

FEDERATION ANDALUZA DE BOLOS

MALAGA DELEGATION

COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT LAURO 27 NOVEMBER 2025

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| In attendance | Saydo | Tom Maclean |
| | Lauro | Paul Hughes |
| | MIJAS | John Wilson |
| | Miraflores | Carol Frost |
| | Benavista | Jack Gordon |
| | Vice President | Bixio Foletti |
| | Delegado | Doug Hall |
| | Competition Sec | John Wilson |
| | Team Malaga | Paul Hughes |
| | Treasurer | Sheila Wilson |
| | Secretary | Bill Neal |
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| Apologies | La Cala | Lorraine Penning |
| | La Posada | Jeff Rowe |
| | Media Rep | Jane Richardson |
| | Web Designer | Ron Jones |

The meeting began at 1100 with a warm welcome from Doug who thanked everyone for attending.

Previous Minutes. A vote to accept the previously published minutes published on the website was taken. All those attending agreed to their accuracy.

Matters Arising. There were no matters arising for further discussion.

Treasurer Report. Sheila confirmed that all the clubs had received her previously published statement of account sent out by Bill earlier. Clubs had also replied in person or by email to the questions Sheila had raised in her e mail. Bill read out Lauro's response. Clubs that had still to respond regarding umpire's fees and/or rink fees would be contacted by Sheila directly. Sheila added that some of the outstanding fees may well be paid before the end of December 2025.

Sheila went on to say that clubs should not decide 'on the day' not to pay the fees due for the Challenge Cup. This must be agreed by both clubs involved prior to the event.

Capitation Fees. Sheila stated that she is still waiting for La Cala and Lauro to confirm their numbers. Other costs of fees, prizes etc need to be decided today to allow the budget proposal being submitted in December. These will be discussed later in the meeting.

Sheila added that dealing with Jaen at times is proving frustrating due to their continual changes of forms to be used, original or scans etc.

Doug added that at a recent meeting he and Bixio had attended, the area of 'finance' within the Spanish Federation and then Andalucia is changing soon. Almeria is now in receipt of a 'laptop/i pad that must be used for all transactions to Jaen and this has resulted in further tribulations for the Almeria representative, as original signatures must be obtained from each club which hosts an event. The laptop/iPad for Malaga delegation has yet to be received but will be issued shortly.

WhatsApp Group. Doug asked Sheila if she had set up a WhatsApp group for this committee and Sheila confirmed that one is up and running under the title of Federation 2025. Sheila will change the date in January 2026. Doug added that this forum could be utilised more to allow clubs to raise and discuss points before a meeting and encouraged clubs to take advantage of this.

Calendar 2026. Tom commenced this agenda point requesting a change to the dates for the Saydo Open due to be held in November 2026. Tom proposed to change the dates to 22 – 25 November. All the clubs agreed to this proposal.

Carol wondered if the Challenge Cup programmed to start in October 2026 and lasting until 28 November could be changed with a view to expanding the period as it seemed to be crammed in a short space of time and this will impact on players availability, particularly those under the 90 day rule. A discussion took place with pros and cons raised which resulted in a vote by all clubs to leave the current proposed dates as they have been published. The draw for the Challenge Cup will take place in March/April next year.

John asked if the dates for the Spanish National Championships had been decided. Doug confirmed that he had seen a draft proposal that they will be held in the Alicante area, but the dates had still to confirmed.

Competition Secretary. John asked the meeting to consider changing the number of days allocated to two federation events, 2 bowl pairs and the Presidents Fours, to 3-day events. He explained that clubs do not lose money if they reduce the days allocated, but with the number of players involved, the short time a game takes, it would be quite feasible to play 2 games in a day. Also reducing the number of days would free up days which would be very helpful.

A lengthy discussion took place which resulted in a majority vote to support this for next year, but this would be revisited with a view to gauge the response of players after the competitions. It was stressed that this must be explained to players (2 games in a day) in the call notice.

Flags. John asked if clubs were happy with the flags that were issued this year and should we continue with flags next year but perhaps only to the winners of the two Winter leagues, Cup and Spring League (maximum of 4). All the clubs agreed that the flags should only be purchased for the winners.

