

**FAB MALAGA DELEGATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
16 NOVEMBER AT LAURO GOLF BC**

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| In Attendance: | Chairman | Ron Jones |
| | Treasurer | Julian Thomas |
| | Coaching | Margaret Kain |
| | Umpire Assn | Roy Saunders |
| | Secretary | Bill Neal |
| | La Posada | Jeff Rowe |
| | Saydo | Tom McLean |
| | Lauro | Jane Richardson |
| | Benavista | Doug Hall |
| Guest | Neil Marshall | |

Apologies: Carol MF, Simone SM, Bill Davies, Bixio Foletti and John Wilson

Ron opened the meeting at 1345 and thanked those members for attending.

There were no objections to the proposal from Doug and seconded by Tom to accept the previous minutes as published.

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting.

Treasurer Report. Julian confirmed all members had a copy of the financial statement of accounts provided earlier and then continued to go through the few changes of income and expenditure detail. Cash in bank was confirmed as 6,362 euros. Julian explained that the outstanding monies due to clubs from the authorities had now been paid and the fact that this paying of bills in November of each year was probably going to be the norm in future years. Ron explained that the payment from Junta Andalucia to Bolos Andalucia was always in arrears, but they had promised in a recent 'zoom meeting', to pay their bills promptly!!

Julian then took the opportunity to brief the clubs in great details of the future costs of umpires and their licencing, green fees, and his proposed budget plan for 2023. A copy of his brief is shown below:

UMPIRES & MARKERS LICENSING FOR 2023

With the integration of Malaga umpires & markers into the official Andalucian system comes the associated rules, regulation, licensing, and costs.

For your OFFICIAL recognition you are required to purchase a yearly license, the cost of which is €25.

This official licensing allows you to officiate at FAB competitions, attend meetings such as this, and any other associated benefits.

Procedure for obtaining your license is the same as all clubs do for their members. Every year in December you need to have your club add your extra license request onto the club's members application.

You then settle payment with your club as they will settle the invoice from Jaen on your behalf.

Your license will be posted to the same address as your club player licenses.

In order to reduce your costs, as we do with the supply of shirts and rule books, we will while financing allows, have the €25 cost refunded to you when you have completed your FIRST official duty at any of the FAB calendared events.

I will require email notification of your first duty NO LATER than 2 days after the end of the competition.

That refund will be in the form of a bank transfer and as such I will require your bank account details and a signed form which will be sent to JAEN to claim the refund.

EXPENSES & 2023 BUDGET

As we have NO carry over from previous years and each year now has to stand alone, WE DO NOT have the funds available to be able to pay BOTH expenses AND club green hire at 100€ per day.

If we pay expenses then the club green hire will be cut to 75€ or 50€ per day in order to fund those expenses. The BIG question is do we all want our club and members to reap the benefits of higher payments or expenses for ourselves.

With this BIG question in mind and in order to comply with the latest budgetary controls and procedures instigated by the Junta I believe we have to make the following changes to 2023 and future years.

Apart from refunding your newly incurred license costs we have to remove the availability of expenses for umpires & Markers.

Now generally I don't see this as a problem because Expenses were there only to cover costs incurred by officials carrying out their support duties at competitions and ACTUALLY not many people incurred costs to have to cover with expense claims.

This fact is born out as most umpires & markers have generously NOT even claimed any expenses anyway, even if they did incur cost, so I think it will cause very ONLY minimal impact IF ANY

Let's be honest for 10 – 15 years expenses were never even available and we were all happy with receiving nothing. Generally, we do the job because we CAN and we WANT to give to the sport NOT for payment.

So, there will be NO expenses available for ump & markers at ANY HOME competitions.

However due to costs of petrol I will be asking clubs to cover any expenses for umpires & markers having to travel to AWAY competitions.

This 20/25€ per day will be paid out of their 100€ per day receipt. If the home club makes HOME officials available, they pay nothing but at least this gives the club the option of incurring or mitigating the expenses cost rather than arbitrarily reducing the green hire receipt by 25/50€ for EVERY club at EVERY comp which they then cannot recoup.

NEW GREEN HIRE AGREEMENT

I would like to remind you that a couple of years ago we said that there would be a time that we would have to reverse the temporary increase in green hire back to 50€ per day. Well now that the carry forward surplus has been used, we are at that point.

Due to budgetary constraints green hire will now be paid at the rate of 50€ per day.

The main problem is that the earmarked 3000€ for officials' expenses, which may not be all claimed cannot now be repurposed to green hire, it will be lost.

However, there is a solution with some compromise from both umpires, markers officials and clubs

Umpires, markers & officials are prepared to give up all claims to expenses at their home club competitions so that your clubs can retain the full 100€ per day green hire.

However, if they are called upon to perform AWAY duties and incur costs in travelling or food, these costs need to be paid by the host club out of their 100€ per day

If you the hosting club and you make HOME officials available, you have no costs and keep all 100€ per day, if you need to call in travelling officials then your club needs to pay any expenses claimed up to a max of 25€ per day

At least this compromise gives the hosting club the option of incurring or mitigating the expenses cost rather than arbitrarily reducing the green hire by 25/50€ for EVERY club at EVERY comp which they then cannot recoup.

All clubs agreed to the proposal of leaving the green fee hire to 100 euros and clubs would submit expenses via Julian.

Calendar 2023. All the clubs confirmed that they had received Ron's e mail containing the proposed calendar for 2023. After confirmation Ron took the members through the calendar month by month with clubs confirming their acceptance of events/dates. For the sake of brevity, Ron recorded any clubs' amendments and acceptance of hosting Federation events and would produce the finalised calendar on the Málaga website within a few days.

An overall point raised by Tom was the start date changing from Sunday to Saturday for events. Ron explained that this was not decisive and if clubs wished to revert to the Sunday for starting, this isn't a problem. A short discussion took place with Ron confirming that the agreed start dates would be published on the new calendar.

Discussions took place over relevant details of federation/malaga events and dates were confirmed as far as possible. A further discussion took place regarding the fate of the Malaga Inter Club Singles (formerly the Champion of Champions).

Ron confirmed that It has struggled to get a full complement again this year. The discussion was whether to scrap it or not.

Ron confirmed that he was reluctant to get rid of a Singles competition and perhaps we could "open it up" to anyone who wanted to play in it, to be an Open Singles Competition, where Men and Women competed together.

This was generally felt to be a good idea, with so few women entering the Ladies Singles competitions (as few as 4 entries) rather than abandon it.

The club representatives all agreed to try this approach and see if it attracted any more entries.

Coaching. Margaret confirmed that the next coaching course would take place over 23/24 January at a venue to be confirmed. Clubs should contact Margaret direct with any proposed candidates.

Umpires. Ron confirmed that as the newly appointed training officer within the Umpire and Markers association, he would run the next umpire course over 6 days, over two weeks in December this year. He added that any person who required a re-sit would be welcome to attend the whole course if they wished, or they could attend the final examination on the parts they failed.

Any other Business. A question was raised asking if there was a standard fee raised for competitions as there had been different charges throughout the year. Ron explained that whilst it is down to clubs to set their own charges, it had been agreed some months ago, post COVID, that the fee of 8 euros for competitions would be applied by all clubs.

The meeting closed at 1440 with the date of the next meeting not confirmed. When it was decided, Bill would send the call notice and ask for agenda points.