



FAB MALÁGA DELEGATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

At Lauro Golf BC on Friday 2nd October 2020

2.00 pm

Present:	Chairman	Ron Jones
	Vice President	Bixio Foletti
	Treasurer	Julian Thomas
	Secretary	Bill Neal
	League	David Mainwaring
	Competitions	Robert Wright
	Benavista	Roy Saunders
	La Posada	Jeff Rowe
	Lauro	Jane Richardson
	Mijas	John Wilson
	Miraflores	Carol Frost
	Saydo	Tom Maclean
	Santa Maria	Sandy Guthrie via video link

Apologies: Umpires Gordon Adams

Ron opened the meeting at 14.00 welcoming and thanking all those for attending. He also explained that all members had been handed a folder prepared by the chairman containing various documents regarding Covid19 protocols which he intended to go through in detail later.

Bixio explained that it had taken from the outset of Covid until now to establish the protocols that Lawn Bowls as a sport, are to strictly follow and thanked Ron for all his efforts throughout in supporting the lengthy process and dealing with various levels of authority. Bixio went on to say that to this date the Andalucian government had only imposed lockdown protocols in one small area and this did not affect the Costa del Sol. They used a ratio of confirmed virus cases against the population of cities etc and at the moment, they were not concerned in our area.

Bixio then reminded members that the Federation elections took place every four years and they were due in December this year. Two additional Representatives are needed to represent the Province and details of anyone interested should be passed to Ron. Volunteers must be over 16 and a Federated member for at least two years. Expenses would be paid by the FAB Malaga.

Matters arising from previous meeting.

There were no matters raised from members and the published minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Treasurer Report

Julian asked members to study the handout he had prepared and went on to go through in detail the income and expenditure during the last period up to 27 September. He added that there was very little movement through the accounts over this period.

Jeff raised a matter over an outstanding bill that his club was due and Julian explained that there were actually two clubs waiting money but it was in hand.

Sandy asked what was the plan for the 'free cash', shown as 3,370 euros and what did free cash mean. Julian explained that this was the sum of money that the FAB had at their disposal to deal with any unexpected bills or events.

Julian also confirmed that the accounts had been audited and there were no problems.

No further questions or concerns were raised and the accounts as published were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Dress Code.

Mijas raised a question regarding rule 7 of the handbook and its potential for teams to be disqualified if they did not comply with its stated dress code. In particular the wearing of cargo shorts by some players due to medical conditions. John also went on to explain the differences between tailored shorts and what most players wore.

A brief discussion took place with members voicing their interpretation of rule 7 and all agreed that as long as each player in a team was wearing whites or club colours, there was not a problem.

Ron added that the rules in some cases were historical and over 30 years old and we all played our bowls to the spirit of the law and to enjoy ourselves. There is not an outlet or store selling the dress or equipment needed here in Spain so lets be quite clear that no player or team would be disqualified from a competition because of his/her dress.

Ron said that the rule can be amended in time for the next publication of the handbook but for now, all clubs were asked to confirm that no one would be disqualified from any round or the final as long as the teams were in white or team colours. All clubs confirmed this is the most sensible way forward and no club would disqualify a player for wearing cargo shorts.

COVID

Ron then briefed the members on Covid and the latest protocols which all clubs must obey, to the letter, if we want our lawn bowls sport to continue at this time.

The hierarchy of authority involved in producing protocols have produced their own and each level below must produce theirs, taking into account, the directions from above. When it decants down to the clubs own protocols, each club must take into account all of the protocols issued.

The resulting club protocols then have to be submitted to the FAB who will ensure it complies with all protocols and as there were a few changes being issued today, most clubs would have to revisit their own protocol procedures and ensure they are up to date and compliant. These protocols now need to include open competitions and visiting team procedures.

Ron added that there are different protocols issued for clubs who were classed as private/social members clubs or commercial enterprises with bars/cafeterias.

Ron then read through the more salient points of the protocols given to all members at the beginning of the meeting. He added that there were some very important detail included and Covid representatives at each club must ensure that all club players accept understand all of the details. To help all of the protocols will be published on the FAB website.

