

**FAB MALAGA DELEGATION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH 2023
AT LAURO GOLF BC**

In Attendance:	Chairman	Ron Jones
	Treasurer	Julian Thomas
	Umpire Assn	Roy Saunders
	Secretary	Bill Neal
	La Posada	Jeff Rowe
	Saydo	Tom McLean
	Lauro	Jane Richardson
	Benavista	Doug Hall
	Mijas	John Wilson
	Miraflores	Carol Frost
Guest:	Gordon Adams and Barry Pemberton	

Apologies: Simone Morgan (SM), Bill Davies (Team Malaga), Bixio Foletti and Margaret Kain (FAB Coaching).

Ron opened the meeting at 1100 and thanked those members for attending.

There were no objections to the proposal from John 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. There were no questions for the treasurer and a proposal by Jane and seconded by John to accept the account detail as an accurate statement, was fully supported by all.

Jaen Meeting Update. Ron gave a detailed account of the last FAB general meeting held at Jaen. Overall fact to bear in mind immediately is that the budget is going to be reduced and this will affect our future spending. The fee for Federation licences is going to revert to 18 euros per person (this is as a result of the subsidy of 3 euros being removed). Across the board the numbers of Federated Licence Holders has reduced and the Junta de Andalucia has reduced the budget allocation to the FAB by 30%

Ron explained that there a few areas that Lawn Bowls could make cuts: for instance the cost of trophies awarded by presenting medals instead; reducing the number of FAB competitions held throughout the year or perhaps reducing the amount of days the Federation competitions are allocated. We could also revert to larger competitions taking place over 8 days rather than playing them as separate disciplines. While this would certainly involve playing 2 games in a day a competition such as the Provincial Championships would be 8 days rather than 16 days as it currently is.

Ron and Julian also thanked the 'umpires' who do not claim their expenses and hoped that this would continue as this would all help towards our reducing budget and how we spend it.

Finally, Ron and Julian are in the process of organising a meeting with the FAB President in the very near future to find out in more detail how the budget cost reduction will affect the Malaga Delegation. As soon as this meeting takes place, more details would be conveyed to the Clubs.

All Club Representatives were asked to take this information back to their Members and canvas their opinions on ways to reduce the spending, particularly those Club Members who regularly enter FAB Competitions and let Ron know their thoughts.

New Laws. Ron reminded the clubs that the new laws - already well published - are coming into effect from 1 April and clubs should be introducing them to their players from now on to ensure compliance. The new Laws of the Sport book (@ 4 euros) has been ordered and is on its way and Ron has secured 100. He intends to initially issue 2 per club, 1 per registered umpire and marker, leaving a small pool for future use. Some Clubs have already ordered additional Law Books for their own Members and these are included in that total.

Vacant Posts. Ron thanked Jane for volunteering to take the post of Press Officer at the recent AGM and this means that the only post unfilled to date on the FAB Malaga delegation is that of Competition Secretary.

This led to a discussion regarding the use of Club Competition Secretaries under guidance of Ron to organise and look after Federation events at their club. Most clubs agreed this was possible and a good idea. Clubs were asked to pass to Ron the contact details, names etc of the club representatives.

This approach was taken by all clubs regarding the provision of officials at their clubs. As each club were now quite healthy with officials with more intended this year, Club captains would be happy to organise the officials for Federation events and where necessary, liaise with other clubs if needed. Roy Saunders the President of the Umpires and Markers would be kept informed by the clubs concerned.

Officials Shirts. Ron confirmed that he had now received from Bixio, the official logo layout which is to be used on all shirts from now on.

Rink Markings. Doug mentioned that different greens on the coast used different markings on the rinks indicating distances and wondered could all clubs agree with a template to ensure they were all the same. A short discussion took place with no agreement by the clubs. Roy and Ron reminded clubs of the markings required by the laws and that any other marking was a club matter.

Spring League. Jeff raised the format to be used for the fast-approaching Spring league season starting 22 April.

Julian explained that the format was very easily decided but only after all clubs had let him know the intended numbers of players Clubs thought would participate. A quick show of hands resulted in 5 clubs confirming their entry, 1 not involved and 1 unsure at this time.

The format of , 3 home and 3 away, needing 18 players was liked by some clubs and the idea of 1 x triple and 2 pairs, home and away needing 14 players was favoured by some clubs.

Julian asked the one remaining club (Benavista) to confirm their intention to play in the Spring League by 18 March and with that knowledge the format would be decided, and clubs would be informed by Julian who is now League Coordinator.

Team Malaga. Carol asked if the scheduled days for the Malaga v Almeria Match as published were set in stone or could they be re-arranged. This would allow the playing of league matches on these days if it was required. Ron explained the reasons for playing on the published dates but it is possible to arrange the League for a different day for the week that the Match takes place rather than create a blank place in the League schedule. The October match was scheduled for a date before the league will start, therefore only the February date and possibly the January date against Spain in 2024 would necessitate a change.

Date of Next Meeting. This was confirmed for 12 April at 1100. The meeting closed at 1210.