

# LEVANTE LAWN BOWLS (LLB)

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2026 AT MONTE MAR BOWLING CLUB

### 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from: Colin Lingren (EI) Lisa Bonsor (GL) Mel Ward (QU)

President (Delegado): Bob Donnelly	Benitachell	Y	Monte Mar	Y
Vice President (Chair): Keith Longshaw	Bonalba	Y	Quesada	Y
Secretary: Kevin Storey	Calpe Paseo	Y	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	N		
Southern League co-ordinator Temp: Mel Ward	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: 15

### 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The Minutes of the previous meeting & EGM held on 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025 were accepted.

Proposer: Dave Haynes El Rancho, Seconder: Steve Hindle Monte Mar

### 3. Matters Arising.

None

### 4. President – Delegado Bob Donnelly.

Bob was not in attendance no apology received

### 5. Secretary Kevin Storey.

#### **Competitions hosting:**

At the previous meeting we had asked for clubs to nominate as hosts of the three major Championships, The champion of Champions, The Nationals and the Valencian finals. At this moment in time no clubs have put themselves forward to be considered as hosts for the Nationals in May.

Greenlands and Country bowls were interested in hosting the Champion of Champions competition, A vote was held. **Greenlands 7 votes Country Bowls 3 votes 5 abstain**

Greenlands and Bonalba had expressed a wish to host the Valencian Finals. Greenlands withdrew this application as they had been awarded the Champion of Champions so therefore the Valencian finals will be held at Bonalba.

Kevin asked all delegates to go away and discuss with their committees the possibility of hosting the Nationals at their club.

### **Election of officers:**

All clubs are aware that Bob, Gail and Lynn are stepping down from their positions on the LLB Committee after many years of good service. We have asked for nominations to replace the three officers. So far we have received an application from Suzi Cooper at Greenlands to take over from Gail as Membership Secretary. All other Officers have indicated a willingness to continue in their roles, we have not received any nominations to take over from Bob or Lynn. However, we have received a proposal from Lisa Bonsor to amalgamate the roles of Treasurer and Membership treasurer which will reduce the LLB expenses payment and streamline communication between the two roles. We can also consolidate the two accounts therefore reducing bank charges by 45 Euros per Quarter

### **AGM Proposals:**

The deadline for the submission of proposals for the AGM has passed on 10<sup>th</sup> February . We have received three proposals, all of which have been circulated with the clubs. The first one is from Lynn Greenland and is seconded by Gail Willshire: This covers the **signatories on the bank account**, There must be three signatories and they cannot be from the same family and preferably not from the same Club. Gail added the different club statement could be difficult as the make up of the committee makes it hard due to the number of people on the committee from Greenlands.

The Second proposal regarding the removal of the Delegado position was submitted by Peter Bonsor and seconded by Peter Matthews. Kevin read the proposal to the meeting then asked Peter if he would like to give further explanations around the key points, which he was happy to do. Some meetings have taken place (at National level) which have been attended by Bob Donnelly, it is believed that the forming of a National committee is being considered to oversee the running of the game of Bowls in Spain. At the same time there is a suggestion that our area will be split into 3 – Valencia, Alicante & Murcia, with a Delgado for each area. This would then result in us coming back under the control of Madrid rather than Valencia for federation fees, which would be increased to somewhere between 20 and 35 euros. As Bob is stepping down Peter is proposing that we recognise the position of the 3 delegados now and that the position of President is voted on, as per the other officers of the LLB. The next National level meeting will be held in March and Gail

asked who should be representing the LLB at this meeting. Peter believes it should be Bob but as he is stepping down, and he is not in attendance at today's meeting, we are unable to verify if this is the case. There is a feeling that this is being partially driven by the Spanish Squad organisation looking to ensure more funding is forthcoming from Madrid.

Many questions were asked of Peter from June and Gail ref the forming of the National Committee which he was unable to answer as he is not involved in the meetings, he would like the questions to be answered by Bob who is involved in the process but he did not attend the last meeting and has not attended this one. It was asked what impact these developments would have on our 1000 or so members? And how can we vote on things if we are unaware of the impacts on the LLB from any potential changes

**Gail asked Kevin if he could contact Bob Donnelly and Ruth Compton to answer some of the questions raised in time for the AGM to help us best decide which path to take going forward. We need to know who will be representing the interests of the LLB at the table when the next meeting takes place in March. Kevin has agreed to do so.**

Peter asked the question can we legally Operate going forward if we do not have a president to represent us? We need a President, Vice President, Treasurer Secretary, the President is the one person who is Liable on behalf of the LLB. Future National committee meetings will be held via Zoom. It is felt that the future President would need to speak Spanish as meetings are usually conducted in Spanish

### **National Ranking system:**

Peter has asked clubs to provide information ref members performance in Club Championships league matches etc to enable him to produce a Spanish ranking system. The Document was circulated to all clubs asking them to submit the required data. Peter explained the system will help selectors for the Spanish squad to understand the proficiencies of the players applying for trials. It may also be of use to the National Bowls Committee which is to be established. June Jones responded reading a response from San Luis Bowls Club ref the sharing and holding of the data of the people included in this Ranking data base. She said San Luis cannot comply with the request without getting written authorisation from their members due to data protection laws which prevent the sharing of contact details, E-mail addresses and Telephone numbers etc.

Gail clarified that if Peter was just to receive the names of people who have won trophies, and then they could contact club secretaries etc should further contact be required this would ensure compliance to the data protection act. Peter confirmed that would be enough for him to fulfil the task.

