



FAB MALÁGA DELEGATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

MEETING

At Lauro Golf BC on Wednesday 15th July 2020

2.00 pm

Minutes

Present:	Chairman	Ron Jones
	Treasurer	Julian Thomas
	Secretary	Bill Neal
	League/ Team Malaga	David Mainwaring
	Umpires	Gordon Adams via e link
	Competitions	Robert Wight
	Benavista	Roy Saunders
	La Posada	Jeff Rowe
	Lauro	Jane Richardson
	Mijas	John Wilson
	Miraflores	Carol Frost
	Santa Maria	Craig Lewis via e link
	Saydo	Tom Maclean

Apologies: There were no apologies but the e link for Gordon was intermittent

The chairman welcomed the members back for our first meeting since COVID 19 started in Spain in March. He welcomed Craig Lewis via video link and hoped this new system could offer an alternative way forward for some of the meetings. Gordon Adams later joined from the UK and apologised for his late arrival.

He also introduced and welcomed Robert Wright to the Committee as the FAB Competition's Secretary and wished to record a vote of thanks for the tremendous efforts carried out by the previous CS, Susan Walker.

There were no matters outstanding from the previous meeting, so the published minutes were approved as a true record.

Treasurer Report: Julian handed to all members a detailed account sheet with more detailed expenditure and income on the reverse and then read through the salient points on expenditure and income. He added that very little business had been conducted throughout the last few months due to the COVID restrictions and the accounts were accurate up to July 2020.

There were no questions from members and the account provided was voted as a true and accurate record.

Julian then explained to the members that the procedures regarding how clubs pay and receive payment introduced earlier this year, were, unfortunately not coping and instead of a more streamlined method, delays were now evident even though the necessary funds were transferred by Julian in a timely manner. He assured the members that our delegation was compliant in all areas and the shortcomings were not ours.

Julian added that this may help our case when new procedures are being discussed and it may well show that the old system worked better. If any clubs were suffering financially because of delays in payment etc, then they should speak to Julian direct. Julian also confirmed that the account used is now separate from his personal account for transparency reasons.

Roberto raised a point regarding the paying for trophies submitted by Sue Walker but was reassured that no money is outstanding to any supplier and everything has been paid. Carol asked if there were any long term problems with the delays now being experienced and she and the members were assured by both Ron and Julian that in the long term they expected the delays currently being experienced to be resolved but temporary measures had been put in place to ensure payments would be made directly from the funds held in place here in Malaga. Problems that may arise from that would be dealt with by the FAB HQ in due course. Any money collected from clubs should be sent in immediately.

Julian confirmed that he is monitoring the position very closely and will, if necessary, revert to the old system of him paying invoices and then submitting the documentary evidence to the Federation.

Finally, Julian reminded clubs that the Federation cards had been sent direct to clubs with perhaps an FAB invoice attached for but payment should be sent to Julian by transfer as usual. Please no cash.

COVID 19 The chairman explained that we as a bowling community are still operating under Phase 3 but clubs with bars/café will operate under separate rules regarding eating and drinking. This year is unusual and will continue to be for some months to come and all competitions, league etc. are being monitored closely to ensure compliance with the myriad of updates from various authorities being received. Ron also went on to discuss proposals submitted from the Federation to

the necessary sporting bodies with the way forward regarding bowling but to date they are still waiting for an answer to the new proposed protocols and therefore we must obey Phase 3 protocols.

Clubs were informed that under the Junta de Andalucia's guidelines, each Club is responsible for designing its own Protocols to show their compliance with the official Protocols. These should include, but are not limited to, disinfection procedures, social distancing measures, Players protocols and also cover non-bowling areas such as bar /restaurant / communal areas. These should be submitted to the FAB (via Ron Jones) for approval.

The latest Government instructions were concentrating on the wearing of masks and a copy of these were handed to all members on arrival with both English and Spanish languages being handed out. The instructions were fairly clear but he had sought implicit confirmation that masks had to be worn while bowling as well as when off the green. This was indeed confirmed. To be clear - **Masks must be worn at all times.** The only exception for Lawn Bowls would be if you were practicing alone on a rink.