One point stressed by Ron is the one of each individual must complete and sign a declaration (included in the folder) confirming he/she has read and understands the protocols now in place and agrees to abide by them. Failure to complete this form would result in that player NOT being allowed to take part in any bowling at Club or Competition level.

A different form is required for Competitions –whether Club “Open” or FAB - which players must complete only on their arrival on the FIRST day of the Competition.

In addition, the normal “Track and Trace” Attendance register should still be completed. To assist in this for League Matches a League Match Attendance Form will be operational, to save time at the start of League matches..

The form is similar to the form used by airlines in the track and trace procedures.

Other points stressed is that lawn bowls is a non contact sport and this must be strictly enforced, no fist bumping, hugging, foot/elbow touching is allowed. Masks must be worn **CORRECTLY** at all times once you enter a club. It is not allowed to remove your mask or drop it to your chin when you are bowling and as each player will now sign the form introduced, confirming the new protocols, each player will be expected to police the wearing of masks correctly. Players contravening the mask rule should be warned and continuing disobedience in a League game will result in the game being abandoned with penalty points being awarded and the team having to leave the green.

Clubs should now consider ‘choke points’ within their club such as entrances, notice boards etc and ensure they have in place the FAB supplied signage reiterating the 1.5m social distancing protocol, wearing of masks and hand sanitisation protocols.

Ron continued explaining in detail that whilst we have had been given dispensations by the authorities to allow us to play bowls, we are in the most vulnerable group of people and should obey the protocols. To assist the clubs the Federation will provide a temperature gun so clubs could test each person entering their premises to ensure no one has a temperature above 37.5 degrees.

If a person displays a temperature above 37,5, they must be refused entry and the Covid representative at the club must advise the player to inform the authorities to allow the track and trace protocols to be invoked. It may be that clubs before travelling to an away venue should gather at a central point and be checked to confirm all the players are ok. If one member is refused entry then without a substitute, penalties would be imposed and that particular rink/game would be cancelled.

No food was allowed to be shared within the clubs and at this point a discussion took place regarding the provision of food/drinks at clubs after a league match. All clubs were asked to vote whether food and drink should be provided or not and after a vote with 4 in favour and 3 against it was accepted that drinks but no food will be provided by each club after a league match.

Ron concluded by reminding all clubs that the information was contained in their folder and published on the website and to ensure our sport continues at this time, every club, its committee and members have a responsibility to ensure all the protocols are followed. Remember the following:

CORRECTLY WEAR A MASK AT ALL TIMES

ALWAYS KEEP YOUR DISTANCE

SANITISE YOUR HANDS FREQUENTLY

League Matters

David handed a copy of the Tigers and Lions fixtures to each club representative and confirmed this is also on the FAB website. Most clubs can provide two teams and Lauro three. This format is only adopted for this season. For the league to commence and remain a viable competition David also reminded all clubs to ensure compliance with the protocols. Clubs should prepare the track and trace documents and team sheets prior to reporting to a venue to save time. Remember the 65% of the green level particularly in the case of Lauro who may well have two matches at home in the league. David and Ron reminded clubs that players should not be interchanged. There were no changes to the fees this year.

Any other business

Tom mentioned a possible clash over dates with his Club's classic competition this month but Robert explained that the calendar was published and there were no conflicts over dates with any clubs.

Bixio asked the clubs if the contact details he held were correct for the delivery of the thermometers. All clubs confirmed they were.

Carol wished these minutes to reflect all the clubs thanks to the Chairman for his work throughout the March to September period and due to his diligence and negotiations and patience, the sport of Lawn Bowls can go ahead. A round of applause for the chairman followed this request.

Ron concluded the meeting with reminding the clubs that we are fortunate in being allowed to play our sport. It's in our own hands now to follow the protocols and continue with our game. He would also continue to inform clubs and update the website with any further directions he received.

Date of next meeting.

This was confirmed as 4 November, 1400 at Lauro Golf club.

Meeting closed at 1615