

## MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY 25 MAY 2022

LAURO GOLF BOWLS CLUB

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

Apologies: Santa Maria, Phil Baldry who has submitted points for discussion and Lauro who will be represented by Ron. The meeting opened at 11.00.

**Chairmans Report.** The Chairman, Ron, welcomed all personnel and thanked them for attending and opened the meeting with the following report:

The previous 12 months has seen a wind-change for Lawn Bowls in the Province. The early part of the period saw continued disruptions through COVID protocols, with small pockets of outbreaks causing Clubs to close and bowlers to be isolated and tested.

As summer came to a close and autumn got under way we were starting to see some relaxation of the Protocols and more and more interaction between the clubs. FAB Competitions resumed, the Winter league got under way and some hope of a more normal existence came about.

Brexit was the second big disruption. A smaller but sizeable percentage of the Membership of Clubs – particularly on the coast – were affected by the restrictions that non-EU Membership brought into effect. Particularly the limited time that non-residents were able to spend within the country.

The different way this affected individual Members and when they chose to use their allotted time here, meant that trying to plan some coherent calendar, that would try to attract or bring into the area the optimum numbers of overseas members, was always going to be “suck it and see” experiment.

Some clubs were more badly affected than others and the idea that we could, for example see the league continue with 2 or 3 divisions as per pre-Brexit was never feasible. Equally, the numbers of entries for FAB competitions have seen serious downturn.

The numbers of Federated members also fell dramatically in 2021 calendar year, although those figures have remained steady for 2022. The downfall being mainly down to fewer of the overseas members being Federated.

As we go into the remainder of the 2022 period and the next 12 months it is unlikely that we see any changes to the numbers either Federating or entering competitions and this is probably going to be the new normal.

The number of clubs may well fall again, as the strain of smaller memberships at some Clubs take their toll and the remaining members vote with their feet.

It falls on those of us that remain dedicated to the future of our sport to seek ways to attract new members. We have talked about this in the past, but it is becoming critical that we put some plan into action as soon as possible and I hope that all of the members at the Clubs will put forward ideas on how we can make this happen. I ask you all to open the discussions at your clubs, share ideas, look for fresh – even unexpected – ideas.

Let's make 2022 the year we kick start the re-birth of Lawn Bowls in Malaga.

**Treasurer Report.** Julian confirmed that all members had a copy of the accounts sheet he had prepared for the period 1 January to 31 December 2021. Julian went on to confirm the income and expenditure details. The final balance of 5,705 euros held in the account remain under our control.

There were no questions for Julian and a proposal by John Wilson and seconded by Bill Davies to accept the statement of account was supported by all.

**Election of Officers.** Ron then proposed the following appointments and thanked the current post holders for volunteering to remain in post:

Chairman	Ron Jones
Secretary	Bill Neal
Treasurer	Julian Thomas
Team Malaga	Bill Davies
Coaching	Margaret Kain

Unfilled Posts

Competition Secretary  
Publicity Officer

Non-Elected committee members:

Umpires and Marking Association	Roy Saunders
League co-ordinator	David Mainwaring

Ron took the opportunity to thank David for his efforts with the Malaga team during the year and thanked Bill Davies for taking on the role of Malaga Team manager.

Bill then briefed the members on the current condition of Robert with the good news that Robert is doing well, under medical aftercare.

The confirmation of these officers was proposed by John Wilson and seconded by Roy Saunders with all members voting their full support.

There being no further business raised or to be discussed the meeting closed at 11.15.