

LAVANTE LAWN BOWLS (LLB)

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 22nd August 2023 AT MONTE MAR BOWLS CLUB

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from: Keith Longshaw, Steve Blacklaw and Lynn Greenland

Bob Donnelly will host the meeting in the absence of Keith. .

President (Delegado): Bob Donnelly	Benitachell	Y	Monte Mar	Y
Vice President (Chair): Keith Longshaw	Bonalba	Y	Quesada	Y
Secretary: Kevin Storey	Calpe Paseo	N	San Luis	N
Treasurer: Lisa Bonsor	Calpe BC	Y	San Miguel	Y
Membership secretary: Gail Willshire	Country Bowls	Y	Vistabella	Y
Membership treasurer: Lynn Greenland	El CID	N		
Winter League Co-ordinator: Peter Bonsor	El Rancho	Y		
Northern League Co-ordinator: Peter Matthews	Emerald Isle	Y		
Southern League co-ordinator: Dave Morrison	Greenlands	Y		
SA Co-ordinator Winter: John O'Brian	Javea Green	Y		
SA Co-ordinator Summer: Ray Robson	La Manga	N		
Associate Co-ordinator: VACANCY Temp Peter Matthews	La Marina	Y		
Tour Co-ordinator: Sandra Heath	La Siesta			

Total Number of Clubs: 17 Number of Clubs Represented: 14

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 4th April 2023 were accepted
Proposed Peter Bonsor Greenlands, Seconder Dave Morrison Greenlands.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. President – Delegado (Bob Donnelly)

Attended the Valencian Federation AGM nothing to report back, Bob did ask for more funding if possible and had a disagreement with the Federation over whether this is required or not.

Rebate was received which will go back into the LLB funds of 4000 Euros.

5. Secretary (Kevin Storey)

Issued an apology for missing an E-mail regarding a proposal which had been put forward in July resulting in the proposal only being discussed today rather than being voted on. It will be added to the Agenda of the EGM on 10th October and will be voted on then.

6. Treasurer (Lisa Bonsor)

Reported on funds received including the rebate from the Federation which was 4,710 Euros and informed the meeting that the LLB balance was now **12,900Euros from 7178Euros last meeting.**

Terry Morgan has issued his thanks to the LLB for the 500Euro donation towards his expenses for participating in the World Championships in Australia.

7. Membership Secretary (Gail Willshire)

The database currently shows 1082 bowlers registered as federated but I am expecting a number of changes over the next month. This number still includes 28 people from La Siesta who as yet I have not been informed have moved to other clubs.

At July we had 18 new bowlers to federate but Lynn and I took the decision not to send those to Valencia at that point to save on bank charges. These will be included in the next batch which we intend to send through at the beginning of October.

8. Membership Treasurer (Lynn Greenlands)

No report submitted

9. Correspondence (Kevin Storey)

Several clubs sent in letters regarding the proposed vote on the items from the COP document asking for the vote to be differed to allow more consultation time with the club memberships. These were shared upon receipt with all member clubs.

We received a request from Raanana Bowls Club in Israel about their intentions to visit Spain and could we help them set up a game while they are here. Bob is dealing with this on behalf of Sandra Heath.

10. Winter league (Peter Bonsor)

13 teams nominated. As a consequence 1 team from Greenland's was refused entry to the tournament as the league rules say a maximum of 12 can be entered. The Competition will run from 4th October until 27th March. Team Captains and Vice Captains must be registered by 13th September. There has been a Facebook page set up by Peter in support of this league. It currently has 158 members.

Gail asked if this was an official LLB thing. Peter confirmed it isn't and that he was the only moderator. He did however say he would be happy for more moderators to be added.

There were only 3 entries for the Berleen league so it will not be ran this year.

Premier 20 received 12 entries round 1 ties to be completed by November 12th. Competition draw is as follows:

ROUND 1

BBC V COUNTRY BOWLS

EL CID V JAVEA GREEN

BONALBA V LA MARINA

EMERALD ISLE V VISTABELLA

QUARTER FINALS

SAN LUIS V GREENLANDS

QUESADA V SAN MIGUEL
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11. Northern League (Peter Matthews)

Northern Leagues are all ready to go. League start date 9th October. There are some changes in terms of team sites ie Javea sharing with Calpe.

They are now down to 5 clubs as Calpe Paseo remain federated but have not submitted an entry. BBC have entered three teams the others all have 2 and due to multiple teams from one club it is hard to avoid afternoon fixtures. So Mondays and Thursdays are now the recognised game days to help ease this situation. **(at this point it was pointed out by Dave Morrison that if the Proposed change in the COP to allow games to be brought forward were to be approved some of these issues could be avoided).**

Challenger league struggling for entries and may not be run.

