



# FAB MALÁGA DELEGATION

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### MEETING

At Lauro Golf BC on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2020

2.00 PM

<b>Present</b>	Chairman	R Jones
	Treasurer	J Thomas
	Benalmadena	D Mainwaring
	League Secretary	
	Buenavista	R Saunders
	La Posada	J Rowe
	Mijas	R Wright
	Miraflores	C Frost
	Santa Maria	B Gunn
	Saydo	T Maclean
	FAB Match Sec	S Walker

<b>Apologies</b>	J Richardson
	G Adams
	P Hughes
	C Lewis

#### **Matters arising from previous meeting.**

R Jones advised the after publication of the minutes a few points had arisen as follows:

G Adams had raised a discussion regarding the Summer championships and the 'snow birds' and their perceived discriminatory treatment. It was agreed by all that there would be no change to the dates/timings to suit non-habitual residents. This should be added to the previous minutes.

J Rowe agreed to change his Club's tournament date to accommodate the upcoming Bowls England President's tour. This has now been agreed.

All Clubs confirmed that talks were proceeding to ensure the upcoming Bowls England President's tour was the success we hoped for.

S Walker discussed the need for an official umpire to be in attendance for each of the upcoming Bowls England President's tour games. Everyone agreed this was essential and they should look to their own umpires first before trying another club.

The payment for greens and catering will be paid directly into Club's account.

R Wright informed the meeting that the 'pusher' project was now being pursued by D Mainwaring, who confirmed that at this time, no further action had been taken.

Gordon Adams name should be amended from "R Adams".

With the above points discussed, a vote was taken to accept the previous minutes as a true and accurate record. The members voted unanimously in favour.

### **Treasurer Report**

Julian handed out a summary of the accounts and then went through Income and Expenditure details in detail.

Susan explained that the Laws books shown in the accounts were held by her and agreed that each Club will be provided one copy free of charge which should be held with the Umpires equipment.

Slight amendments were suggested regarding some of the dates mentioned in the summary and Julian would ensure they would be altered for the next meeting.

Brig raise the issue of Federation Licence cards which were normally out by now. Julian together with Ron explained of the problem in the backlog in work now at Cazorla, not helped by the one volunteer being off sick. The cards were asked for in January by Julian and he would also ask Bixio to raise this problem at his next meeting.

Susan asked could the cards be produced at a local level but Julian offered that a softy softly approach to the new system with suggested changes, is the best way ahead.

All agreed that the account detailed provided were true and accurate.

The Treasurer and Chairman had held a budget meeting to explore the options available for them for the coming season. They were pleased to announce that they feel able to fully fund the requirements of the Province for the coming year.

The meeting was reminded that funds raised by the FAB via licence fees or sponsorship belonged to the Federation for distribution in ways that was felt to be for the greater good of the Sport in the Region. There were certain bench marks that should be met in order to satisfy the Junta de Andalucia that the sport was to be taken seriously in comparison to other Regional sports.

The priority for funding is as follows:

Regional – The Andalucian Championships, Andalusian Regional Team, Andalucian Ranking System

Provincial - The Provincial Championships, Other Federation Tournaments, Malaga Provincial Team, Umpires Association, Coaching.

Brig asked Julian if clubs could submit invoices directly to him in case of non-compliance with the new system. Julian confirmed to all clubs that he would send to all an example of the correct pro-forma to be used and also, that he would be happy to help Clubs to ensure accuracy. Julian stressed that there is no room for error on the suppliers invoice and again, he would send clubs an example of what is required.

Carol asked Julian if the accounts were run from January to December or our calendar season. Julian confirmed the former, in keeping with the requirements of the Junta de Andalucia.

The Chairman then informed the members that Julian's account has been temporarily closed and embargoed for further use whilst it is being audited. Clubs were warned that if any of the Federation transfers involved Clubs, they may become involved in the audit process.

