

MALAGA DELEGATION
FEDERATION ANDALUCIA BOWLS
COMMITTEE MEETING
17 JANUARY 2024

Present:

La Posada	Jeff Rowe
Saydo	Tom Mclean
Mijas	John Wilson
Miraflores	Carol Frost
Benavista	Bill Davies
Guest	Simone Morgan
Vice President FAB	Bixio Foletti
Delegado	Douglas Hall
Vocal Economico	Sheila Wilson
Secretario	Bill Neal
Malaga Team Manager	Bill Davies

Apologies:

Lauro	Paul Hughes
Press Secretary	Jane Richardson
Malaga Coaching	Margaret Kain

The meeting took place at Mijas and commenced at 1020. Bill explained that the agenda as previously published, would appear on display via power point and the relevant slides would form the minutes together as an annex. Discussions that took place regarding each slide and agenda point would be recorded as they took place and the slides attached would show agreements made. All the clubs confirmed they had received the agenda.

The new Delegado, Doug Hall led the meeting and welcomed all those and thanked them for attending. Doug also thanked Bixio, Vice President of FAB for attending today and his continued, undaunting support for lawn bowls.

He added that the Malaga delegation is very much alive and with the continued support of everybody present, would continue to grow stronger and help our aim to improve bowling and encourage new members to all clubs.

The previous minutes published in December 2023 were accepted by all as a true and accurate record.

Bixio confirmed that under the recent changes within the sports council, the Malaga delegation only needed three appointments, whose tenure lasted for 4 years, Delegado, Secretario and Vocal Economica. Together with a representative from each club, this would

form the Malaga Delegation. This confirmed the chairperson is now obsolete and the delegado, would chair future meetings and report any decisions/minutes up to the Vice President. This addressed the outstanding matter of chairperson and tenure.

Bixio addressed the meeting about Santa Maria, and its present position. Simone informed the meeting that the club has not registered with the authorities as a club in 'existence', as all the other clubs have now done. All current players have now joined and federated with Mijas LBC to allow them to enjoy their bowling at whatever level they choose.

All the clubs added that it would be preferable for Santa Maria to remain and be part of our group. Bixio added that whilst understanding the need for a CIF number for a club to be identified and registered, he would now consult the authorities and see if an avenue was open to allow Santa Maria to exist as a club with the hope of its previous members returning their federation membership to Santa Maria in the not-too-distant future. Bixio hoped he would have an answer for the next meeting.

This matter also addressed the need for an AGM to be arranged this year which doesn't have to happen.

Similarly, there is no need for an AGM to be arranged for the Umpire and Markers Association this year as the agreed tenure for the posts was confirmed as two years. The AGM would be arranged for 2025.

Bixio finished by asking Bill to make sure he is kept updated with the contact details of each club representative.

Vocal Economica Report.

Our newly appointed Vocal Economico secretary, Sheila opened her report confirming that with all the work carried out by Julian and a very successful handover of all matters financial, templates etc, this year the function of accounts secretary would be quite simple if all the clubs continued with their current practices regarding invoices, but sending them to her, not Julian.

Various Slides were then displayed, and as each agenda point was covered, the discussion is recorded below:

The current balance of 693 euros would be used to fund any future federation memberships. Sheila confirmed that her intention was to publish for each meeting a table starting with the balance of 693 euros and how this amount decreased over the year.

Sheila explained that whilst the Malaga Delegation does not have a bank account, a few charges such as ink, paper and other consumables still must be paid for. Bixio confirmed that Jaen will cover these costs and Sheila should confirm the costs to the Delegado who will ensure Jaen is aware of these costs and refund accordingly.

A discussion took regarding the recovery of Umpires fees during 2024 remembering that all the known costs have already been deposited to Jaen.

Jeff stated that he would now contact all the umpires and explain that the first umpires fee will not be charged to the individual and subsequent expenses may be claimed but hoped that, like the previous year, umpires don't claim their expenses, which allowed the money to

be collected by Sheila on behalf of the Malaga Delegation, which could be used to fund stationery for umpire and markers courses, t shirts etc.

