

## **Minutes of the Valverde Management Committee held on Wednesday January 11<sup>th</sup> 2017**

### **Present**

Mary Ann Whitehead ( Chairman )  
Alan Preece ( Captain )  
Maria Romano ( Treasurer )  
Jen Preece ( Secretary )  
Terry Kerr ( Fiscal Committee Chairman )

### **1. Minutes of the meeting held on Friday December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

The minutes were accepted by the committee

### **2. Matters Arising**

1. Payment has now been received for the new mats
2. The greens diary has now been displayed on the notice board and is also on the web site.
3. The key box has not yet been installed.
4. A presentation night still needs to be arranged, it was felt that October might be a good month.

### **3. Compilation of the committee**

David Russell, President, has now stood down from the committee. David agreed to sit on the committee for one year to assist Mary Ann, and the committee thank him for his help.

The committee still requires a social secretary, but despite the increased membership no one has volunteered for this post. Mary Ann continues to delegate individual social events to members. It would be good to have one event per month. It was agreed that the two vice captains would only be asked to attend management meetings in the absence of the captain.

### **4. Captains Report**

Alan Preece, Captain, began by thanking Maria for her support since he took over the roll of captain. So far we have had no problems with the roll ups. The highest number has been 42 players with a good mix of members and visitors. It is good to see the greens fully used and the standard of bowls has gone up.

At the moment the green is very robust. We have had a dry start to the winter. We might need to use the mats if the weather changes. It was suggested we consider long mats to go across the green at both ends rather than individual mats.

Matches in the Bowls Algarve and CEAB leagues commence at the end of the week.

### **5. Treasurers Report**

Maria Romano, Treasurer, reported that the clubs finances were satisfactory. It was agreed that we should take this opportunity to repay some money to founder members, which will be paid in January.

### **6. Fiscal Committee**

The fiscal committee meeting is to be held next week.

### **7. Sponsorship**

Alan Belcher of Private Fund Management, has paid us for our new mats. It is hoped that he will sponsor our Spring Pairs competition as he did last year. Mary Ann to contact him. Mary Ann stated that we should all be alert to possible sponsorship, she suggested drinks companies and car dealerships as possibilities.

### **8. New membership applications**

The club now has 96 playing members which includes the 4 applications currently on the notice board. It was agreed that with our current numbers we should give priority to applicants seeking full membership.

### **9. Bowls Algarve and CEAB**

Bowls Algarve have asked us to submit what our team requirements will be for the new season commencing in October. Terry Kerr has surveyed the membership and there is a 40% interest in playing in the Bowls Algarve league. 24 members have asked to play in the league and 18 members have indicated that they will play as reserves. With this interest it was agreed to ask to enter three teams in the league. Unfortunately an increased number of teams causes a fixture problem. This year had a 7 match overflow which had to be played on Wednesdays. This is a concern for us as Wednesday matches effect our roll ups. One solution would be to split into two leagues .A zonal split has already been rejected by the league. Valverde has as yet no say on the Bowls Algarve committee.

Terry Kerr will continue to negotiate on behalf of Valverde, and will liase with Alan Preece, club captain and Margaret Wilson who captains our current team.

The CEAB is unlikely to continue, and if it does it will only be one league, so it is important that we increase our Bowls Algarve involvement as we want to give everyone the opportunity to play league bowls. Once we have further information we will again survey the membership.

**Watch this space !**

### **10. New shirts**

The new shirts look very smart. Take up has as yet been disappointing. The shirts are available in both mens and ladies styles and cost 20euros each so please buy one.

### **11. Any other buisness**

1. Maria stated that she has ordered both pens and pennants for the forthcoming tours.
2. Our first game will be against Quorn Mills B.C. on Friday January 27<sup>th</sup>. As the restaurant is still closed on that day drinks will be provided on the greenside. Maria and Jen to organise.
3. Jen has been asked for a weekend tour booking in October. As we have fully booked weekday fixtures it was agreed that we will not book weekend matches. This will allow the green to recover and allow members who wish to play a social game to do so. Weekend fixtures already booked for this spring will be honoured.
4. Our Christmas Dinner at the Holiday Inn was very well received. It was agreed that the food was excellent and that we should make a booking for next year to ensure we get our preferred date. We will book for December 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>.
5. The club needs a new measure as ours has a broken case. Terry will order a new self winding measure for the club. Alan will check that we have an umpires case.

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

The next meeting will be held on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of February at 2pm