Ron further explained that only one account is allowed held for the Federation, which was held by head office, but work was on-going to find a solution to allow FAB Malaga to conduct business in the future, without having to send all money to the HQ for them to control.

Ron and Julian expressed confidence in the accounts and expected no problems.

Carol raised the matter of Umpires Expenses now they are classed as volunteers and who sets the amount that is paid. Julian explained that the daily subsistence allowance is set by the Junta de Andalucia and is currently just above the 25 euro for a day and 20 per half day, to avoid taxes. However to ensure payments were within the allowed levels the Federation had decided to set the limit to those levels being used.

Sue addressed all members explaining that the Umpires had been consulted and would rather clubs provide catering and refreshments on the days they attend rather than claim expenses. All Clubs agreed that this would happen with immediate effect.

## **2020/201 Calendar**

Brig asked if the Malaga Provincial competition now currently end of March to early April which could be changed to take place from 20 to 29 March? This conflicts with Malaga vs Almeria match and Ron agreed to ask Almeria to change the dates of that fixture.

Sue was requested to provide the proposed dates for umpires, coaching and marking training.

Roy, Benavista explained that the BV classic appeared on the calendar in October and is getting earlier and earlier which is impacting on the visiting teams schedule. He was asked to provide details to allow the Committee to solve any conflicts.

Tom, Saydo stated that his club had raised the point of match timings resulting on occasion his members not getting home till 1900. Could the time be altered to 1300 and not 1400. Jeff added that the teams playing in the Jaguars league also suffered problems. David confirmed that the start time of the Jaguars is 1000 which should leave a start time of 1400 achievable.

Robert, Mijas, suggested that teams from Saydo/La Posada could be changed to earlier start times but David countered that all Clubs cooperated with time change requests amicably and he did not want to alter the league stated timings and enforce this suggestion. David also stated that he had contacted all the clubs wishing to discover views on the Jaguar league and had received favourable

responses and after a further discussion with all Clubs present, it was decided to continue with that League but further discussions could take place later, if necessary, to change format or add more teams.

### **Almeria Questions**

The Chairman then read out the following points raised by the Almeria delegate:

1. It appears that there are several bowlers in the Almeria region who are asking friends to come from the UK to play in the Andalusian Championships, Their proposal is that their friends would join a local Club and take Membership of the Federation but in reality only be in the Province for the 2 weeks around the Championship. Ruth would like clarification of what, if any, eligibility conditions are in place for the Championships given that it is supposed to be the premier competition for people in the region.  
This was discussed and the meeting felt that the habitual residency conditions we impose on our own Provincial Championships which are clearly stated in our handbook should also be used for the Andalusian's and Almeria should be made aware of what they were and asked to agree to abide by them.
2. A challenge to the Federation policy of not giving cash prizes for Federation events and the advice to Clubs to be aware of the implications of doing so, was raised by one of the Almeria Clubs. They based their challenge on verbal advice from a solicitor, who quoted a law regarding giving "ganancias patrimoniales" and Ron read out the law and its translation. He also read out the Federation's response: *This Law specifies that it concerns games of chance, gambling and betting(card games etc.) It in no case mentions Sports Activities.* Julian suggested that verbal advice wasn't worth the paper it was written on and if the Solicitor had been sure of his ground he would have been happy to put it in writing. Ron reiterated the Federation position from previous meetings and said he had informed the Almeria delegate that she had done all she could to ensure compliance by the Clubs and if they chose to ignore her they would have to be happy to face any consequences that came their way. The current situation with Julian's account was simple proof that checks are being made.
3. There was some concern within the Almeria region regarding post-Brexit conditions that may be imposed on those bowlers who were not habitual residents, and what effect the 90 day limit to those people staying in the country may have. Ron suggested that there was plenty of time for an agreement to be made and we can perhaps wait until nearer the end of the year to see what changes may be enforced.