John Wilson questioned the rules regarding 'private' clubs such as Mijas but he was informed that private in this case meant your back garden etc. not a bowling green.

While we are currently under Phase 3 restrictions which limit us to a maximum of 50% use of the green, we are expecting changes in the new Protocols which would increase that to 65%. There appear to be no plans to return to a 100% capacity use at this time.

Probable complications will be encountered by Saydo and La Posada particularly in the League when trying to maintain the 65% of the green restrictions. One remedy is that the 2nds could step off the green and only re-enter when the leads have finished. The leads would then step off the green whilst the 2nds play. Other suggestions were offered by members, all of which were noted but Ron suggested any compromises without changing the rules was the best way forward.

Ron confirmed that the commencement date for Competitive bowling had been delayed until the 1st October. This means the FAB competitions - the Summer Championships and the Andalusian Championships - have been cancelled. It was also confirmed that the proposed La Posada competition originally delayed from March until September has also been cancelled.

It was also announced that the Inter Club Singles Competition postponed from March has also been cancelled.

Calendar. Discussions about the calendar were fairly brief. The calendar agreed earlier in the year was confirmed but fluid as there may well be further delays if protocols are not agreed or future Covid 19 restrictions applied.

League David asked clubs firstly did they want a league this year. Again, with possible restrictions in mind they were also asked if they would consider playing twice a week if the start of the fixture lists was delayed. This was not felt to be

practical and it was decided that should this happen alternative league formats could be discussed and agreed nearer the time.

Asked how many teams each club would be presenting for the league, it was agreed that this is a difficult thing to assess this year due to COVID and the returning snowbirds, if they even come back. All clubs were in favour of having the league this year and it was decided to confirm the formats and fixture lists at the next meeting..

David assured the members that he had produced the league fixtures and it would be published on the web shortly with built in 'gaps' for any club who required an extra team.

David confirmed the dates for the league were expected to be 16 Oct to 27 Nov (Tigers/Lions) and restarting 29 Jan – 12 Mar

Jaguars would be 23 Oct – 27 Nov and 29 Jan to 12 Mar

The President Fours competition was raised by Jeff and a discussion was held regarding format and particularly venue. At this time the first round was being held at La Posada/Saydo starting 18 January and further rounds would then be decided by David taking into account what teams had progressed and the dates would be pre set so all players would know.

Robert suggested that perhaps the best way forward was to leave the published dates as they are but the matches themselves be played at one of the Clubs, the first team drawn to be the home team. Craig said he thought this had been agreed at a previous Technical Committee meeting but there was some confusion as to whether this was the case. Ron then asked for a vote on two proposals:

1. That the competition be changed from its current format and instead the first team drawn to be the home venue.
2. Each round to be held on a specific date (already in the calendar) with the Semi-Finals and Final to be played on the same day at a neutral venue.

Both proposals were passed.

The Chairman confirmed that as it's a Federation competition, the semi and finals on the same day would be funded by them. Clubs proposed and agreed that in the early rounds, teams would pay to play. The fee was agreed at 7 euro per player, per round.

Julian asked if the Inter Club Singles medals (which had been had been received and paid for in March) should be presented to the contestants and after discussion between the clubs it was agreed that the medals could be awarded.

Handbook Ron confirmed that all the information from clubs had been received and he was waiting for the calendar and league details to be confirmed before submitting to the printers. Given the uncertainty surrounding the League and Calendar changes he wanted to discuss with the members the need for a printed handbook this year. With the rapidly changing situation, changes to rules/guidelines being offered and the limited time to get the handbook printed once the league had been finalised, whether an online version would be more acceptable and sensible in

these times. All members agreed that this year a handbook was not necessary and the online version would be more sensible but the publication for next year would be discussed later.

Any other Business The chairman confirmed that he would continue to send via e mail and the web any instructions, guidelines he received regarding COVID 19 and its effect on the bowling clubs.

He also handed out the new 'attendance register' which must be maintained by all clubs with immediate effect and which may be checked by any official authority visiting the club.

The chairman concluded by confirming he would send out the call notice for the next meeting in early October