

## **LEVANTE LAWN BOWLS (LLB)**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023 AT MONTE MAR BOWLS CLUB**

#### **1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from: Peter Matthews, Steve Blacklaw and Sandra Heath Also from Calpe Paseo BC and Calpe BC.

Bob Donnelly took the opportunity to welcome all of the new committee members to their roles and asked if attendees could state their names when making points to help the newer members until they got to know everyone. He welcomed back the existing members and thanked them for helping to ensure continuity at the LLB.

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	Y
Treasurer: Lisa Bonsor	Calpe BC	N	San Miguel	Y
Membership secretary: Gail Willshire	Country Bowls	Y	Vistabella	Y
Membership treasurer: Lynn Greenland	El CID	Y		
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: <b>VACANCY</b> Temp Peter Matthews	La Marina	Y		
Tour Co-ordinator: Sandra Heath	La Siesta	Y		

Total Number of Clubs: 18      Number of Clubs Represented: 15

#### **2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023 were accepted  
Proposed Tom Spencer La Marina      Seconded John O'Brian Greenland.

#### **3. Matters Arising**

None

#### **4. President – Delegado (Bob Donnelly)**

1} All the leagues are now finished except the VCL which will be concluding tomorrow 21<sup>st</sup> there will then be a play off on 28<sup>th</sup> of June between the North and South VCL winners. We are trying to locate the VCL trophy if anyone can assist with this please get in touch. Vistabella won it last year

2} tomorrow (21<sup>st</sup>) is Valencian Federation AGM in the evening if anyone would like anything bringing up please let Bob know. He is going to request that the Federation help to fund our representative at the Champion of Champions. Our champion Terry Morgan, will also be representing us at the World Championships in Australia and he has now been joined by another representative so we now have an entry in the pairs also.

#### **5. Secretary (Kevin Storey)**

1} Reiterated the point that he was new in the role and did not as yet know everyone's name and which clubs they represent so repeated Bob's request that attendees state their names and clubs before they make a point for ease of taking the minutes.

2} Pointed out in the short time he has been in the position he has had some unusual situations to deal with and he pointed out he has had tremendous support from Gail and the other committee members and also from previous committee members who have showed a willingness to help when required.

3} Covered off an issue dealt with. Discussions were required following a disciplinary issue within one of the clubs where an appeal hearing had been requested as per the club constitution but not initially granted. This was sorted but clubs were reminded to always follow their constitutions or they can cause many problems for themselves going forward.

4} Management of the LLB Calendar was touched upon and a request made that clubs do not double up on dates in the same area as this can lead to issues that need to be resolved.

#### **6. Treasurer (Lisa Bonsor)**

Lisa thanked Barbara for handing over all of the information during the handover. In the last couple of months since she has been in the role the financial breakdown has been as follows:

Expenditure **2,267 Euros**

The bulk of which was the costs for holding the Champion of Champions including prize money and organisational costs.

Incoming funds **770 Euros**

This money was generated through the summer League entries but also a kind donation from Greenlands BC of 200 Euros (100 Euros from the Golf + 100 Euros from the Bowls club). There was also no charge for the drinking water during play which they kindly paid for also.

**Balance 7178 Euros**

## **7. Membership Secretary (Gail Willshire)**

We currently have 1,072 bowlers listed as federated. The next batch to be sent to Valencia - currently 18 people - will be sent in early July so please ensure the details and payments of anyone clubs wish to federate now are sent through by Sunday 9th July.

Please also remind your membership secretaries that in August I will be sending out the lists I have for each club for the membership secretaries to check and update. This is so that I can provide the league coordinators with an up to date list before the season starts in October. Gail feels there will be quite a lot of movement going on and reminded clubs they must use the change forms as per the rules. If teams have a large number of moves to document Gail stated **she will accept a spreadsheet attached to a change form.**

## **8. Membership Treasurer (Lynn Greenlands)**

Lynn opened with an apology that she will be unable to attend the August meeting. She asked that membership secretaries have the money in that is required by 9<sup>th</sup> July as per Gail's statement and could they always include proof of payments following all transactions when sending the notifications in the her. For the Winter leagues the cut off will be October 8<sup>th</sup> for payments due.

## 9. Correspondence (Kevin Storey)

None Received.

## 10. Winter league (Peter Bonsor)

Peter reminded the meeting he had sent out correspondence to all the clubs ref the future of the Winter League. He had asked that the Prospectus he sent out be forwarded to all club members so they could give direction to the league about how they see the competition in future. Peter had 14 responses from the 17 clubs who had received the communication. Most clubs had submitted a written response others gave feedback verbally.

On the prospectus the following things were highlighted for discussion.

1} Format of the Competition: Most responses stated they would prefer it to remain a rinks competition but suggested a drop to three rinks

2} Transport: Clubs stated they would need to Car share or hire a coach.

Discussions held ref coach costs and trying to fix prices etc.

3} After match meals: Discussions would need to be had around each game to see if a meal would take place or not with the agreement of the participants.

Another proposal put forward was to allow teams who are green sharing to put forward a joint team to encourage greater participation. This has now been put forward as a separate proposal and will be discussed at the EGM following today's meeting. There were several other suggestions that will hopefully be discussed at the league "Match Committee" meetings should that body come into existence at the EGM. A dedicated winter League Facebook page has been set up to support the competition which will also support instant result reporting etc.

Gail Willshire asked a question ref the "match committee" (MC) would they potentially be changing the number of rinks to 3. Peters suggestion that they could make some changes to the Winter League format if the EGM set this committee up. Without the (MC) Peter stated another EGM might be required to make the required changes. **It was stated if the MC wanted to make any changes they would as per the proposal bring them to the full meeting for ratification/rejection by the membership.**

Both San Miguel and Quesada stated they have players committed to the league and will be fielding teams in the competition. San Luis will be doing there best to field a team.