### **Amalgamation of Treasurer and Membership treasurer roles:**

Proposed by Lisa Bonsor seconded by Kevin Storey. The proposal will reduce costs to the LLB only one expense payment for meeting attendance, only one account so a reduction in quarterly bank charges will be achieved. With only one person overseeing both the need for communication between the officers is also removed. Lynn feels it is easier for this to happen now as the numbers involved has reduced. Lisa comes from a finance background and is prepared for the extra workload involved.

It was asked if Lisa could share a copy of the Audited accounts with the clubs. We know the accounts have been audited but this should be shared with member clubs. Kevin confirmed he would pass this request to Lisa.

### **EXPO Torrevieja 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026:**

Kevin explained we have been invited to have a stall at the EXPO promoting the LLB and bowls in Spain. He asked if as an organisation we would like to do this, he asked if there were people willing to man the stall. It was pointed out the event clashed with the Champion of Champions tournament. There was very little enthusiasm for the event within the delegates and therefore we will not be following up on the invitation.

#### **6. Treasurer Lisa Bonsor**

The Bank balance as of today is €10,552.19.

This balance includes the €3 supplement payment to Valencia of €3,250 and the quarterly bank charges that has now increased to €45. Committee expenses €225, Annual Room hire €150 and on Bob's request €1,382 for our World Bowls Affiliation fee (further discussion needed).

We had incomings of €72 for Valencian 26 entry fees and €100 from Ron Scott for bowls Tours. There was a brief discussion over Capitation fees to world Bowls and why Lynn usually makes one payment covering all regions not just the LLB

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

Gail confirmed that we have 930 Federated members compared to 994 last year and 1032 the previous year

#### **8. Membership Treasurer Lynn Greenland.**

Lynn is paying the next instalment of Federation fees to Valencia next Tuesday. If any clubs have outstanding players awaiting Federating please get them into her asap.

#### **9. Correspondence Kevin Storey.**

Kevin received a letter from the owners at Country bowls following a recent league match where members of the opposition team were clearly consuming their own food at the side of the green. Amongst the items being consumed were sausage rolls and sandwiches both of which are on sale by the owners. This was despite clear signage all across the site pointing out you are not allowed to consume goods not purchased on the premises. As an LLB committee we discussed this last year and all agreed we would communicate with our players to ensure this does not happen again. Fruit and energy bars etc is not a problem but bringing your own food is wrong. We approached the team Captain and also the offending players and their response was co-operative. However our owners have reiterated they will ask people to leave if future occurrences happen and this will include players involved in leagues and competition matches if they do not comply with the rules. All clubs have this right and we must do all we can to ensure visiting players comply with the local rules.

Derek Howe from Vistabella had written following news of a training course carried out at BBC. He wanted to know what courses are being set up for the southern region covering marking and Umpiring. John O'Brien will be running training courses in the Southern Region for Markers and Umpires once he has completed re-writing the training materials. Kevin will contact Ruth Compton to enquire about coaches training courses.

**10. Winter league Peter Bonsor.**

Winter league is going well with 4 weeks to go. The weather has had a slight impact but re-arranged fixtures are in hand.

2 Bowl trips we have 8 entries if any other club wishes to enter let him know be quick.

A conflict may exist between the Valencian finals event and Spanish squad events which have been added to the Calendar since the date of the Valencians was set. A re-jig of the dates may take place dependant on the line up of the Semi-finalists.

The Nationals will be getting re-organised to take place in December under the authority of the National Bowls Committee. These would then be followed by the trials for the Nationals squad. If the Nationals are in December Country Bowls would possibly be able to host it if no other clubs wanted to do it. The moving of the Nationals may have an impact on the scheduling of the leagues.

**Any club wishing to host the Nationals please let the Secretary know ASAP**

**11. Northern League Peter Matthews.**

Everything going ok

**12. Southern League Co-ordinator Mel Ward.**

Mel has sent the fixtures for the Southern leagues and Stev has distributed them on his behalf. The leagues have been re-organised in line with teams coming in and dropping out of the leagues March 16<sup>th</sup> until 1<sup>st</sup> of June. **La Marina will return to 10.00 for 10.30am start from the beginning of the October leagues.**

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

John has asked for all cups to be returned by the next meeting

**14. SA Co-Ordinator Summer Mel Ward .**

Nothing to report

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

Re-organised in line with teams coming in and others dropping out forming 2 leagues with 6 teams in each. Can clubs please notify Peter of the Captains / Vice Captains of each of your teams. Can clubs ensure results are received within two hours of the game finishing. This will allow Peter to get the league table published on the evening of the games. San Miguel have entered a 3rd team, Peter is allowing the new team only, which has the bulk of the afternoon games, to re-arrange if necessary as long as it is in advance of the original date.

**16. Tours co-ordinator Steve Hibberd.**

No tours in the Spring.

Autumn we have 4 tours

Eggham

Eltham

Potters Bar

Sawbridgeworth

All dates will be on the LLB Calendar.

**17. AOB.**

Derek Howe has asked if smaller clubs could align themselves with another small club to form a combined winter league team to allow them to compete. This seemed to get support within the room. Derek was asked to put a proposal together for future meetings to allow changes for the next Winter League.

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

The next meeting and AGM will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> March in this room at Monte Mar Bowls Club. The meeting closed at 11.36am

