



Federación Andaluza de Bolos

Malaga Province Delegation

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

14TH March 2019

Present Ron Jones, Julian Thomas, Susan Walker, Bill Gregory, Barry Pemberton, David Mainwaring, Brig Gunn, Bixio Folletti, Neil Marshall, Roberto Wright, Simone Morgan, Pat Fisher, Eleanor Morgan, John Morgan, Gordon Adams.

Apologies Jeff Rowe, Margaret Kain, Paul Hughes, Roy Saunders

Chairman Ron Jones welcomed the attendees to the Meeting. The date of AGM had been changed to early March following a decision at the previous AGM where it was felt that attendance and support was low because it was held before many of the members had returned from their Summer breaks. That AGM on the 4th October had seen only 17 people attending, 9 of whom were Committee members. This new date he could see was proving to be no more popular with only 15 people present, 6 of whom were Committee members.

He hoped that this was a show of satisfaction in the way the Committee was operating, that no one felt the need to oversee them, but suspected it to be more a case of apathy.

Nevertheless, he promised that the Committee and the Club Representatives would continue to work for the best interest of the bowlers on the coast and hoped that the smoother and less contentious Committee meetings, so far this season, heralded a spirit of co-operation and consensus and an acknowledgement that the Federation was a voice of the people rather than a vague, nebulous "them".

TREASURER'S REPORT Julian handed out the accounts sheet for 2018, explaining there is a surplus. It had been a hope that this surplus could be re-distributed to the Clubs but discussions with the FAB's President had highlighted the fairly strict conditions covering the use of funds. He had also stated that there was no intention at this point to ask for the surplus to be transferred out of our Province and that we would remain in control of it until such time as we could find a use for it that "benefitted the sport in the province"

He explained that all Federation rules did not allow for cash prizes or prizes with a monetary value because of the requirement to inform the Hacienda of such. Eleanor said that the winners and finalists were very disappointed with only receiving a glass trophy in the recent competition.

After discussion it was decided to look for gifts instead of trophies. Simone Morgan offered to look for alternatives and report back.

(Note: As an addendum to this we have included the following explanation from the Chairman /Delegado:

*There is **NO** Spanish law preventing payment of prizes. There is an administrative burden placed upon the Federation when prize money is paid.*

*Basically there **IS** a legal requirement for any prizes either in cash or in goods with a monetary value to be reported to the Hacienda (Spanish tax office) by both the provider and the recipient.*

The procedures for doing this, being Spain, involve a lot of paperwork and the requirement to notify the Hacienda of the Tax details of the Prize winner.

The CAFD (the organisation that covers all sports federations in Andalucia) consulted with their lawyers and it was agreed that only sports with a professional organisation (golf, tennis etc.) had the infrastructure to make this workable.

The instructions we received from them contained that very explanation.

“Casos de los premios en metallico.

Consultada el tema con el abogado de la Confederacion Andaluza de Federaciones Deportivas (CAFD) nos dice que quando se la un Premio en metalico, segun la legislación española hay que retener el IRPF (Impuesto de Retención para Personas Fisicas), lo que se considera que estos premios es un rendimiento que se percibe por una actividad "laboral" . Haci asi supone en engorro administrativo que sólo las federaciones con Deportes profesionales asumen (tenis, Golf etc)”

Rough Translation:

Cases of awarding Cash Prizes.

We consulted on the subject with the lawyer of the Andalusian Confederation of Sports Federations (CAFD) who tells us that when a cash Prize is given, according to the Spanish legislation it is necessary to retain the Personal Income Tax (IRPF), it is considered these awards is a performance that is perceived by a "work" activity. This way, it supposes an administrative burden that only the federations with professional Sports can assume (tennis, Golf etc).

So giving cash prizes is not the issue. The time it takes to account for theses prizes is greater than the value of the prizes, therefore all of the federations agreed not to give cash prizes.

Under previous administrations and I am told in some events run by other administrations, this was circumvented by issuing claims for expenses for “volunteers” to the value of the prizes given. So for example if Player A had won 3 disciplines (150 euro) they would be ask to submit and sign for 6 days “volunteering” expenses to cover that prize money.

We held several discussions about this at committee level, both in the executive committee and the competitions committee (now technical committee) and at the AGM two years ago, regarding the submission of knowingly false invoices.

I have always been upfront in my opinion. From the first day I discovered this to be an “alternative” to no prize money, I have put my viewpoint. Let me repeat it.

Under Spanish Law the Delegado (currently me) is personally responsible for any wrong doings within his administration. Not the Treasurer, the Executive Committee or the Technical Committee.

In such a case I am neither happy nor willing to put my name to anything that could be seen as perpetuating or promoting a fraud, no matter how widely it might be seen as “acceptable” or “normal”.

By all means the bowling community can decide that this is the way they wish to go. Issue the false documentation and keep those few prize winners happy who are currently upset about it.

But not with me at its head.

I would resign the instant this became a policy to do this. That is not a threat just an acceptance from me that institutional fraud is not something I wish to be involved with. I have heard it said that no one will ever check our accounts. That may be true. But when it happens I doubt if any of the bowling community will stand beside me, pay my legal costs or volunteer to go through the legal procedures in my place.

Ron Jones)

David proposed the accounts be accepted and all present agreed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS Ron reported that apart from the current committee no other volunteers had put themselves up for election. Unfortunately, Jenny Parkin, Secretary and Phil Baldry Sponsorship officer had both resigned. So, there are vacancies for:

Press Officer,

Sponsorship Officer

Secretary.

Members attending the meeting were to ask at their clubs for volunteers to fill the vacant positions.

The following were elected on block.

Chairman/Delegado	Ron Jones
Treasurer	Julian Thomas
Secretary	VACANT
Technical Committee Chairman	Craig Lewis
Federation Competitions Organiser	Susan Walker
Coaching Convenor	Margaret Kain
Team Malaga Manager	Paul Hughes
Umpires Chairman	Gordon Adams
Federation League Organiser	David Mainwaring
Press Officer	VACANT
Sponsorship Officer	VACANT

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Ranking System Ron was asked for more details about the ranking system, so he said information about this can be found on the main FAB website:

<https://andaluzadebolos.org/bases-del-cire/>.

Discussions on how to apply this are underway. As it is a Regional ranking system not just a Provincial one, these discussions have to involve Almeria too.

Prizes see above.

Coaching Margaret has introduced the scheme within clubs here but Barry asked for confirmation that the courses that Ruth Compton ran under her Spanish Bowling Scheme, that the certificates that were awarded are currently valid. Anyone holding this certificate is classed as a valid coach in this area.

Umpires Julian confirmed that Umpires could claim for Umpiring duties within a monthly period only. Umpires should understand that money claimed for expenses were to cover meals and travel costs for their stint on duty. The offer of free refreshments whilst they are on duty is up to the individual clubs. If clubs offer food and drink free then accept thankfully but if they do not, the Umpires will have to buy their own and their expenses claim is to cover their meal and refreshments.

Federation Event Green FeesRoberto asked why the federation could not increase the daily rate to 150 euros which would keep the money within our area. Ron replied that as in almost all decisions an increase in the green fees could be put to the Club Rep's for discussion and agreement. This should be raised at the next committee meeting. Any agreed increase in the fee would commence from September.

As there was no other business, Ron thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 4.15pm.

Susan Walker (Acting Secretary)