

LEVANTE LAWN BOWLS (LLB)

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19TH AUGUST 2025 AT SOCIAL ROOM SANTARA RESORT GRAN ALICANT

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from: Bob Donnelly, Lynn Greenland, Dave Hard, Anthony James

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	La Marina	Y		
SA Co-ordinator Summer:	Mel Ward	Phoenix	Y		
Associate Co-ordinator:	VACANCY Temp Peter Matthews				
Tour Co-ordinator:	Steve Hibberd				

Total Number of Clubs: 16 Number of Clubs Represented: 14

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The Minutes of the previous meeting & EGM held on 17th June 2025 were accepted.

Proposer: Barry Roberts La Marina, Seconder: Mel Ward Quesada

3. Matters Arising.

None

4. President – Delegado Bob Donnelly.

Absent with Apology nothing to report

5. Secretary Kevin Storey.

Kevin has sent out a proposal to change the LLB dress code it will be voted on at the next meeting.

Our representative at the World Championships requires some sponsorship the normal payment is 500Euros. The meeting voted in favour of Lisa receiving sponsorship payment.

Graham Richardson is owner of Country Bowls and he is concerned that people can play in the league without paying an annual membership as long as they have been federated and have paid a day rate membership. It is felt that people must be a fully paid up member of a club. Our constitution does not really cover this. He asks

if we feel this is correct. At the moment players must join the club, they must be federated and they must pay green fees. Most players are paying annual green fees but, in some cases, a monthly or three-monthly green fee is paid and then a days green fee is paid outside of the paid for period allowing them to play individual games,

It is the recommendation that clubs only allow players to represent them in the league who are currently within a paid for period of green fees to the club. i.e. if a player pays 3 months Sept/Oct/Nov they should not be allowed to play a game in January. However, this cannot be enforced by the LLB or other clubs and is only a recommendation.

6. Treasurer Lisa Bonsor

Lisa apologised we have an issue with the bank caused by Money Laundering checks which have resulted in our account being put on hold, once we have taken documents to the bank this restriction will be lifted. The result of this is some clubs have paid money which has gone into a holding account, it will be released into the main account once the restrictions are lifted. Bob has dealt with this previously and will clear this up once he returns from his holidays. Lisa was unable to say if it was just number 1 account or both.

So at this point Gail asked for any Fed fees to be paid in cash until clarification can be given.

The account balance on 6th August was 13,804 Euros. Outgoings from the account include Umpire fees, and winners badges and pins for the Valencians etc.

7 Membership Secretary Gail Willshire.

992 federated players down from 1050. Try to get new players federated by 05/10/25 Any club getting new members let us know by end September allowing us to get them Federated before the new Season.

8 Membership Treasurer Lynn Greenland.

Nothing to report

9 Correspondence Kevin Storey.

Emerald Isles will now play in Black shorts and Quesada have registered new club colours

10 Winter league Peter Bonsor.

8th October start date 5 teams for Berleen.

Next years Valencians entry closure has been extended until next Monday. 462 entries.

Pete looking at reviewing how the prize money is distributed and he has a couple of options, He will put it out on an Email to all clubs to decide which way we should proceed.

11 Northern League Peter Matthews.

Kevin read a report on behalf of Peter detailing there will be 12 teams in the league. He is proposing the first weeks fixtures are played on the Thursday of week 7 to ensure any potential over run on the Valencians does not create an issue. Nothing yet set in stone. Pete will send the final fixture list before 1st September so he asks that nothing is shared with members before that date.

12. Southern League Co-ordinator Dave Morrison.

He has played around with the schedule and it has resulted in some afternoon games. He is assuming everyone happy with the schedule as shared. He detailed the promotion and relegation issues since the last season and also confirmed that top two leagues will have 8 teams and the third division will have 7. Dave requests that clubs review the fixtures and get back to him asap if they have any issues. The league will start and finish a week earlier both before and after Xmas giving a break of 7 weeks.

It was confirmed La Marina will now open at 9.30am not 10am.

Dave is exploring going to two divisions next year. 22 games in A league and 20 in B. He will detail his thoughts to all clubs and we can then come back and vote on the decision at the LLB. Gail pointed out some scheduling issues which may be faced by clubs should this proposal get voted in.

13. SA Co-Ordinator Winter John O'Brien.

John detailed all promotions and relegations from last year. He is finalising the schedule which he will share once completed.

14 SA Co-Ordinator Summer Mel Ward .

Nothing to report

15 Associate Co-Ordinator Peter Matthews.

Nothing to report

16 Tours co-ordinator Steve Hibberd.

Jersey have increased from 3 rinks to 5,

The schedule for Roker has been altered.

Bowling Abroad will ask if we would remove the need for tourists to eat at clubs they would rather it is optional like at other regions. It is preventing teams coming to our region. Can clubs please discuss this and let us know if they are happy to remove the compulsive lunch from the tour schedule.

17 AOB.

It was asked for confirmation that subs could move up to the next division. It was confirmed this is ok a max of 3 players in any week.

It was asked what would take priority a re-arranged league game or a Valencians fixture. League games will always take priority

18. Date and Venue of the next meeting.

Next meeting will be on 21st October 2025 we will be in a different room, clarification of which room will be given in advance.

The meeting closed at 11.05am

EGM voted on two items