

FEDERATION ANDALUZA DE BOLOS

MALAGA DELEGATION

COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT LAURO 19 JANUARY 2026

In attendance	Saydo	Tom Maclean
	Lauro	Paul Hughes
	MIJAS	John Wilson
	Miraflores	Carol Frost
	Benavista	Jack Gordon
	Delegado	Doug Hall
	Competition Sec	John Wilson
	League Sec	Grant Frost
	Team Malaga	Paul Hughes
	Treasurer	Sheila Wilson
	Secretary	Bill Neal
Apologies	Vice President	Bixio Foletti
	La Posada	Jeff Rowe
	Media Rep	Jane Richardson

The meeting began at 1100 with a welcome from Doug who thanked everyone for attending and thanked Paul (Lauro) for hosting the meeting and providing a buffet. Doug also wished all present a healthy new year and thanked everyone for their continued support for the delegation over the last two years. Changes were in hand with a new level of authority being introduced over Lawn Bowls in Spain.

Previous Minutes. A vote to accept the previously published minutes published on the website was taken and all those in attendance agreed to their accuracy.

Matters Arising. There were no matters arising for further discussion.

League Secretary. Grant thanked all the clubs for their support since he assumed the position of League secretary and hoped it would continue.

Grant continued with a few points for discussion and consideration by all clubs.

Venues for league matches. Grant explained that the principle of the last league game of the season being held between the closest clubs was understood and applied, in the 24/25 season the pre Xmas fixture had resulted in Lauro (the only club in the Lions league with 8 rinks) hosting both league matches at the same time on 4 occasions (out of 5 possible). He suggested this was not ideal with 3 clubs sharing 1 rink in a competitive situation. He moved the local match to the first game of the season while keeping the final match as desired, which resulted in a more satisfactory situation where only 1 occasion resulted in the 8 rinks being used by 3 clubs. He requested that the committee discuss and agree for this to continue.

Score Cards. Grant asked if all clubs could ensure that score cards are completed correctly, in particular the Name and Initials of players. Also on occasion, photocopies of cards submitted via e mail etc were not very clear so could clubs ensure the copies submitted are clear and legible. Cards should also be submitted within 24 hours of the game to allow Grant to publish the league tables in a timely fashion.

Cancellation of a game. Would both clubs involved please ensure they inform Grant to allow accuracy.

Can Lauro please confirm who is their league representative to allow one point of contact? Paul confirmed it is Jane with himself acting as her deputy in case of absence.

Before Xmas last year games were cancelled due to inclement weather and it brought to question the period within the rules published, of when the cancelled game should be replayed. Clubs discussed the rule in question, and it became apparent, there was confusion and perhaps room for improvement, over the 28-day period in question. He suggested that the 28 days should be split 14 days after the last league game after Xmas. Clubs were reminded that a “catch up day” was built in the calendar and clubs could use this day as an option.

Spring League. Grant reminded all clubs present that they should inform him of which clubs are entering. This information is to be submitted via e mail by the end of February at the latest.

Grant mentioned that he had heard comments regarding clubs who appeared to favour the triples and pairs to ensure victory. Bill read out the minute which covered this matter during the last meeting. Doug confirmed that team selection is the club captain’s responsibility and this approach must remain.

Treasurer Report. Sheila had no account information for the meeting as it was the beginning of the year and there was no change to the last published account details.

Sheila continued with:

May all clubs please ensure that information requests from her should be answered accurately and with no delay. This is a two-way process, and timely, accurate answers ensures the correspondence with Jaen remains correct.

Federation cards have now been distributed and all clubs less Benavista and Miraflores have received theirs.

Officials and Registration. Officials once qualified require a separate federation card and all clubs who run a markers course must ensure that the details of those members who qualify, are passed immediately to Sheila. The Umpire qualified details will always be passed to Sheila by Bill/Ron who manage the umpire courses.

A short discussion took place with clubs reminded that a 'markers course' pack had been issued to allow individual clubs to conduct their own markers course. Very importantly, the final exam must include an umpire from another club. Bill can be contacted and he will allocate an umpire to attend the final day of course being held. Without this vital element, club run courses are invalid.

Registration. Confusion was evident regarding the date of submission for players to be registered. Sheila had asked all clubs to confirm their players names, and they had all been registered. If any player has not registered through their club to date, they should not be using the green as they are not registered and therefore not insured. Players can be added once they return to the club and confirmed their intention to register. Doug added that he will seek guidance and clarity from Jaen to ensure this confusion doesn't exist later this year.

Sheila asked if Doug had any news on the proposed provision of the 'tablet' from Jaen, Doug had no news yet but will chase the information, again.

Sheila concluded her report with a reminder to everyone that working on the budget for Malaga delegation took an enormous amount of time and effort. It has to be accurate to ensure the budget allocation carried out by Jaen, is fair and we receive the correct allocation. Changes to the calendar at short notice is troublesome and should be avoided where possible. All clubs agreed to ensure dates published are met and only extreme changes will be sent to Sheila as early as possible. Jaen monitor the calendar and subsequent claims for funding very closely.

Competition Secretary.

John reported that all clubs need to agree on the 'prizes' being awarded this year and they all agreed to remain with the prizes awarded last year. This fits with the budget submission made in December 2025. John confirmed that all clubs had now received their 'tablecloth' as mentioned in the previous meeting.

Any Other Club Business.

Paul informed the meeting that a video displaying 'flashing bowls' will be circulated shortly. If clubs were interested in perhaps holding 'nighttime bowling' events, then perhaps all clubs would jointly invest in a set of 16 bowls and two jacks at a cost of 1600 euros. All the clubs were interested and would let Paul know at the next meeting, if this venture would be supported.

Carol reminded the meeting that any funding matter cannot be supported by Miraflores due to their unique club set up which results in no extra fund or cash being available.

Carol added that the website (Malaga) contained out of date information. Doug added that all clubs should consult the website and make any amendments or suggestions to him as soon as possible. Once the information had been gathered, Doug will approach Ron who looks after the website.

Sheila confirmed that as yet there was no information available regarding the Capitation fees.

Doug completed this area with the following points.

La Cala had confirmed that they were not going to register this year Doug had advised the club of the rules regarding playing bowls in Spain and its registration with the federation.

A request for information from World Bowls (via Ruth) had been received requesting individual clubs' information, including number of players etc etc. This is not the correct procedure, and Doug will seek advice from Jaen. It could be the information is required for the 'capitation' fees topic, but Doug will advise the clubs once he receives guidance.

Spanish Nationals. Doug explained that the Spanish Nationals is not a currently legal competition, and it requires ratification before any details can be organised. It is thought that once ratified, the competition will take place over a similar period/date as last year.

Date of Next Meeting.

Doug then confirmed that the next meeting is scheduled for 23 February, at Mijas. If the meeting was not needed, then he (Doug) will decide and let the secretary know in time for all clubs to be informed.