

## **Minutes of the Valverde Management Committee held on Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2016**

### **Present**

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

Apologies for absence  
Maryanne Whitehead ( Chairman )

In the absence of Maryanne, David Russell chaired the meeting. It was agreed that he would have Maryannes proxy vote for this meeting only.

### **I. Minutes of the meeting held on Friday October 28<sup>th</sup>**

The minutes were accepted by the committee

#### **2. Matters Arising**

- 1.Payment has still not been received for the new mats
- 2.The club shirts have been delivered. To be discussed in any other business.
3. The member application and fees section has now been updated on the club website.

#### **3.Captains Report**

Alan Preece, captain, began by congratulating the team who won the Bowls Algarve Cameron Cup for Valverde. This was a brilliant result well done to everyone who played.

The club is taking part in the Bowls Algarve league. Results have not been quite as good as last year but this is partly due to the fixture list. CEAB matches are well supported but our results have been average.

Alan stated that he didn't consider it necessary to have someone organising the rinks or the roll ups. It is very clear in the diary when rinks can or cannot be booked. Either the captain or one of the vice captains will usually be there to help Nick and Maria at roll ups.

It is intended to have something different at each roll up. We will play for wine on Mondays, and there was a draw for skips last Wednesday. There will be a monthly drive on a Friday, and at the Christmas roll up.

There was discussion concerning the increased numbers at roll ups and the concern expressed by some members that too many visitors were being allowed to play.

In fact there have never been more than six visitors and we have a notice on the desk that states members will always get priority. It was agreed by the committee that the atmosphere at the club is excellent and the standard of play has gone up. The changes have been sudden, and that can be a problem for some people. **It was agreed that Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings be ring fenced for roll ups. The only exception being tour matches or any other dates specifically authorised by the Management Committee .** Members will get first priority for all tour matches. The increase in numbers will mean we sometimes have to use the end rinks, but we will try not to have to play rinks ( four man teams ). The need to perhaps limit membership will be discussed under New Membership applications. Jack and Nick have prepared a program for greens maintenance. This will be on the club notice board and will be recorded in the diary. It frees up Tuesday afternoons 3 weeks in 4 to allow members to play. The availability of equipment was discussed. It was agreed to install a key box so that members can access the equipment room. It was felt that the trial of holding the first round of the club championship triples competition on a set day was very successful. The club singles will also be held on set days. As well as solving the problem of arranging games it takes pressure off of rink booking.

The large number of tour groups booked for the coming year was discussed. Jen confirmed that there are no tour groups booked for a weekend, except for one Sunday when a club has booked our green for their private use. All groups are just one per day. It has been suggested by one tour group that we could have visitor versus visitor matches, this may be necessary in the future. It was agreed that tour groups are a vital part of our income and that there is a natural start and cut off point for groups as they only want spring or autumn dates.

Alan asked if we could have a presentation night for club trophy winners. There are various possibilities, the AGM, the Christmas party, the anniversary pairs or after the club championship finals day. This to be decided.

The planned Valentines competition will not take place as it is the day of the second round club singles. There will though be a Valentines social evening organised by Alain Grenier.

#### **4. Treasurers Report**

The clubs financial position is satisfactory.

#### **5. New Membership Applications**

There were 15 new membership applications which were accepted. David has new member packs for them.

There are 3 more applications pending, these will be discussed at the next meeting. It was decided to place a provisional limit of 100 on membership. It may be necessary to have a waiting list.

#### **6. Report of the Fiscal Committee meeting**

Ray Carsdale has been appointed deputy treasurer.

This years performance against budget was excellent. It was agreed that the budget for the current year remain the same despite the increase in membership.

### **7. Any other business**

1. A member has asked that we have a suggestion box, and that suggestions could be anonymous. It was felt that there should be openness at Valverde. Members can talk to committee members and bring up topics and suggestions, or email them. There should be no need for anonymity.
2. There was discussion about possible proposals for Vilamoura bowls club reopening as a sporting facility. This could mean our influx of new members may cease. It was hoped that those who have joined us would choose to stay with us.
3. There has been some damage to the green of late. It may be necessary to use the mats at some point, or, request that individual bowlers use a mat.
4. Members are reminded that with the increasing number of players at roll up it is very important that everyone remembers to arrive in plenty of time and not forget to sign in.
5. It has been suggested that the restaurant provide a price list. There is a printed menu but the price of drinks is not on it. There should be a price list, even if it is just for club members. To be looked into.
6. Terry asked about provision of drinks for members who wish to play in an afternoon. Alan stated that Michaela has been asked to check with bowlers before she closes at 3pm, and this she does. The restaurant also kindly spoke to Alan about opening when there was a bank holiday match recently.
7. The stamping of our stock of bowls was discussed. It was agreed to find out how this is done. Maria stated that there has been no problem with loss of bowls. Members have kindly donated bowls, and although bowls may have been exchanged in the past we do not seem to lose them. An inventory is kept.
8. It was suggested that match teams be put on the club notice board prior to playing. Alan will arrange this.
9. Maria said that she is to organise a drop safe where fees could be deposited outside of normal roll up times. There are fee receipts and envelopes in the new drawers, as well as score cards.
10. The new team shirts have been delivered and are available to purchase. It was felt by the committee that these should be sold to members at cost. There is no need to make a profit from them. The cost will therefore be 20euros per shirt. There are both mens and womens shirts in a selection of sizes.

### **8. Date of the next meeting**

It was agreed that there was no need to hold a meeting in December. As the chairman is away it was decided to wait until her return before arranging the next meeting.