

FAB MALAGA DELEGATION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 25 MAY 2022  
LAURO GOLF BC

In Attendance:	Benavista	Doug Hall
	La Posada	Jeff Rowe
	Lauro	None
	Mijas	John Wilson
	Miraflores	Carol Frost (by remote)
	Santa Maria	None
	Saydo	Tom Maclean
	FAB Chairman	Ron Jones
	FAB Secretary	Bill Neal
	FAB Treasurer	Julian Thomas
	FAB Team MALAGA	Bill Davies
	FAB Vice President	Bixio Folett
	FAB League Co-ord	David Mainwaring
	Umpires Association	Roy Saunders

Apologies: Lauro - Ron will represent them in any vote - and Phil Baldry, Santa Maria, who had submitted his points for discussion to the chairman.

The meeting opened at 11.20 with a warm welcome given by Ron to all those members attending.

There were no matters arising from the previous meeting's minutes and a proposal to accept the minutes as published was recorded by John and seconded by Roy. All members voted with full support.

**Treasurer Report.** Julian confirmed that all members were in possession of the statement of account he had published earlier covering the period 1 January to 21 May 2022, and added that there was very little movement on the account and he then went through the salient points on expenditure and income. He further explained that the balance figure of 6,089 euros will reduce to a zero balance by the end of the year, as budgeted and planned for.

Carol asked if Jaen ever questioned the amount that was paid by Julian under the heading of entry fees collected? Julian and Ron explained that Jaen did not show interest in the amounts as the overall figure had been budgeted and submitted by Julian at the beginning of the period. Only if the final amount submitted by Julian was different (especially in a plus figure) would Jaen dig deeper. Also, the amount of entry fees is subject to change if decided at any executive meeting.

With no other questions for Julian, it was proposed by Tom and seconded by John to accept the statement of account as presented was fully supported by all members.

The Vice President, Bixio added that the Federation of Andalucian Bowls was in some turmoil at this time due to funding not being provided by the Junta de Andalucía. He assured the clubs that their outstanding bills would be paid, in full, but with a delay. Bixio added that with upcoming Andalusian elections adding to the turmoil, he was working hard to ensure that the funding would be received in a timely fashion in the future and reiterated that all clubs would be paid by the end of this year as the balance held must be zero at the end of 2022.

**COVID Protocols.** Ron informed the members that at this time, there were no protocols in place and the government has lifted all restrictions. Bixio added that whilst there were no protocols issued for clubs to follow, it would be prudent for clubs to keep in place a couple of the previously used protocols for the bowler's safety and peace of mind. These were hand sanitisation and keeping a safe distance from other bowlers.

Various clubs offered their perceived practices regarding COVID and their intentions to carry on with their protocols and these clubs were congratulated on their efforts and intentions to continue with the common-sense approach.

John Wilson suggested that all clubs should inform all other clubs, if one of their players contract COVID, to ensure everyone was aware and to allow each club to ensure the safety and contact details of each player. All clubs agreed to this, and Ron Jones volunteered to be the focal point for clubs to inform and he would distribute the information accordingly.

**Competition Entries and Replies.** Julian voiced on behalf of a club captain who recently held a competition at their club of the extra work and frustration encountered trying to ascertain entries and if other clubs were even aware of the competition taking place. The problem seems to be that there is no acknowledgement of the call notice issued and if clubs have any or no entries.

Ron suggested that the call notice should contain an "acknowledgement" statement and confirmation of the closing date. If all clubs adopted this procedure, the problems encountered previously should, disappear. After a discussion it was agreed by all clubs to include the acknowledgement question when they publish call notices.

**Umpires Shirts and Certificates.** Jeff asked for an update regarding the provision of umpire shirts and certificates, particularly to the newly qualified umpires. Ron explained why there was a delay in shirt provision and why certificates had not been issued but assured the members that once the certificate had been approved by the necessary authorities, which was ongoing, they would be issued.

Bixio explained that the shirt provision was in hand, and he was actively seeking a new supplier which he hoped would be cheaper and that this will take some time. Julian suggested that the FAB Malaga delegation was happy to fund the newly qualified umpires with their shirts at the current cost of 27 euros (including embroidery) and perhaps Bixio continues to seek a different supplier which he would finance to commence in January 2023. Julian reminded Bixio that he is expected to fund the replacement shirts and cost, to all currently qualified umpires and markers. The new logo, which must be worn with immediate effect, will be used in the production of new and replacement shirts.

**Summer League Start Times.** David asked the member's if it was feasible to have a different start time as the weather was getting warmer. After a discussion it was agreed that the start times remain as they are but clubs should continue to liaise with each other, if a change of time was sought by any club.

**Winter League.** Ron read an e mail submitted by Phil Baldry who wished to discuss with the members the possibility of more flexibility regarding the actual day of the league fixture, i.e. Fridays. Could a different day, if agreed by the clubs concerned, allowing perhaps a greater choice of players, be approved in general.

A discussion took place with various clubs stating that they were happy with the current Friday event and changing would cause fixture problems and perhaps other unforeseen difficulties. The proposal to leave the current fixture day as Friday by John and seconded by Tom was supported by all available members.

**FAB Competition Formats.** Ron suggested that this year, evidence supports that the same approximate 30 players are entering the competitions and should clubs consider a different approach to the format to encourage different/additional players, perhaps allowing mixed teams of both gender and clubs to the various competitions which traditionally, were set hard and sure. Ron invited the members to discuss with Club members any ideas there may be on how the entry numbers could be increased. Ask the question – if you don't currently, what would make you want to enter a competition - and bring their findings to the next meeting.

### **Any Other Business.**

Ron opened this section with confirmation of the calendar events for Spain and Malaga games in the near future. Dates and venues had been discussed and the details were published on the Malaga website. Clubs were invited to peruse the details and inform Ron of any concerns.

Doug asked if the current entry fee for FAB competitions could be reduced to perhaps 5 euros as the current level causes administration difficulties for those Clubs who pay the entry fees via an ATM, where payments were only accepted in multiples

of 5 euro. After a discussion it was proposed by Doug and seconded by Tom to reduce the entry fee for FAB competitions from 7 to 5 euros. A vote recorded 5 clubs in favour and 1 against and therefore this proposal was carried.

Doug also raised the problem of clubs when paying entry fees, the fact that they are incurring bank charges. Julian explained that clubs do not need to use their 'business account' but perhaps an individual could collect the fees and pay them from their own personal account which would not incur bank charges.

Tom asked if future FAB call notices/conditions of play could contain a restriction of skips to the head, possible to 6 visits per game. This was felt to be an issue with one Skip in particular. Following discussions amongst the members, this did not receive support and therefore no vote was taken. Ron reminded the members altering the rules because of a single individual was not something we should be encouraging.

Bill informed the members of his willingness in taking up the responsibility of Team Malaga and he would be issuing an e mail shortly outlining his ideas and intentions for the future including the attraction of new players and the introduction of training days.

There were no other points submitted for discussion and the meeting closed at 13.10.

**Next Meeting.** A date for the next meeting will be circulated by the secretary, later.