

MALAGA
FEDERATION ANDALUCIA BOWLS
EXECUTIVE MEETING
15 MAY 2024

Present:

Saydo	Tom Mclean
Lauro	Paul Hughes
Mijas	John Wilson (and league coordinator)
Miraflores	Carol Frost
Guest	Lorraine Penning
FAB Delegado	Doug Hall
FAB Media	Jayne Richardson
FAB Secretary	Bill Neal

Apology: La Posada Jeff Rowe

The meeting took place at Mijas LBC and commenced at 1030.

Welcome. Doug opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending and introduced Lorraine who will provide an update with her club, La Cala, later in the meeting.

Approval of Previous Minutes. A majority vote accepted the previous minutes as published as a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising. There were no matters arising.

Delegado. Doug gave an update on the Team Malaga Manager, Bill Davies who had submitted his temporary resignation from the post to allow him to concentrate on his family. Everyone wishes Bill the very best of luck for the future. Doug explained that in the interim, Paul from Lauro had volunteered to stand-in as team manager until Bill's return, and the meeting thanked Paul and approved the temporary appointment. A further meeting can be held in the future when more information becomes available from Bill and Paul will inform the delegation as necessary.

Federation Competitions. Doug explained that after visiting various clubs and listening to club representatives it would be a good idea for a proforma to be designed and introduced to ensure that all clubs when hosting a federation competition, all followed the checklist provided to ensure all areas of hosting are covered. This includes acknowledging call notices, allocation of markers/umpires etc.

A discussion took place and all clubs agreed this would be very helpful to organisers, as when individuals change in clubs, not all the information is passed on. John agreed to produce a proforma and circulate it to all clubs for their comments, prior to the next meeting.

Finance. Sheila provided an update on the current standing of the account. With only 2 competitions to go, after which she will then be able to balance the account and inform each club of their holdings. Sheila also confirmed that all fees have been submitted to Jaen for payment and to date, no response has been received, which is considered good news, because they are normally very quick to raise any issues.

League Matches. Paul raised the subject of 'trial ends' this league period and informed the meeting that his club members strongly dislike the current '1 at the first two ends' but apologised that he was absent at the previous meeting that agreed to this. Other clubs then voiced their opinion that they would like to revert to the traditional trial ends during the league matches.

Carol added that the reason this was introduced was to reduce the number of ends to be played during the hot periods.

All the clubs agreed that the current position should remain but when the new league starts, trial ends would be introduced.

Sandwiches. Paul mentioned the subject of clubs providing sandwiches after a league game and confirmed that Lauro have difficulty doing this. Doug reminded the clubs that some time ago, it was decided that the minimum each club agreed to be a free tea/coffee (or a drink to the same value), and a biscuit. A discussion was held, and all clubs confirmed that the minimum refreshments that should be provided is a drink and a biscuit but if individual clubs wanted to provide something else or extra, then that is up to the club concerned.

Carol informed the meeting that clubs should ensure their staff and premises are licensed and hold food and hygiene certificates, in case of a visit by the authorities.

League Schedule. Carol raised a valid point regarding the schedule, particularly the Winter period, when clubs must travel a long distance to take part in a 'no value game'. Perhaps the answer is to arrange the schedule to allow clubs to play their local opponent.

This was agreed by all to be a good idea and a benefit to all clubs. John will publish the revised schedule before the next meeting.

Carol then raised the matter of the current published dates for the winter league and could the dates be altered to allow visitors to play. This would only involve the first and last week of the league. John explained that this idea is possible but leave the dates as scheduled and the 'extra' days could be used for catching up games. All the clubs discussed this idea and agreed to leave the dates alone but use the days as catch up if necessary. John as coordinator will continue to monitor the league. John added that certain days are unavailable due to Malaga squad games/training and perhaps the league might be increased by an additional club which would involve the dates as published.

John agreed to revise the schedule with 6/7 teams and publish this to all clubs soon and clubs could bring their points to the next meeting.

League Rules. Carol continued asking if there was any plan to republish the 'handbook' which contained very useful information about the clubs, particularly the rules of the league.

The original reason taken some time ago to cease printing the handbook was mainly due to the cost and that all the information was available on the Malaga web page. Carol accepted this but would like the rules published and provided to all clubs in some form. Another point raised was the 'reason for postponing a match' should be clarified and agreed.

Doug reiterated that our game and club participation relies on the integrity of club captains and club representatives and there is no intention to publish a list of what reason is accepted for postponement.

John and Bill will produce a document taking as much information from other clubs as provided, that will incorporate the league rules and etiquette guidelines, and will circulate to all clubs for their comment.

La Cala Bowls Club. Doug invited Lorraine to provide an update on the current position of the new club. Lorraine gave a very detailed brief on the status including a series of photographs of ongoing works. Since employing a different manager, things have moved forward very quickly and it's the intention to hold a gala day in September and a planned opening day of 1 October. Various points of concern were raised by individuals such as the green surface, toilet facilities etc, and Lorraine provided the information required. Doug thanked Lorraine for her presentation and on behalf of all the clubs and delegation, wished her well with her endeavours.

Miraflores Open. John asked Carol if Miraflores intended to hold their 'open' this year and Carol confirmed they are, and the date would be in September and the dates chosen would not interfere with the published calendar.

Diary Calendar. John confirmed that he would produce a draft calendar for next year using the dates/venues used this year. This would be circulated, and all clubs could peruse the information and at a meeting to be arranged, the calendar can be discussed. Venues and competitions would also be confirmed at this meeting.

Markers and Umpires. Bill informed the clubs that John and himself would produce a 'viewpoint' tutorial' containing the information needed for clubs to carry out marker training and qualification. La Posada have used this method and carried out a markers course successfully.

Bill added that a few clubs had reported a loss of umpires and the need for an umpire's course to be held this year. Bill confirmed that at every federation competition, there should be a qualified umpire in attendance. Clubs are welcome to approach the secretary of the markers and umpires' association, Jeff Rowe, or the chairman, Bill Neal, to seek assistance if their own club struggle to provide an umpire.

Doug agreed to contact Ron Jones (our current umpire training coordinator) to discuss the possibility of a course to be held this year. Accepting Ron's current medical procedures and ongoing treatment, it may be necessary to appoint a deputy umpire training coordinator and Doug will inform the clubs of the appointment as necessary.

24 HOUR Charity Event. Lauro

Paul explained that due to 'gremlins' the date for the 24-hour bowl charity event had not been circulated to all clubs but this would be rectified shortly. All clubs are invited to publish the event and encourage participants.

Date of Next Meeting.

This was confirmed for 14 June, at 1030, at Mijas. This meeting closed at 1135.

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