

MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 8 MARCH 2023
LAURO GOLF BOWLS CLUB

In Attendance:	FAB Chairman	Ron Jones
	FAB Secretary	Bill Neal
	FAB Treasurer	Julian Thomas
	Benavista	Dougie Hall
	La Posada	Jeff Rowe
	Lauro	Jane Richardson
	Mijas	John Wilson
	Miraflores	Carol Frost
	Saydo	Tom Maclean
Guest:	Umpire Chairman	Roy Saunders

Apologies: Sante Maria who have given voting rights to Mijas. Vice President, Team Malaga and Malaga Coaching. The meeting opened at 1030.

Chairmans Report. Ron opened the meeting and thanked everyone for attending. He then gave his report:

I predicted 2022 would see the stabilisation of the Federation membership numbers as bowlers adjusted to the 'new normal' post Brexit and post Covid and I am pleased that this has continued into the early part of 2023.

Sadly other, economic, restrictions are facing us in 2023 calendar year and we will have to adjust our thinking once again as we adapt to the reality that reduced memberships (compared to pre-Brexit days) have brought to our finances.

I am confident that the Committee and Clubs will find solutions to these issues.

Outside of that though, there is positive news. We still have 7 clubs and expect that to remain the case over 2023. Some clubs are reporting increased membership, however small, and the standard of bowling continues to rise across the province.

The Umpires and Markers Association is working hard at increasing the numbers and standard of Officials with ambitious targets for each Club to have a team of Umpires and Markers on call. Changes to the Laws of the sport will be introduced in April and the UMA will be at the forefront in making sure Bowlers are aware of the changes that are being introduced.

Our Coaching team have already rolled out the new training programme for new Club Coaches, with 12 new coaches already and more courses planned for this year.

The Malaga Provincial team continues to do well, winning the Inter-Provincial Championships again in February and it is good to see that the squad continues to add new faces to its line-up and interest in joining the squad is on the increase, ensuring competition for team places.

I look forward to 2023 and hope you all share my enthusiasm for the coming year.

Treasurer Report. Julian confirmed that all members had a copy of the accounts sheet he had prepared for the period 1 January to 28 February 2022. Julian went on to confirm the income and expenditure details. The final balance of 7,733 euros held in the account remain under our control and contains money still owed to Jaen but remains unclaimed.

The account had been audited by an outside representative who had reported no problems.

There were no questions for Julian and a proposal by John Wilson and seconded by Tom Maclean 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
Press Officer	Jane Richardson

Unfilled Posts

Competition Secretary

Non-Elected committee members:

Umpires and Marking Association Roy Saunders

League co-ordinator Julian Thomas

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

There being no further business raised or to be discussed the meeting closed at 1045.