

NOTES FROM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD AT VALVERDE BC ON
FRIDAY 6th August 2010

Present:

Gordon Linford (Chairman)
Gui Gomes (Club Captain)
Tom Sanderson (Vice Captain)
Jan McGlynn (Secretary)
Margaret Linford (Social Secretary)
Henry Parlour (Club President)

The meeting opened at 10.00 a.m.

Gordon welcomed Henry to the meeting with the purpose of agreeing the AGM Agenda.

1. Minutes of last meeting: no matters arising
2. Report on green: Gordon said since our last meeting, this has been an ongoing battle, which at one time he felt we were winning. Gordon said he had met with the owner of JV and had visited the green to seek his opinion. At this time the owner of JV said that the green should never have got into this stage and called over 2 other JV employees and informed them that he wanted the bowling green put right. Fertiliser, spiking and chemical application has been carried out. Gordon said he thought he could see the beginnings of new grass appearing through the brown patches. Tom of the opinion that some damage is caused by the cutting machine not being handled properly. Guy of the opinion that the grass used for the patch, is not the right kind, as he feels that if it is cut low, it will turn brown. Some discussion followed on the contact Guy had made with the past greenkeeper of Vilamoura Bowling Club, whose opinion had been sought in the past, but whose charges for maintaining our green were considered too high. Gordon said once this meeting is finished, he and Guy would go across to JV and ask Geordie to view the green – everyone in agreement with this.

It was reported that 2 locks from the main gate to the green and the pumphouse gate, had both disappeared. These could have been taken by JV when they cut the grass, but if not, then new locks will have to be bought. Guy will do this.

3. Report from the Architect: Jan said she had recently spoken with the Architect and all is satisfactory – nothing to report.
4. Meeting with Jorge: Guy and Gordon met with Jorge and paid the usual monies. Jorge seems to be quite happy at the moment, and no problems.
5. Keeping green tidy/gardening: DJ is undertaking this task, and is keeping flowers in order and weeding, applying weedkiller spray where necessary. The Committee thought he should be thanked for his efforts in this respect. Jack Romano has applied astro turf to the ditch, which is a great improvement. The Committee considered that he too should be thanked for his efforts on behalf of the club.
6. Acta: Guy has now done this Acta and asked Jan to insert it into the official Acta book.
7. AGM: Henry showed everyone the Agenda he had prepared which he then discussed in full. Jan will type this out and it can be put on the website and also displayed at the club. Some discussion followed on the format for the AGM, with especial reference to the election of Club Officers. It was stressed that anyone wishing to stand for election should be fully paid up members of the club or founder members. This also applies to voting. The Nomination form, which had been prepared, was

discussed at this point, and some additions made. Jeff to be asked to put this on the website and some forms will be available at the club, for members wishing to nominate anyone. Further discussion followed on the election procedure for officers wishing to stand again, and any new proposed members. It is essential we have a “signing in page” – for everyone attending the meeting, this is a legal requirement.

8. Anniversary Game: This had been scheduled for Sunday 17th October 2010. Gordon said that the Restaurant were not prepared to open on Sundays for catering – he has spoken with Jorge about this. It was agreed that any rescheduling of this date, be left pending until we can maybe persuade Jorge to open on Sunday 17th. Other dates were suggested, but a Sunday is obviously the best day to attract other clubs to take part, bearing in mind October is a very busy month with many bowling tour teams plus league and other competitions, Jan stressed that we have a responsibility to inform our sponsor David Hills of any change of date – as he is making arrangements to be present with promotional material etc.

9. Spring Pairs: This had been scheduled for Sunday, 13th March 2011. However after discussion it was agreed we plan this competition a little nearer the date. Jan pointed out that we do not have a sponsor yet for this event. Tom thinks he may be able to arrange one, and suggested Finesco might sponsor this event.

Bowls Algarve, interclub finals: Saturday 19th March 2011 (with possible overflow to Sunday 20th March): Margaret reports that the restaurant will cater for this event. However if we need an overflow to the Sunday, it was suggested we put on coffee/tea/biscuits ourselves. Margaret agreed to contact Connie/Alan Clarke and confirm this fixture.

10. Winter League: Guy reported that the fixtures have been arranged and circulated. The Vikings team have been selected but the Vulcans team not yet finalised. Gordon said he would like to see our 2 club teams wearing proper club uniform when they are at these league games. He added that he would like to apply this rule also, to visiting touring team matches – who are always so properly “turned out”. Everyone playing for Valverde, should at least have a club polo shirt, and usual whites.

At this point Jan read out an Email received from Connie (Bowls Algarve) about the new bowling club at Luz – called “Vila da Luz Bowls Club”. This concerned their application to join Bowls Algarve and participate in the winter League. They have been given a copy of the BA Constitution and application form. However, as they are not yet up and running – Connie had pointed out that their facilities needed to be approved before acceptance to BA was given and unfortunately they will be too late to enter for the winter league. However they were invited to participate in the other BA competitions: Supertens, Cameron Cup, and Interclub Championships. They could also run friendly home and away fixtures. Connie agreed to keep all clubs informed on this matter.

Midweek League: Guy confirmed that 2 teams have been entered for this and he expects to receive a fixture list within the next 2 weeks. He will put up a list for those wanting to play.

Henry raised a point and queried why Valverde were playing their Club Captain and Vice Captain in the same team and thought this unusual. Guy said he wanted the Vikings to be the stronger team with the best players, and this included the Captain and Vice Captain. This subject was further discussed.

Pedras Winter League: Guy intends to put up a list for those bowlers who wished to play in this event. These dates do not conflict with the League Games.

11. Keys to storeroom: Guy said he intends to wait until bowlers return from the UK, and try and find out where the lost keys are. He intends to put a book in the club house, which people will sign when taking a key and returning same.

12. Club photo: Gordon thought we should consider having a club photo taken with all members wearing club colours. Tony from Pedras is a photographer who might be approached to do this.

13. Any other business: Henry reiterated that new strong locks should be bought for the gates to the green and JV should be approached about the missing locks.

Margaret : Raised the point that there will be a “members meeting” on Friday 3rd September, after the roll up when club members can air their views.

Charity Day, Vilamoura Bowling Cub: Guy said he intended to go to this, and will see if other bowlers wished to attend.

Green closure: Green will not now be closed from 9-15th August.

Jan read out an Email sent from Petchey Leisure, who were interested in using our green for future bowls touring groups. A reply to this was formulated, and Jan will write to them confirming we would be pleased to host their groups, and giving green fees and other information.

Henry mentioned the Fun Day. Margaret thought that this could be arranged, possibly on a Sunday where everyone could be asked to bring a picnic. After some discussion it was thought April 2011 could be a good month. Matter to be discussed at the next meeting.

A quotation had been received by Guy from JV, for top dressing etc. on the green. He had forwarded this to Jeff who said it was difficult to ascertain whether it was good value or not, as we had nothing to compare it against. Including IVA the cost to the club would be €1415.70, which Jeff admitted he had not budgeted for in this current financial year. However he said it could wait until September when subscriptions start coming in. Some discussion followed on this subject and it was decided that this quote was too expensive for us to consider.

Jan said as we had many touring teams coming in October, it might be a good idea to spread the large piles of gravel on the bottom parking area, and thus we could encourage, at least, our club members to use this area, rather than in front of the restaurant. We do have to consider the tour buses, who unfortunately cannot negotiate a way into this bottom car park, and who will have to use the space in front of the restaurant. Guy agreed to ask Jack Romano to do this, and if necessary we will pay his expenses.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 12.15.

Date of next meeting: Friday, 10th September at 10.00 a.m.