

**MALAGA DELEGATION  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD AT MIJAS ON 5 MARCH 2025**

In attendance:	La Posada	Jeff Rowe
	Saydo	Tom Maclean
	Lauro	Paul Hughes
	Mijas	John Wilson
	Benavista	Bill Davies
	La Cala	Lorraine Penning
	Miraflores	Carol Frost
	Delegado	Doug Hall
	Finance	Sheila Wilson
	League Coordinator	John Wilson
	Team Malaga	Paul Hughes
	FAB Media	Jane Richardson
	Competition Secretary	Ron Jones
	Secretary	Bill Neal
Apology:	Vice President	Bixio

The meeting opened at 1100 with a welcome by Doug and he thanked everyone for attending. Doug reminded the meeting that the delegation has a new competition secretary, Ron Jones, appointed prior to this meeting but as a matter of protocol, Doug asked for a show of hands to support the appointment. 100% of the clubs supported this.

**Previous Minutes.** All the delegates confirmed their acceptance of the previous minutes that were published.

**Matters Arising.** The only matter arising was mentioned by Jeff who asked if there was any more information on the insurance question particularly, 'pay to play' players.

Doug answered this explaining after discussion with the vice president and Jaen the following information is up to date as possible:

Pay to Play visitors to any club are not covered by the FAB Insurance.

The 'club' federation card is your licence to play bowls, no insurance involved.

Individual federation cards are for accidents/injuries that take place on the green only whilst an individual is playing bowls.

In the event of a player on the green suffering an accident or injury then the procedures documented on the FAB Malaga website regarding reporting procedures and forms to be used are to be followed to the letter. In addition to this clubs are to inform the vice president as soon as reasonably possible. Bixio can be contacted as follows:

Email: [viapepena@hotmail.com](mailto:viapepena@hotmail.com) Tel: 619935293

Bixio will then be able to pursue and help with any claim, correctly reported, with Jaen.

Bill added that all clubs should ensure their own insurance providers have public liability/third party coverage.

**Finance.** Sheila informed the meeting that to date, all was in order. Invoices submitted for payment have been paid within 10 days. Doug informed the meeting that to date, Benavista still has not received their federation cards despite being paid in January and they have opened a dialogue with Jaen and the appointed company in Barcelona who prints them.

**Umpire Interference.** Tom would like to confirm with the members that it is not acceptable or welcome, for a qualified umpire who is not the official umpire of an event, to involve themselves during a game. They are spectators and as law 45 .3 clearly states "they must not disturb or advise the players in any way".

Bill as chairman of the umpire's association asked all clubs present to ensure this message was passed on not just to existing umpires, but all club members.

**League Calendar.** Carol opened this agenda point together with Doug reading an e mail submitted by a member from Miraflores who wished to raise their concerns about late changes to the calendar, particularly affecting those members of clubs who do not live in Spain.

A discussion took place with input from Bill Davies regarding the Malaga squad training days which included a Friday as travelling day, and further comments followed about how the calendar was formed around FAB competitions, club dates, Provincial matches and this year the calendar was published later than normal and still required amendments after changes were deemed necessary.

Ron added that in a previous meeting some time ago, it was decided by all the clubs, bowling in Spain would be focussed on pleasing the 'residential' players rather than visitors or snowbirds as they are affectionally called. Ron added that the existing league periods are designed as such to allow visitors to choose the period they would like to play in Spain, with the restrictions of the 90-day rule imposed.

Doug concluded this discussion informing everybody that hard negotiations are still taking place with Almeria regarding the provincial matches. Confirmed is the match taking place in September 2026, but the Spring dates are not confirmed, and February is not acceptable. Malaga would prefer March or April, but nothing was decided yet.

Doug went on explaining that every club has its own concerns regarding visitors and every club tries to please the majority. Also, when the clubs agree the calendar, remember that the Provincial matches will take priority. The calendar will be discussed and finalised a lot earlier this year and we will continue to be as understanding as possible.

**Promotion of Our Sport in Malaga.** Carol asked that following the very good report published in the Sur recently, could we manage to get perhaps a monthly report published including results, table standings etc. This would allow a far greater audience to read about our sport, where clubs are located etc etc.

Jane as media representative confirmed that she is already following this up with her contacts and wondered if there was any budget available to cover costs incurred. Bixio will be approached to speak with Jaen because in the past there was a budget set aside to promote recognised and registered sports which didn't come from the revenue made from Federation membership. Hopefully we will have an answer for the next meeting.

**Spring League.** John asked the clubs to confirm their intended players/teams for this league and:

La Posada, Saydo, Lauro, Miraflores and Mijas confirmed 14 but La Cala and Benavista could not confirm at this stage.

It was then discussed and agreed that La Cala and Benavista would form a team using both clubs' players which results in the league being fought by 6 clubs with the dates confirmed as:

Week 1 – April 18<sup>th</sup>

Week 2 – April 25<sup>th</sup>

Week 3 – May 2<sup>nd</sup>

Week 4 – May 9<sup>th</sup>

Week 5 – May 16<sup>th</sup> with a back up day on 23<sup>rd</sup> May if required.

It was also agreed that if any club cannot meet the 14 players required then as long as the opposing club agreed, a team of 12 would be acceptable (trips changing to a pairs).

Format would be each home and away team would play a trips, aussie pairs and a pair with a start time of 1100.

Further details and conditions would be published and distributed by John in due course.

**Calendar.** John would like to confirm the following:

Benavista is not holding its Classic over the period stated and an Umpires Course has been arranged over 17-21 March, being held at Lauro.

Malaga Open Pairs moved to Mijas.

Miraflores, La Cala/Benavista qualifying round 19 April

Malaga Open Singles, La Cala, 21-23 April

Andalucian Championships, Lauro 24-31 May, Open trips, ladies and gent's singles and ladies and gent's pairs.

Ron will issue the call notices and conditions of play nearer the dates. It was also confirmed that this year there would be no 'rinks'. Clubs should remember that this competition was not open to non-Spanish residents.

John concluded this agenda point stating that he intends to keep this year's dates and carry them forward to next year as they seem to work well.

**Any Other Business.**

John gave an update regarding trophies and flags for clubs in that Jaen had paid for them and they were in the process of being supplied.

Bill Davies asked if the 2 April was still clear on the calendar as he is considering organising a Malaga Challenge game involving the playing squad and invited players. John confirmed that 2 April was still free.

Doug finished this section by wishing to congratulate the Malaga Team managers and players who recently won against Almeria. Congratulations to Lauro for winning the triples league with commiserations to La Posada. Winners of the pairs league was still to be decided in the next few days and a suitable presentation for both winners would be made at the next meeting.

**Date of Next Meeting.** This was confirmed as 30 April at Mijas, commencing at 1100.