

## FEDERATION ANDALUCIA BOWLS

### MALAGA DELEGATION

#### MEETING ON 6 MAY 2026

In attendance:	Delegado	Doug Hall
	Treasurer	Sheila Wilson
	Secretary	Bill Neal
	La Posada	Jeff Rowe
	Saydo	Tom MClean
	Mijas	John Wilson
	Benavista	Jack Gordon
Apologies	Miraflores	Carol Frost
	Lauro	Jane Richardson
	Malaga Team	Paul Hughes
	League Sec	Grant Frost

Carol and Grant, whilst absent, attended the meeting via electronic link.

Doug opened the meeting at 1100 and thanked those above for attending. He added that it was important to hold the meeting now before the summer recess.

**Approval of Previous Minutes.** Everyone agreed to the accuracy of the previous meeting's minutes as published and there were no matters arising.

**Treasurer Report.** Sheila confirmed that all the clubs had received her account statement as distributed by Bill earlier. No club had anything for Sheila and were happy with the account.

Sheila went on to say that most of the money due to clubs has now been paid with a few exceptions but expected those to be paid soon. Sheila also asked Doug to raise at the next meeting with the president, why if the budget had been set and money held by Jaen, is there a delay in payment. They have the money in their possession!!

Doug said that a possible cause of the delay is that Jaen consider and deal with Malaga and Almeria together, not as separate areas. He would endeavour to find out.

**Rink Allocation/Draw.** Tom would like to suggest a standard agreement between clubs about allocation of rinks. He said that whilst the allocation is carried out by the host club, could the draw please take place 30 minutes before the start time or earlier if a player from each team is present. After a discussion, all clubs agreed to this agreement and John will now publish the amended conditions of play for all Fab competitions.

**League Fees.** Sheila opened this agenda point by saying that all clubs must agree when/if green fees are paid and for what competition. This will stop different clubs having different ideas. Of course this will standardise the procedure. A couple of the clubs confirmed that their club needs green fees to be paid by teams/players attending due to their club having owners who expect income and it would not work to only collect fees from their own players.

Clubs confirmed that at times taking a sum of money from clubs and then handing over the same amount of money seemed pointless and caused unnecessary paperwork. Clubs agreed this only affected the Spring league and Challenge Cup and not the Winter league which stretches over 2 years accounting periods.

After a discussion a vote was taken to support nonpayment of fees for the Spring league and Challenge Cup but retain payment for the Winter league. Most clubs supported this motion except for Miraflores.

**Capitation Fees.** Sheila confirmed that the Capitation fees have now been paid and a small increase resulted in the charge of 1 euro being applied. Clubs should now pay their money due (as per December figures submitted) and inform Sheila when this happens.

Doug added that the authority requesting payment has also asked for the details of their coaches and umpires.

**Delegado.** Doug briefed the clubs that Benavista has now been purchased by a private owner and their first task is to obtain a legal drinks/food licence. This is expected to happen very soon. Players visiting Benavista should not bring their own food and drink.

Doug also confirmed that Benavista has had a further visit from Dales and the green is much better but perhaps a little slower than others. Proper bowling shoes should be worn by visitors to Benavista as they will not allow ridged training shoes or similar footwear. The dress code has been issued some time ago for Federation players and the 60% flat soled rule is still in force.

**Provincial/Team Malaga.** Doug opened this discussion point by saying that everybody knows the job of Team Malaga and all its added components, is not easy, It is thankless and at times very frustrating particularly when the host club enforces a change to the playing format at the last minute. Paul carries out the post of Team Malaga with enthusiasm but very little or no help and at times, it appears mistakes are made with selection of players. Of course you can never please all people all the time.

Doug had canvassed players at the recent Almeria venue, and some constructive concerns were raised and discussed with Paul. These included:

Feeling of disjointed team – Lack of communication – playing players with other team members with no time to gel. Mixing men and women when both genders had sufficient players as reserves – can a lady's captain/representative be appointed which would alleviate a lot of the pressure and stress on Paul?

At times his initial trawl for women highlights a shortfall of players and after discussions to allow the match to go ahead, mixing sexes was agreed. Further restrictions imposed resulted in Paul having to alter teams and players in different disciplines.

Jeff added that recently the same player played the same opponent in the singles match over two days. This cannot be sensible or fair. John added that perhaps a solution is to use the available data each club holds on its players. Players who are successful during the year, playing well in the league etc must be offered the chance to represent Malaga.

Jeff also added that this approach might work but he knows of players in his club who will not travel to Almeria for various reasons and it would not be fair to everyone else, to suggest they can play at 'home', resulting in a two-tier Malaga team.

Other comments included could the team be selected perhaps two months before the event to allow players to play and practice together.

Doug concluded this topic suggesting that the club representatives should talk to their players, find out who or will not travel, offer their best players the opportunity to practice with the Malaga squad on the various training days. Advertise and promote the Malaga team as the pinnacle of our sport on the coast. With clubs' responses, club representatives should hold a meeting on the next training day, prior to the practice period. Tom confirmed that Belle would represent Saydo. Details would be sent out of the timings later.

**Score Cards.** Grant told the clubs that the recent score cards submitted were accurate with the correct detail recorded and clubs are thanked for their efforts.

**Any Other Business.** No clubs had any other business to discuss, and John wished to discuss a problem area in competition entries.

A club recently submitted their teams for the Aussie pair's competition starting at Mijas next week but through an error by the club's competition secretary, a pair had been omitted. The draw has taken place and once the clubs had been informed of the schedule, the affected club raised their objections and concerns. This procedure has been used for many years and at one stage, it was suggested that the host should confirm with each club representative, their submissions. Confirmation by the host would stop this mistake happening again.

John went on to suggest a small change to the conditions of play by the host club having a 'reserve' list and if a team in the original schedule, withdraws, then the reserve list would be consulted, and offered the vacancy. After all the whole aim is to engage as many players as possible in the competitions.

The clubs all agreed this approach is beneficial to everyone concerned and John will issue amended conditions of play, reflecting the inclusion of a reserve list. The details will be circulated to clubs after this meeting.

**Date of Next Meeting.** Doug wished to hold the next meeting on 17 June but would decide and confirm if a meeting was needed or possibly take place in September.

The meeting closed at 1235