

FEDERATION ANDALUCIA BOWLS

MALAGA DELEGATION

MEETING HELD AT LAURO

WEDNESDAY 17 JUNE 2026

In attendance:	Delegado	Doug
	Malaga Team	Paul
	Treasurer	Sheila
	Media	Jane
	Competitions	John
	Secretary	Bill
	Web Manager	Ron
	Saydo	Tom
	Lauro	Jane
	Mijas	John
	Miraflores	Carol
	Benavista	Jack
Apologies:	La Posada	Jeff
	Vice President	Bixio

The meeting commenced at 1100 with a warm welcome by Doug who also gave an update on Bixio. Bixio remains in hospital after his recent surgery and Jack together with Doug will visit him this afternoon. Doug continued to address the clubs regarding Craig from Mijas and that the thoughts of the delegation are with Sandra and his family at this time.

**Approval of Previous Minutes.** All the clubs agreed that the previously published minutes were accurate and a true record. Also, there were no matters arising.

**Competitions Played.** Doug started this piece saying that before we move on to the calendar item later, perhaps clubs should consider the number of competitions shown on the calendar with a view to justify their inclusion over what always is very congested and busy times. Clubs agreed that with the cost of travel and the frequency of competitions, it makes it difficult for their players to choose which competition to enter. Add to this the visiting team's season, all clubs agreed to consider the number of competitions required later.

Ron added that historically, the competitions running now were never as crammed and the spreading out over the year also ensured that 'snowbirds' used to be able to pick a competition or a league season they could play in, that traditionally ran and were concluded in a three-month period.

Ron continued that data confirms that in general, the same 40 players entered the competitions/leagues, and this information should help when you discuss later, the calendar periods.

It's important to remember that competitions receive funding from the federation.

**Treasurer Report.** Bill confirmed that all clubs had received Sheila's account statement sent earlier by e mail. It is reproduced below:

All rink rental, voluntario invoices have been sent for Calendar events completed year to date. No update on any payments and I have been trying to expedite payments.

We have also sent invoices for €82 to cover Ink, postage and stationery which has not been paid.

Submitted invoice for League and Cup flags and this has been paid directly to Comparbanderas. Expect delivery before 20 June.

We are still waiting payment for hotel contribution for the last Provincial match at Almeria.

Capitation Fees- Thank you to all the current Federated clubs for their prompt payment of their World Bowls Capitation Fees. Have not had confirmation from La Cala regarding their payment.

We have now added 58 new Licences since the original submission in January. We have 292 Federated members in total across the 6 federated clubs.

No club had any points for Sheila.

**Competition Secretary.** John's report is reproduced below:

All pre- Summer Break Competitions were completed per schedule and all trophies, Call Notices have been distributed to the clubs hosting the remaining 2026 Calendar events.

Well done to all the clubs and their Competition Secretaries responsible for hosting the events.

**Umpires.** Bill asked if there was any method to obtain funding for umpire courses. Stationery, shirts and new law books if required. Sheila explained that there is funding from the budget allocation once the dates of the course(s) have been published in the calendar. This will be revisited during the summer months when Ron as the training officer, has a chance to see the revised calendar.

The matter of refreshments for umpires either at home or visiting other clubs has already been established some time ago and no club saw any reason to amend the protocols already in place. This also applied to the payment of umpires and whatever method presently being used by clubs, should continue.

**Malaga Challenge Cup Draw.** The draw for the upcoming challenge cup took place which resulted in:

Preliminaries (20 Oct)	Mijas v La Posada
	Lauro v Miraflores
Semi final (17 Nov)	Saydo v Benavista

**Andalucian Championships.** It was muted that perhaps the league match programmed for the 6 Nov could be postponed/delayed as many players will only return from the final day of the championships on 5 Nov. Carol stated that the day should remain in the calendar and any club whose players are not involved in the championships could still play the fixture. Clubs agreed this way ahead and added that if a club needs to postpone the league match scheduled for 6 Nov, then that request must be granted. The league finished on 19 Nov so there are days available for a rearranged match.

**Team Malaga Poster.** The circulated poster advertising and promoting Team Malaga was well received and the author was thanked for his work. Jane as our media representative will now move forward with this and after a few changes, will send each club the poster for publication and display in all clubs.

**Calendar 2027.** Bearing in mind the subjects discussed earlier in the meeting, this section was handed over to John who will discuss competitions and their need, host clubs and the agreement to ensure a fair allocation of federated competitions. Since discussions will take place with all clubs several times, the easier way to record decisions made was for John to publish a version 3 of the calendar after today and hopefully, this will provide the framework for the budget submission later this year.

Ron will consider the dates available and inform John of the next umpire course to be run. Bill and Ron reiterated that they are willing to travel to the venue where most students came from.

Ron concluded this section of the meeting stressing that all clubs need to do their best to support every other club and their endeavours to hold competitions.

**Any Other Business.** All clubs were then invited to raise any matter that had not been covered in the agenda:

Miraflores had no comments.

A vote was taken resulting in a 100% support for Paul to remain and be elected again, as Team Manager for Malaga.

Ron reminded all the clubs that as website manager, he is quite happy to update club details etc etc, but he must be told and clubs should not rely on someone else informing Ron.

Saydo mentioned that the dates agreed for October may well end up clashing with visiting teams and this will apply to other clubs. Carol would ask Grant, league secretary, to publish the league schedule as soon as possible.

Lauro wished to discuss the “footwear” being used on the greens and wished to add that with immediate effect, Lauro will only allow bowling shoes as mentioned in the law. Appx A, A.2.1 which says (“.....must wear flat-soled (heel-less) footwear when they play on the green.....). Many clubs agreed with this approach and as they nearly all had new greens recently fitted, welcome this stance.

The standing wording for federation events, league and Malaga competitions will be amended and issued for all call notices, conditions of play in the future. This will include sandals must have a heel strap and footwear must originate from an official lawn bowls manufacturer.

Umpires will enforce this approach, and clubs should ensure their players are aware of this decision.

A very short discussion took place regarding “running on the green”. Bill confirmed that no law mentions this and the subject of following your bowl after delivery, arriving at the head etc, is well documented.

Doug thanked all personnel for attending and their valuable input. He confirmed that our friend and colleague, Craig from Mijas, had passed away and asked the meeting, respectfully, for a minute’s silence.

Paul confirmed that he was going to speak with Sandra with a view to allow friends attending the funeral once confirmed, to wear the Malaga Shirt as a matter of respect.

**Date of Next Meeting.** To be arranged in September and Bill would inform clubs of the date when decided. Paul will also confirm to Bill when he would like to hold the “Team Malaga” meeting and this would be early September, ahead of the next FAB, meeting.

Meeting closed at 1350.

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