

LAVANTE LAWN BOWLS (LLB)

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 5th December 2023 AT ALONAI RESTERAUNT SANTARA RESORT GRAN ALICANT

1. MINCE PIES THEN WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from: Bob Donnelly Tony James Sheila Westwood Margaret Finlayson and Steve Blacklaw.

President (Delegado):	Bob Donnelly	Benitachell	N	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	Y	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:	VACANCY Temp Peter Matthews	La Marina	Y		
Tour Co-ordinator:	Sandra Heath				

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

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 10TH October 2023 were accepted

Proposed Dave Haynes El Rancho, Seconder Pete Bonsor Greenlands.

3. Matters Arising.

None

4. President – Delegado Bob Donnelly.

Bob sent his Apologies and confirmed he had nothing to report

5. Secretary Kevin Storey.

Kevin thanked the clubs who had reported back ref Direct payments to Bowling Abroad and Sandwich prices at clubs. 6 clubs had fed back and

were by and large ok with the proposal. As no clubs had written back objecting it was accepted that this would be the way we would operate going forward.

Kevin Congratulated the League co-ordinators and all club Captains etc on making the new Result Reporting sheets a great success with all reporting an leagues publishing happening quicker and easier than it has in the past.

Kevin reminded delegates of his trip to Australia in January/February 2024 and of the fact that Suzi Cooper had volunteered to look after the shop while he was away and deal with all things LLB in his absence. To make life easier for Suzi she would like all clubs to use an alternative E-mail address for the duration of the cover period. The Email address is as follows:

alyssuzi@gmail.com

6. Treasurer Lisa Bonsor.

Fairly quiet period for Lisa 150 eros for expenses and engraving costs etc. Balance now standing at 11,219.79Euros

7. Membership Secretary Gail Willshire & 8 Membership Treasurer Lynn Greenland joint report.

The number of people listed as federated bowlers at the end of November was 1,083.

We are now working on the numbers for the start of 2024 and 9 clubs have already reported back to me, 5 of which have already paid. The rates for federating are the same as last year. However, the rates for those that play in the Nationals or the Spanish Squad are set by Madrid (FEB) and are not actually determined until their AGM in April. So, at this point they are the same as last year but that could change.

Each year at this time we have to pay Capitation fees to World Bowls. World Bowls provide a total figure due and Lynn and I have to work out how much to charge per person. To come up with a number we have to take account of exchange rates and bank charges and use the numbers of Federated bowlers to arrive at a figure. Each year I send an email to the membership secretaries

explaining this process and asking them to check whether they have people to be removed from their lists. This year when I sent the email I had very little response. But since sending out the forms clubs have been taking people off. This is not acceptable and could result in a shortfall in funds. It is vital that membership secretaries liaise with me regularly to remove people who have not rejoined as well as add on new members. We would be grateful if the club representatives fed this back to the Membership secretaries.

We wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a healthy and happy 2024

9 Correspondence Kevin Storey.

None Received

10 Winter league Peter Bonsor.

Peter congratulated Quesada and Emerald Isles who have progressed through to the semi final stages of the Premier 20 competition. The final quarter finals have been arranged and will be completed soon. He reflected on increased flexibility with clubs willing to resolve fixture issues. This has allowed fixtures to be re-arranged to keep bowlers bowling.

The Winter League Facebook page is getting stronger and stronger with good fun banter videos and jokes. Membership is now up to a very healthy 243. Peter then wished everyone good luck in their approaching winter Valencians tournament games and also wished everyone a merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

11 Northern League Peter Matthews.

Everything is going well and all up to date. Result reporting in the new format is going well. Seasons greetings.

12 Southern League Co-ordinator Dave Morrison.

Dave thanked Gail for the help she has given him as he got settled into the co-ordinators role. Dave also commented on the need to make changes to a fixture between San Luis and Quesada and how the flexibility of all concerned had resulted in a successful outcome. He reported the new reporting sheets were working well but more diligence is required as some

sheets had some slight issues which have needed to be resolved. He passed on seasons greetings to the delegates.

13 SA Co-Ordinator Winter John Obrien.

The first half of the Season has gone well, only one real issue, when El Rancho had to delay a match due to circumstances beyond their control. Consequently, I gave them permission to sort out that match and any other possibly delayed matches that may occur. I did not apply the two-week rule as this was an unusual situation. Fortunately, the problem was resolved and as of last week they have now played all their scheduled matches to date.

Next Monday will see the last matches played in the first half of the season, with a Christmas break for the league until Monday 8th January. The new Results reporting method has gone down well and has enabled me to get the reports out nice and early. I have received many complimentary comments on how easy and convenient the new system is.

Nothing else to report, other than to wish everyone a happy Christmas and a great New Year.

14 SA Co-Ordinator Summer Ray Robson.

Nothing to Report as league is not playing at the moment. He asked that clubs prepare for the summer leagues by thinking about squads and how many teams they are going to be entering.

15 Associate Co-Ordinator Peter Matthews.

Make preparations for the VCL summer league squads and teams etc.

16 Tours co-ordinator Sandra Heath.

All tours have gone well. Only Durham in the diary for Next Year

17 AOB.

Dave Haynes from El Rancho thanked all clubs for the support and flexibility they received during the issues they had in the previous month.

Dave Morrison reported that he has received 38 entries for the Winter Valencians which will be taking place on Dec 18th 19th and 20th December all games am. Then the semis and Finals in January.

Javea Green reporting that they continue to be supported well by Calpe while they explore options going forward in terms of finding a new home. They report they have two irons in the fire which may bring a successful outcome and a move to a new home.

We received no feedback from the previous meeting minutes regarding making changes to the format or timings of the summer Valencians.

Dave Morrison proposed that we look to ensure the Winter league season starts first week in October finishing first week in December then recommences last week in January allowing for a big enough Christmas break to allow ALL the Valencians to be played. Early rounds pre Christmas then The Semis and Finals Post New Year. Lisa Bonsor asked clubs who do not enter the Valencians not to vote against as this could impact against the clubs that do. Steve Hindle from Monte Mar countered with the changes to league start and finish dates impacts all clubs so therefore they may wish to vote against as a result of this.

CAN ALL CLUBS COME BACK TO US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF THEY HAVE ANY SUGGESTIOS REF THE FORMAT OR TIMINGS OF THE VALENCIANS. WE NEED TO DISCUSS PROPOSALS AT THE NEXT MEETING WHICH IS ON 27TH FEB. THEREFORE THEY NEED TO BE SUBMITTED AT LEAST 5 WEEKS BEFORE THAT DATE SO TO ALLOW FOR ADMIN TIME 20TH JAN DEADLINE.

It was agreed that the venue was ideal so we will look to use it for All future LLB meetings. Kevin will talk to Chris Harding and ask him to reserve all of the future meetings. Once confirmed he will add them into the 2024 LLB Calander.

18 Date and Venue of the next meeting.

27th February 2024 10:00am at

ALONAI RESTERAUNT SANTARA RESORT GRAN ALICANT.