Bob Donnelly stated a point on the constitution that in April we voted to return to 4 rinks in the winter league and the constitution states that any change made at the AGM cannot be changed within 6 months from the date of the meeting. Bob stated he felt it strange that the majority want to return to 3 rinks so close after recently voting for 4.

Gail Willshire asked if it was felt that the change to 3 rinks was the correct way to go could an EGM in August change the wording regarding the 6 month block on changes to allow greater flexibility going forward. This was accepted as being possible and is an option to be considered going forward.

#### **11. Northern League (Peter Matthews)**

Peter had sent his apologies for the meeting and forwarded a report which was read out by Kevin Storey:

##### **VCL REPORT**

With the season concluding tomorrow, weather permitting of course. We have a close-run race in division B with La Marina & Country Bowls Foxes neck & neck on points with only shot difference separating them with the Foxes holding a slender 7-shot difference. I would suspect there could be one or two nervous bowlers around when the two clubs go head-to-head tomorrow with La Marina having home advantage. In division A San Luis Falcons only need to secure 1 point to be champions with Greenland's Giants 12 points behind at the start of play. In division C a similar situation with La Siesta Parakeets almost there being chased by the Country Bowls Meerkats who are 8 points behind at the start of play. Thanks to all clubs for helping the league run reasonably smoothly, we have had a few ups & downs completing results sheets but we got there.

## Northern League

Nothing to report at the moment, waiting for clubs to inform me how many teams they will be hoping to run, with Javea now sharing at Calpe and BBC having increased membership we may have to consider using Monday afternoons or possibly more matches on Thursday's. Please let me know as soon as possible once you have decided.

### **12. Southern League (Dave Morrison)**

New scorecards have been acquired and will be distributed probably at the next meeting in time for the Leagues starting.

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

John took the opportunity to have a discussion ref the hosting of the Valencian Championships. We have had three clubs nominate to host the championships this year.

Emerald Isle  
Greenlands  
Country Bowls.

Normal protocol is for us to put the names of the nominating clubs into a draw and the selected clubs will host the event. John Stated last year some members were upset because Bonalba were selected due to their Geographical location and travelling times. John asked should Country Bowls be allowed to enter as they are not in Valencia Province and it is too far to travel as per Bonalba. Ray Robson Country Bowls pointed out that CB were one of the biggest contributors to the competition entries last year and should be allowed to participate in the Draw. Bob Donnelly pointed out as they are affiliated to our Federation they have equal rights as all other clubs and must therefore be allowed to participate in the draw should they wish to. It was decided Country Bowls Must be in the Draw.

It was then pointed out that any team hosting a tournament one year should be exempt from hosting it the following year if other clubs are available this is in the Constitution therefore Greenlands cannot enter the

draw. Emerald Isle were drawn out as the main host Country Bowls will be secondary venue.

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

Thanked clubs for assistance in running the Summer Leagues.

Harrier Division Winners La Marina were presented with their trophy

Country Bowls Bluebirds were runners up.

Hurricane Division Winners were Greenlands Gladiators Ray had presented them with the Cup after the final game.

Spitfire Division San Luis were the winners.

Ray has proposed changes to the result sheet process. A Change to an A5 sheet is his proposal. The sheet will be filled out jointly by both team Captains, checked and signed. The sheet would then be photographed and sent via WhatsApp. The result could be in within 15 minutes of the game finishing. This helps the Team Captains and the league Co-Ordinators by saving time.

Ray then read a change proposed by June Jones concerning SA Summer league. It will be voted on at an EGM in August:

Proposals for South Alicante Summer League - Appendix D (3) be amended to:

(a) That the SIDE consist of 5 teams of 3 players each playing with 2 bowls and be for the 2024 season as a trial.

Reasoning:

Summer leagues usually start mid end of March and depending on entries can finish end of June beginning of July. Players can be put off playing in the summer due to the heat. If the format was to be reduced to 2 wood triples the game would (a) only take approx 2 hours (b) would encourage/develop playing with 2 bowls.

Hopefully being a trial for one season it will be accepted and who knows might be preferred and proposed and accepted for the future.

Proposed San Luis Bowls Club

Seconded San Miguel Bowls Club

Kevin Storey Reminded all clubs that all entries for the Winter Leagues must be submitted two weeks before our next meeting which is on 22<sup>nd</sup> August. So they must be received by 8<sup>th</sup> August.

All fees must also be paid by the August meeting and he reminded teams that at our April meeting fees were increased from 10 Euros to 15 Euros as were the LLB Affiliation fees.

**15. Associate Co-Ordinator (Peter Matthews)**

None

**16. Tour Co-Ordinator (Sandra Heath)**

None

**17. Any Other Business**

Karen from La Siesta gave a very passionate explanation of the situation facing La Siesta, they are Folding tomorrow, and she wanted to know what the LLB can do to help.

Bob Donnelly has offered to speak on behalf of the Club in meetings with local councils and business leaders. Karen has spoken of a Save our Club Newspaper campaign. There was widespread support from the floor and long discussion about green sharing or changing clubs. From a league point of view confirmation of the clubs status will be required within 8 weeks to ensure if they are playing under the La Siesta name they are entered into the leagues. If they are not then many change forms will need to be completed as people find new clubs to bowl for. Javea Green offered Karen the benefit of their advice and recent experiences.

CBUMA Gail informed the meeting we have 6 newly qualified umpires following the recent course.

Colin Lindgren Emerald Isle asked if we could add Touring team events to the LLB Calendar. This can be done if the events are forwarded to us

**18. Date and Venue of the next meeting**



22<sup>nd</sup> August 2023 Monte Mar Bowls Club.