Bixio reminded the meeting that in previous years and with the approval of all the clubs, if the hosting club provided the umpire with refreshments, the umpires didn't claim expenses, and this appeared to work very well.

Other ways to reduce the yearly costs, were discussed and the agreed way forward appears on the relevant slide attached. The topic of 'medals' was raised and a suggestion to replace medals with kit bag name tags appeared more suitable.

Carol stated that if the money is already ringfenced in the budget it should not be subsequently used to meet any shortfall. All the clubs agreed with this sentiment.

Any proposed methods to address any shortfall will be raised and discussed at the next meeting.

Sheila confirmed that she will operate her financial role in complete compliance with the guidelines and not entertain any 'back door' or underhand methods of accounting. All the clubs agreed this was the only way forward and thanked Sheila for her promised approach.

Disparity of Fund Allocation. The disparity of allocated funding for Federation events was discussed and the slide showed exactly how much each club would receive and this highlighted the disparity. La Posada in particular, who were not at the committee meeting that allocated events, due to prior commitments, suffered unfairly. Jeff informed the meeting that if Mijas or Lauro would agree to take on the Presidents Fours in May and reallocate perhaps either the triples or summer challenge event to La Posada, a much fairer allocation of events and therefore funding, would apply. John agreed to consult Lauro and inform the clubs as soon as possible.

The Delegado must also be informed as soon as possible to allow him to inform Jaen of the change to the calendar.

It was also agreed that from next year, the club who receives the lowest number of federated events would automatically have first choice of events the following year.

Entry Fees.

It was agreed that the fee of 5 euros should continue as this was a major income source to the club concerned. Sheila showed concern as to how she could account twice for this as Jaen has already been paid.

Bixio stated that every competition must have an entry fee to satisfy the authorities.

Clubs agreed that they would continue to charge the entry fee, and hold the funds until Sheila confirmed the best way to deposit the amount with her which would then contribute to the annual running costs of the delegation.

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Call Notices.

John explained that with the post of Competition Secretary being vacant, decisions had to be made soon about the format of the calendar events, open or not and if singles events are open or gender specific.

It was agreed that for 2024, the 9 events are 'open' meaning teams can be made up from different clubs and any combination of gender. Singles would be any gender. Clubs also

agreed that the skip of each team is responsible for collecting any entry fee due before the draw is made.

John kindly volunteered to prepare a draft 'call notice' for every event on the slide and would send his draft to all the clubs within a week for their approval. He would ensure the call notice contained all the relevant details which would allow club competition personnel to then carry out the draw and supervise the competition accordingly.

Spring League. The next point discussed was the Spring League which commences on 19 April. All the clubs were asked to confirm by return, to John as coordinator, their intention to enter the league, how many players and their favoured format. John also asked the clubs to let him know if there were any league days, that they know they cannot compete.

This would allow him to publish the league details soon and extend the published league dates (19 Apr – 26 May) if needed.

AGMs.

The revised federation appointments addressed the need for an AGM to be arranged this year.

Similarly, there is no need for an AGM to be arranged for the Umpire and Markers Association this year as the agreed tenure for the posts was confirmed as two years. The AGM would be arranged for 2025.

Malaga Team.

Bill Davies addressed the meeting explaining that he would soon be sending an e mail to the players, containing his intended plans for the training of the squad, its format, and perhaps, the change to the venue for training. This e mail would also include the hotel details of accommodation 'deals' when we play next against Almeria and that players should contact the hotel and pay their costs direct. Bill reminded all the clubs that the Malaga Squad is not a closed list of players and clubs should encourage any player who is interested in joining the squad, to contact him.

Roy Saunders. Delegado Doug, then gave a very detailed update on the current medical condition of our friend Roy who is still currently in hospital receiving treatment for cancer. All the clubs thanked Doug for the update and asked for their warm wishes for the future to be conveyed on his next visit.

Doug wished to record a vote of thanks to Mijas for their refreshments kindly provided.

Date of Next Meeting. This was confirmed as the 28th of February 1030 @ Mijas.

Enclosed: Slides in PDF Format