VBC, in that neither club could field enough members to make more than one team, in spite of early assurances that they would. Thus VBC was left without enough potential fixtures to satisfy the 30 odd VBC members who wished to play in the CEAB. This number was the result of a formal internal survey by Terry

It was agreed that Terry would propose that VBC would accept a single team entry for the Monday VPL(Premier league) but would formally request that we be allowed to field two teams for the Australian Pairs (VAP) on Thursdays. The Pedras trophy series (PWT) is considered dead for 2016/17 as only VBC can field enough players..

It was further agreed that should Vilamoura and Pedras refuse to allow two teams then VBC would organise a new Thursday Trips series for VBC only..

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting of August 26 2016**

The minutes were reviewed and agreed

**3. Rink bookings Update**

Ken Rawlins emphasised that there was not enough attention being paid to the green closure schedule to allow maintenance. This was a particular problem during the touring seasons as there was an increasing demand for touring clubs to play. It was agreed that there would be stronger attempts to enforce the Tuesday closure schedule and that the tour organiser (currently Carol Barnes) would try in future where possible, to ensure that there were no fixtures for that day. As membership grows and tours increase, it is going to become yet more difficult to keep the green in good workable condition, with special attention to be paid to the holes from dropped bowls

**4. Captains report**

There was much discussion about the format for Friday rollups, with some members liking the mixed pairs format and others looking for something different. Paul Frampton, in Peter Hollis's absence, had made a useful and popular attempt to vary the format of the mixed pairs, but that more need to be done to maintain support from all members,

It was agreed that the Chairman, the Captain and Paul would confer to see what could be done before the next MCM

Peter Hollis has formally notified the MC that he and Carole Barnes will be stepping down at the end of their two year appointment at the AGM this year.

This prompted some discussion about replacements, with Paul pointing out that he may not be in Portugal for some periods. Paul is being considered the front runner for the post, but the Chairman will give the matter some thought and survey the membership for a solution.

**5 Treasurer and Fiscal committee report**

Maria Romano produced spreadsheets showing the current financial position. The club health is good but we must take care to control expenditure as the last year's costs have been heavy for green materials and the storage container.

**6 Sponsorship update**

VBC still awaits some funds from PFX for the new scorecards and Private fund management are in the process of paying for the new delivery mats. The annual PFX sponsored match and dinner with Bognor Regis is being held this week.

The Anniversary pairs are being also being sponsored by IBEX as the Spring pairs were by Private Fund

No other sponsors have materialised in spite of some contact earlier in the year

VBC members are asked to make suggestions and bring in contacts to increase the number of sponsors .

**7 New member applications**

None this month. There are now 88 members, most active. Maria handed out a new member contact list

**8. Club clothing**

New club shirts have been authorised and an order has been place my Maria. The colour is similar to the existing shirts – Burgundy on white, but without the PFX logo. Delivery date is yet to be confirmed

**8 Social events**

1 The Club Christmas at the Holiday Inn Armacao de Pera has been confirmed and Maria is seeking to establish numbers, asking members to sign the list on the noticeboard

2 John Denn has agreed to run the Quarteira “pub crawl”which will be announced soon

3 The chairman agreed to look into a new Treasure hunt sometime in Novenber

4 It was once again agreed that VBC should seek to hold some social function at least once per quarter, as the club is a social gathering as well as a sports club

**9, AOB**

1. Terry pointed out that the change to the start time from 10.00 to 1030 on September 19, though agreed by the MC had not been posted on the website. This was noted and will be handled in future by the Captain

2. Paul asked if the club should have a defibrillator. It was agreed that he would research and propose to the MC for the next meeting.

3 It was agreed that The Chairman would review and update the medicine box in the clubhouse

**9 Next MCM meeting date**

Agreed for Friday October 28

**10 AGM date**

This was left to the MC to decide. It will be after Nov 7 as Margaret Wilson, secretary to the AGM, will be away till then Chairman to decide.

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