### **Elections.**

There had been 5 nominations for the Federation posts, - Chairman, Treasurer, Secretary, Coaching Convenor and Malaga Manager. Therefore these posts did not need to go to election and the individuals - Ron Jones, Julian Thomas, Bill Neal, Margaret Kain and David Mainwaring were confirmed for next year.

The following posts remain vacant at this time but individuals were being approached by Ron to confirm the future appointments:

Match Secretary. Susan Walker agreed to stay in position pending a new appointment being made.

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Given that no-one had put their name forward for Technical Committee Chair, it was proposed that this position and the Technical Committee itself be absorbed back into the main Committee. This was agreed.

The position of League Secretary is an appointed post and David Mainwaring agreed to continue in that role for the coming season.

### **Distribution of Andalusian Championship paperwork.**

The Chairman then issued a new, amended, set of documents and asked members to discard the previously issued version and put the new ones on to their notice boards as soon as possible. The closing dates for entry were pointed out and the Clubs asked to collect the entry fees from their Club Members and forward them to Julian. The entries themselves should go directly to Susan Walker.

Money for the Almeria championships should be collected and sent to Sue who kindly offered to carry out her present role but wishes Ron to try and fill the post with a successor. Sue also confirmed she would send to clubs the correct form that clubs should use to confirm entries and money collected. The current date for clubs to respond is 25 May, allowing Julian time to consolidate the invoice and submit on time.

**Any other Business.** Tom asked for assistance with an Umpire for the Presidents Four competition being held, and Susan confirmed that she was attending the competition anyway and would be happy to umpire if required.

Jeff raised a matter of concern regarding penalties imposed when team(s) failed to appear in the league quoting the recent non show by Mijas which resulted in his team being placed last in the league. His main point being that if this had taken place with a team higher in the league, the penalty imposed could be instrumental in the league placing's and this must be wrong. Perhaps a discussion should be held now to alter the points imposed and perhaps how many.

The chairman explained that he was aware of Mijas club's failure to play the two teams and it was subject to exceptional circumstances with Robert resigning as president of Mijas under a particularly nasty political situation which had resulted in the games cancellations. Ron added that in his opinion, the team who cancels should suffer the full penalty.

Robert explained that individuals had withdrawn at short notice and the team Captain had tried 3 times to field teams to no avail and wondered if defaulting teams should be removed from the league but understands the ramifications of this course of action. He concluded that certain individuals of Mijas had let the club down and should be ashamed of their actions.

David asked Robert if any point deductions would have altered the decision not to play and Robert answered, "probably not".

David went on to discuss the matter and as there is no relegation or promotion in the league, does it really matter. Jeff said quite firmly that it does matter and it affected his players deeply and left them disappointed.

Roy suggested that points deducted could be carried forward to next season.

Further debate took place with various point totals, for and against teams penalties or not etc. This matter was brought to an end by the Chairman who suggested the following 3 proposals:

1. Status Quo Remains for the current season: 0 points for non show team, 10 points /60 shots for team who showed

A vote was taken on this and a majority in favour agreed with the status quo remaining.

2. Should the penalty be increased to also deduct 10 points / 60 shots for any team that fails to show?

A vote was taken on this and the majority agreed.

3. Should the penalty be carried forward to the following season, regardless when the offence took place? This would start with effect next season.

A vote was taken on this and the majority agreed.

Therefore from next Season, any team defaulting on a fixture would result in the following:

1. They will be deducted 10 points and 60 shots from the current season. Their opponents will be awarded the same. They will be required to pay green fees for the match.
2. At the start of the following Season they will begin with that same deduction.

David stated that the league start dates are already on the calendar, and to his knowledge, all clubs were happy.

**Date of Next Meeting.** As the AGM was scheduled for the 13 March, the next executive meeting would be confirmed then.

Ron reminded clubs that all Federation members would be welcome to attend the AGM starting at 1330 first call and 1400 for meeting.