



FAB MALÁGA DELEGATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday 15 September 2021

2.00 pm

Present:	FAB Chairman	Ron Jones
	FAB Treasurer	Julian Thomas
	FAB Team Malaga	David Mainwaring
	FAB Comp Sec	Robert Wright
	FAB Secretary	Bill Neal
	FAB Umpires	Gordon Adams
	Benavista	Roy Saunders
	La Posada	Jeff Rowel
	Lauro	Jane Richardson
	Mijas	John Wilson
	Miraflores	Carol Frost (via electronic link)
	Santa Maria	Phil Baldry
	Saydo	Allen Gateshill
Apologies:	FAB Vice President	Bixo Foletti

The chairman welcomed all the members to the meeting and commenced with a personal address to the club representatives:

I want to thank the Club Representatives for the time and work they put in to making the system work.

They not only get involved in the decision making process, they are the first line of communication between these decisions and the rest of their Clubs.

Their work in ensuring their fellow Club members are aware of the discussions and decisions being carried out within the organisation is vital to achieving our stated goals of transparency to and the involvement of our bowling community.

Thank you all.

Matters Arising. Ron confirmed that the previous conditions of entry to FAB competitions had been amended as discussed and now appeared on the most recent call notices being issued.

The matter regarding club fees/federation membership mentioned by Bixo had been checked and clarified by Ron. The Federation does not dictate to the clubs how and when fees are collected and what they should charge, it is a club's responsibility in accordance with their statutes, and in conjunction with their operating rules which have been adopted over time. Each club was reminded by Ron to peruse their statutes and to ensure any internal operating procedures do not go against the statutes.

Accident Process. Ron confirmed that he had produced a poster style document which he had sent to all the clubs confirming the correct procedure regarding an accident occurring at a club.

With the above points confirmed, a proposal by John Wilson and seconded by Roy Saunders to accept the previous minutes of the meeting held in August to be a true and accurate record was supported by all.

Treasurer Report.

Julian stressed that not much action had taken place during the period and all clubs had been sent the account sheet earlier to peruse. Julian explained the income and expenditure amounts and Ron reminded the clubs that the Junta Andaluca had changed the accounting processes about two years ago, bringing a much tighter financial control of income and expenditure, by removing it from individual sports clubs and bringing it under their direct control.

Carol asked if there were any audit/checks being made on the FAB regarding the amount of money sent in and the amounts being spent. Julian explained that he checks monthly and to date, there were no concerns.

With no further questions to the treasurer, a proposal by Jane Richardson and seconded by John Wilson to accept the accounts as submitted by Julian as a true and accurate record was fully supported.

Umpires Courses.

Jeff Rowe asked if there were any plans to reinstate umpire training and qualification courses. Gordon explained that he and Susan Walker who with help from others, arrange and conduct the umpire course have both been in the UK during COVID but were both keen and willing to organise not only the umpire training and qualification course but the markers course as well. To help to determine the numbers of potential students, an e mail would be sent out to all clubs shortly via the secretary asking all clubs to let Gordon know of any potential umpires/markers within their club. Once that information was received, he (Gordon) will liaise with Susan and come up with dates and venues for the future. The first umpire course would probably commence in January.

Jeff asked if a player had to attend and qualify as a marker before taking the umpire's course. Gordon explained that this would be the case in an 'ideal' world as the markers course introduces the player to the rules and marking duties saving valuable time at the beginning of the umpire's course but a player without the marker's qualification would not be turned away from attending the umpire's course.

Gordon confirmed that a course could be run for 3 students but 8 would be ideal. Mijas confirmed they have 3 qualified markers waiting to go on to the umpires and Lauro have 1.

Bill will contact all clubs shortly and ask them for their players wishing to attend an umpires course and the answers will go direct to Gordon to allow him to formulate and plan a course.

Calendar 2022.

Ron then went through the added FAB competitions highlighted in green on the handouts provided. The venues had yet to be decided but that detail could be added nearer the time. Starting in March (6-9) was the Malaga Challenge Cup followed by the Malaga Inter Singles Competition (13-16). The Mala Challenge cup would be played under the old system which was a fours, triple and a pair, total of 9 players home and away.

Carol advised Ron that these dates clash with proposed visiting teams and Ron made it clear that no club had come back to him or the competition secretary with dates of visiting teams and asked once again, for every club to inform him of any planned visiting team dates, to allow the committee to plan and populate the calendar correctly.

The Aussie Pairs have been scheduled for 12-15 June as this competition had been successful in the past and the FAB were keen to incorporate the event again.

Carol also wondered about the FAB competitions on offer during the first quarter of the year 2022 in that they didn't involve many players from the clubs. A discussion took place within the clubs and Ron concluded the matter by reminding all clubs that 2022 will be a testing year and flexibility must be the approach adopted by all. Altering the FAB competitions within the dates is not a problem and a revised calendar would be published by David after discussion with the chairman.

Jeff commented about the Presidents Fours being omitted from the calendar, but Ron assured the clubs that this was an oversight which would be corrected on the rewrite.

League Programme.

Ron reminded the clubs that the league was planned to start shortly and could clubs confirm now the number of teams/players they would have available:

Mijas 1 x 12-person team with a possible 8 extras

Lauro 2 x 12-person teams

Saydo 2 x 12-person teams with extras

La Posada 1 x 12-person team with extras

Santa Maria 1 x 12-person team with extras

Miraflores 1 x 12-person team

Benavista 1 x 12-person team

This means that 1 division, 1 league of 7 clubs furnishing 1 team of 12 could commence with teams playing home and away starting before Xmas and finishing in the New Year. The league would be called the Tiger League. The format of points would be the same as last year.

A proposal by Ron was put to the clubs with this information using a start date of 22 October. David would formulate the dates and publish the dates of completion later.

5 clubs agreed with this proposal, but Saydo and Mijas voted against.

When asked by Ron would they mind sharing why they were against the proposal, both Clubs concerned said that only providing 12 players from their clubs would cause controversy and why can't those clubs with more than 12 players take part in another league, perhaps of 10 players, two triples and two pairs for instance. Ron with support from Julian and David reiterated that the league was being formed as a standalone league this year, but it would be very simple to add another mini league to accommodate those clubs with surplus players. The format and dates would be discussed out with this meeting, perhaps next week at Lauro, and the details would be published by Ron and David later.

Roy also briefed the meeting on the status of Benavista as a bowling club and reminded the chairman that the club could be in a position of playing 'away' fixtures only.

Any Other Business.

The only point raised at this time was by Julian who wished to remind all clubs that Federation membership is due soon and clubs should continue to send the documentation and fees as soon as possible.

Date of Next Meeting.

This would be 15 October starting at 1400 hours at Lauro hopefully in person again.