Tablecloths. Tom asked if a further 3 tablecloths could be purchased so that each club could hold one each to save the continual moving them around. The clubs agreed and John would purchase the flags and new Malaga tablecloths as appropriate.

Malaga Stickers/Scorecards. All the clubs confirmed that their stock of scorecards and stickers were sufficient, but stickers were required for the Malaga team, and these should be ordered in a deeper purple colour and a large quantity. The additional FAB Malaga stickers would allow clubs to use them for FAB events when we run out of the existing stock.

Reciprocal Agreement. It was proposed that all clubs should agree that a fee of 5 euros should be charged to a federated player when visiting any club within our region. All the clubs less Miraflores agreed to this with Carol explaining that Miraflores cannot make this decision so therefore their players visiting any other club should be charged the 10-euro green fee. Players visiting Miraflores would also be charged 10 euros.

Entry Fees. John requested all clubs to consider the current entry fees of 7 euro per player in the league and 5 euros per player for federated events and are they happy that these fees continue for 2026. All the clubs agreed with these costs.

Andalucian Championships. Doug explained that at a recent meeting it was confirmed that the two areas concerned have agreed to play the championships over two venues and that pre qualifiers are not needed. The venues for the Malaga area in 2027 would be Lauro and Mijas and a sub committee would be organised nearer the time to organise the event.

Umpire Training. Bill asked the clubs if they could confirm the number of players interested in attending an umpire's course being considered for December. Saydo confirmed 1, Benavista had 4 and Mijas confirmed 1 but this might increase depending on timings.. Bill will now pass this on to Ron, the training officer, who will confirm the dates and that the course would be held at Mijas.

Any Other Club Business.

Tom reminded the committee that once published, the minutes are perused by every interested player and it is not helpful when a change to published details takes place, Doug reminded the clubs that on the very odd occasion a change might be needed but as Delegado, he may well have to direct a change to accommodate clubs or individuals in committee posts.

John respectfully asked the clubs to inform their players to respect individual club rules and procedures and especially their individual restrictions on smoking and vaping.

Jack informed the meeting that Benavista now enjoys a new carpet on the green. After it was laid, a few 'snags' had been identified but the company revisited, and the green was now in perfect condition and is running at 14-15 seconds.

Visiting Teams. Paul wondered if any other club had experienced a 'free drink' concern raised by the tour representatives, expecting a free drink from the host club. All the other clubs discussed this, and it was firmly agreed that each individual club will operate their own business as they see fit. During this discussion Bixio reminded everyone that as a Federated Sports club, you are not allowed to provide/sell spirits.

League Team Composition. Paul raised a concern that some clubs appear to be favouring the pairs or triples league with their selection process to ensure victory and perhaps this was not in the spirit intended. Some club members were expressing concern of that the leagues were being treated as the A and B league rather as a Triples and Pairs league of equal standing.

A healthy discussion took place with various views being offered but the overall census of opinion was that clubs once again, operate under their Club Captains decision. Some clubs must consider those members with a car and who are willing to travel in their team selection and its certainly not the 'best players' only play in one league.

Bixio. Bixio addressed the meeting confirming that changes at the highest level within Spain and its sporting federation, are taking place and for instance, our sport has been retitled, Lawn Bowls.

Our president of Andalucian De Bolos also acts as the vice president to the Spanish Federation and he continues to support the Lawn Bowls fraternity and will continue to do so.

He also explained that we now have a national committee which the Malaga Delegation are represented by Bixio and Doug.

Delegado. Doug explained to the committee that communication with La Cala bowls club is ongoing not least to determine if they intend to remain federated in 2026. The licence to play competitive bowls or non-competitive, leisure bowls requires an AGM to change the licence application. Doug will continue to try and ascertain the position of La Cala but they remain a licensed club until the end of 2025.

Date of Next Meeting.

Doug then wished the very best of health and good wishes to any player or their spouse and wished everyone a peaceful and happy xmas. Thanking Paul for the buffet, the date of the next meeting, to be held at Miraflores, was decided as Monday 19 January, commencing at 1100.