12. Southern League (Dave Morrison)

Thanked the clubs for prompt response and getting their league entries in early. League starts 13th October and runs to 8th December breaks for Christmas etc. Resumes 12th Jan through until 8th March.

3 teams have dropped out including La Siesta but four have come in so overall numbers have increased by 1 team. Dave will issue the league schedule/fixtures 1 copy per club and he asked that the document is checked and any issues or errors be fed back within a week. If all ok it will then be officially rolled out. Dave also pointed out because many clubs have entered multiple teams that afternoon games are unavoidable. **(Again allowing clubs to move fixtures forward was cited as a possible way to alleviate this issue).**

At this point Shirley from La Marina reminded clubs that as they did not control access to their green they were unable to open before the owners were on site and this remains 10.00am. Dave confirmed this point is listed at the top of the league schedule.

13. SA Co-Ordinator (John O'Brian)

John pointed out he also had the same issue with afternoon games due to Clubs entering multiple teams.

League start date 16th October – 11th December. Christmas break and then 8th Jan through until March 4th.

A discussion was then had about the upcoming Valencians tournament. John confirmed numbers were once again down for the competitions, resulting in less competition time being allocated to Country Bowls as back up location. He confirmed that the draw was complete and it had been done with the assistance of Peter and Suzi Cooper. La Marina stated they had entered no teams as they had not received the paperwork/entry forms. John confirmed that he had sent them he was concerned they had been sent to an incorrect E-mail address and said he would discuss it with them following the meeting.

John also confirmed the number of clubs submitting entries was down on previous years. He reminded Country Bowls they would need to provide some **competent** markers from within the population of the club. Gail and Fred have offered help to ensure people have basic skills required.

John confirmed that a copy of the draw in full is on the LLB website.

Lisa Bonsor stated people had said to her they wouldn't play as it is too hot and she feels the time of year was a factor in the declining numbers. There was widespread agreement over this point especially as with the declining numbers to make the draw work people often have to play 2 games in one day.

There was then a debate about possibly moving the tournament to December winter break or splitting out the disciplines and doing each one

separately. **It was decided that clubs should submit suggestions and ideas for the future of the tournament in time for the next meeting on October 10th.**

14. SA Co-Ordinator Summer Vacancy (Ray Robson)

Nothing to report

15. Associate Co-Ordinator (Peter Matthews)

Nothing to report

16. Tour Co-Ordinator (Sandra Heath)

Ran through a list of tours that were due to take place in the future months. Kevin asked if she could send the full list to him so he could include them in the LLB calendar as this had been requested at a previous meeting. Sandra agreed to this request.

Sandra then pointed out in ref to the Israeli bowls club wanting a game in Spain that what they were asking for was outside of her job description. This was confirmed by Bob who confirmed he was providing them with assistance but they were doing things independently of the LLB.

17. Any Other Business

Greenlands had a good season last year and won many trophies. Dave Morrison had taken these trophies to be engraved and found many had not been done in recent years and so had them all brought up to date. This is paid for through the LLB funds and so he has asked that any club winning a trophy should have it engraved and submit a claim to Lisa for reimbursement.

He has recommended the services of an engraver in Pilar de La Horadada and the address is as follows:

Manuel Rebollo, 7, Calle Almte. 03190 Pilar de La Horadada, Alicante.

Dave also noted that while looking up previous winners etc he discovered that 4 trophies were no longer contested. Men's and ladies trips and rinks. He proposed we try to re-instate them under the Valencians banner probably in the winter break. He asked for permission to move forward with these competitions after the meeting. Kevin suggested Dave write to all clubs asking for an expression of interest in the proposal. That he puts together a proposal to run the tournaments in December, and that it can be circulated to the clubs. A vote can then be carried out at the OCT 10th EGM. It was also confirmed that Greenlands would be happy to host the tournaments at zero cost to the LLB.

Keith Hamilton from Javea Green formally thanked Calpe for accepting them into the Green sharing arrangement that is currently in place. He confirmed that they have submitted a multi Lingual application for funding to the authorities to build themselves a new club so they can once again function as an independent club. Bob wished them the best of luck in this process.

A question was asked regarding the price of meals for the winter league fixtures. Peter Bonsor re-iterated that having a meal following these fixtures is no longer compulsory and will only be entered into if agreement can be reached between both clubs.

18. Date and Venue of the next meeting

10th October 2023 Monte Mar Bowls Club.