

SUMMARY:

Of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Valverde Bowls Club held on 9th November 2009

- 1 Inauguration Day. The committee reviewed the Inauguration Pairs event (held Sunday 18th October). Jeff (Treasurer) reported that the day had generated about €650 for club funds, including about €250 from the bottle stall. Generally, everyone felt that the day had been a great success.
- 2 Irrigation. A new valve has now been fitted, to fully automate the irrigation system and help reduce wasted water. Cost to be deducted from the outstanding amount due to ESDAV.
- 3 Christmas. Margaret outlined some celebration events that she has been researching, and the committee decided to accept a proposal from Hotel Garbe for 2 night's accommodation and a celebratory meal for a cost of €68 per person. Non members of VBC will be welcome to participate. Details to be published on the club notice board and via the website. It is also planned to have a final club roll-up on the morning of Sunday 20th December, to be followed by a Christmas lunch at Barringtons in Vale do Lobo. The club will then close until 4th January 2010.
- 4 Terry Kerr joined the meeting to report on progress on planting of shrubs around the green. He has acquired 80 oleander plants, and suggested that he could organise a party of volunteers from club members to carry out the planting work, thus saving the club a considerable sum. This was agreed.
- 5 Sweatshirts. Margaret has been researching possible suppliers for club sweatshirts and polo shirts, and showed some samples. It was agreed to go with a wine-coloured sweatshirt, which would retail for €19, with name and club badge, and also a cotton polo shirt.
- 6 Jeff reported a suggestion from Isla Canela for a three-way friendly tournament with Pedras. The committee were generally in favour, but recognised that it would be difficult to find space in the calendar before the New Year. Jeff to seek a more specific proposal from Isla Canela.
- 7 The committee approved membership applications from:
 - a. Ray Foster (6-month membership)
 - b. Satinder Bujaj (PAYP membership)
 - c. John Kendall (PAYP membership)
 - d. John Cornwell (PAYP membership)
- 8 Jeff reported on the recent Bowls Algarve committee meeting. It has been decided to use the Don Camillo as the venue for all future BA committee meetings, as it is fairly central. Jeff has OK'd this with Jorge, and has also found a volunteer (Margaret Wilson) to act as Minutes Secretary for the January meeting, thus freeing Jan to take a full part in committee discussions. The BA committee want to set up a sub-committee to develop a plan for marketing, PR, advertising, sponsorship and fund-raising. The clubs are asked to look for members who may be able and willing to participate. There was also much discussion on the best future format for the winter league. It was agreed that a task force, formed with a representative of each club and under the chairmanship of Alan Clark, should be formed to explore possibilities.
- 9 Jan raised the question of the walkway from the changing rooms to the green, which gets very muddy after rain. It was agreed that this needs to be addressed as a priority matter. Terry is acquiring some gravel for the carpark area, but it was considered worthwhile to divert some of this to the walkway area.
- 10 An inquiry has been received from the St. Patrick's Association, who would like to hire the green for one day in June 2010, for a private tournament. This was approved.