

MALAGA DELEGATION
FEDERATION ANDALUCIA BOWLS
COMMITTEE MEETING
29 MARCH 2024

Present:

La Posada	Jeff Rowe
Mijas	John Wilson
Benavista	Bill Davies
Lauro	Paul Hughes
Vice President FAB	Bixio Foletti
Delegado	Douglas Hall
Vocal Economico	Sheila Wilson
Secretario	Bill Neal
Malaga Team Manager	Bill Davies
Press Secretary	Jane Richardson

Apologies

Saydo	Tom McLean
Miraflores	Carol Frost

The meeting took place at Mijas and commenced at 1030. Delegado Doug Hall opened the meeting and welcomed all those and thanked them for attending.

Previous Minutes. Published in January 2024 were accepted by all as a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising. Bixio informed the meeting that he was still waiting for more information regarding Santa Maria and its registration process and that he hopefully may have accurate information in time for the next meeting. Currently Santa Maria is not registered with the necessary authorities and by default, no longer exists.

Sheila wished to correct the information contained on the call notices already distributed in that one person at each club would be responsible for collecting the entry fees for competitions as agreed at the previous meeting.

Jeff mentioned that under the 'disparity' of funds paragraph, there had been no satisfactory conclusion to offset the imbalance, and this remained an ongoing issue. The Delegado explained that this would be address later in the meeting.

Vacant Federation Positions. Delegado expressed his concern that with the few posts available in the Malaga Federation, it should be easy to achieve one person per post, and not overburden any one person. At this time John from Mijas was appointed as League

Coordinator and Competition Coordinator. John was asked if he was happy to continue in both these roles as well as the Mijas representative and he confirmed that he was, particularly as this year, everything had already been organised. A show of hands supported John to carry on in the two posts, but it would be looked at the next AGM.

Vocal Economico. Sheila confirmed that everyone had received her e mail with the current financial statement. She confirmed that the initial fund of 795 euros had now been exhausted and any future federation registration would have to be paid for by the clubs which will result in an increased amount for registration.

Sheila continued by saying that she had recently been in contact with Jaen and had written in both Spanish and English trying to answer questions they had raised. It mainly concerned the fact that the initial 9000 euros deposited in January to Jaen caused them problems in their accounting procedures. Bixio confirmed that Jaen work on a yearly budget provided by the Junta on an invoice/payment system as it happened and not in advance. Sheila was still waiting for a response and would inform the delegation as and when she could.

The Delegado informed Bixio and the members present that what had happened in January was in stone and could not be revisited and that it wouldn't happen again. Bixio added that he would try to help in this matter after consulting Jaen and Sheila. The Delegado thanked Sheila in her efforts so far.

Sheila confirmed that she will be asking Jaen in advance, of their required accounting/ payment of funds system needed for 2025.

Regarding the build-up of funds for next year, John proposed that if the clubs retained the 5-euro entry fees for competitions, along with the umpire fees, this would build up over the year and perhaps fund the expenses clubs face, next year. Sheila would remain in a position to control the funds collected and retained and be able to confirm to each club their individual fund at any time.

Jeff also proposed that if the green fees collected could then also be distributed on a pro rata basis, the disparity La Posada faces this year, would also be addressed. A short discussion then took place which resulted in all clubs agreeing to follow the proposal by John and Jeff.

Floating Subs. John advised the meeting that he had been approached with a question of forming 'a floating substitutes pool' that would allow any substitute to play for any club in the league competition. A discussion took place, and this idea was not supported by any club present and included the proxy vote of Miraflores, which the Delgado is holding together with Carols e mail detailing her thoughts, which he read out and Saydo, whose proxy was held by Bill who also read out Tom's response.

The existing procedure of allowing a player to change his/her federated club, once during the year is still extant.

John also confirmed that the start time for the spring league is confirmed for 1100.

Team Malaga. Bill explained that he had prepared a document explaining his proposed reform and restructuring of Team Malaga. He continued by discussing the bullet points listed

below and asked all the clubs to consider his proposed ideas and come back to him before the next meeting with their thoughts on any of the areas mentioned:

Practice days	Selection	Revision of match rules	Revision of match format
Calendar dates	Appointments and vacancies	Accommodation/catering	
Coaches for travel	Sponsorship		

Various discussions took place throughout Bill's address which were very helpful, and Bill confirmed that he would still like clubs to respond in writing to him with their ideas/ comments, and Bill concluded by handing out a copy of his reforms brief. Bill Davies will also send a copy to Miraflores and Saydo.

Call Notices. Bill read out Carols e mail regarding the 'acknowledgement of call notices' by each club to ensure nothing is inadvertently missed. All the clubs agreed this was essential and ensure their club representative would acknowledge the notices in future.

This topic led nicely to a request from Sheila to all the clubs of responding to any request she makes to make sure deadlines for payment are not missed and saves her having to chase clubs for information.

The Delegado suggested that all clubs should immediately provide Sheila with a simple spreadsheet containing the information that Sheila requires for the umpires expense claims. All the clubs agreed to do this.

UAE Request. The delegado advised the meeting that he had received a communication from the UAE concerning a visit to the Malaga area of 6 players and 2 officials, probably over the period 6 June for a week. After various comments from each club about what form the 'hosting/playing plan' might be reasonably be offered, the Delegado confirmed that he would respond to the initial request with a favourable answer and a detailed plan could be finalised later.

Thanks. The delegado closed the meeting after thanking Mijas and Jean for their hospitality and catering.

Date of Next Meeting. This was confirmed as 15 May at Mijas LBC.