MALAGA DELEGATION

COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT MIJAS ON 22 JANUARY 2025

In attendance:	Jeff Rowe	La Posada
	Tom Mclean	Saydo
	Lauro	Paul Hughes
	Mijas	John Wilson
	Benavista	Jack Gordon
	Delegado	Doug Hall
	Secretary	Bill Neal
	Finance	Sheila Wilson
	League Coordinator	John Wilson
	Team Malaga	Paul Hughes
	Chairman Umpires Assn	Bill Neal
	FAB Media	Jane Richardson
	Vice President FAB	Bixio Foletti
Apologies:	Carol, Miraflores and Bill Davies	

The meeting opened at 1100 with a welcome by Doug and he thanked everyone for attending. He thanked Bixio for attending on his birthday. Doug explained that it was one year since he took over as Delegado and there had been a sharp learning curve with lessons learnt and corrective procedures installed. He added that he thought the FAB Malaga was in a good position and long may this continue.

Previous Minutes. All the delegates confirmed their acceptance of the previous minutes that were published.

Matters Arising. There were no matters arising.

Financial Update. Before Sheila commenced her update Bill explained the 'handout' he had distributed earlier. This was the budget proposal (in Spanish) that Sheila had to submit in December and would be discussed later.

Sheila commenced with questions and answers she had submitted to try and ascertain the correct procedures and some information she had concerns about since taking over as the treasurer for the Malaga FAB. These are:

Capitation Fees. This fee of 90 cents was confirmed by the authorities in December and was passed to all the clubs by Sheila. This fee (World Bowls) was to be paid by all federated and non-federated players at each club. The numbers submitted by each club was to be as accurate as possible please.

When you should federate. This is linked to the question of insurance and Sheila explained that when clubs apply for federation membership, their eligibility to play in a federation event relied on Sheila receiving a registration 'number' which hopefully would be in 2-3 days. The area of insurance and when it starts was still a grey area with conflicting information being passed on. Bixio (vice president) and Delegado will investigate this area to try and ascertain the definitive answer. This area was also raised by Jeff about 'pay and play' insurance.

Club Federation. A discussion took place, and it clearly is another area that needs to be answered by the authorities as too much misinformation is being offered. Is a club insured for visitors or is it a third party concern by clubs own insurance policy? Again, Bixio and Doug will investigate this area further.

Information from Clubs. Sheila requested those present to ask their club treasurers to submit any information requested in a timely manner and it must be accurate. Sheila had spent an inordinate amount of time clarifying and checking information submitted.

Tom informed the meeting that this area was not his area of expertise and perhaps Sheila would be better speaking direct to each club treasurer. At this stage Doug informed everyone that the club treasurer is more than welcome to attend the FAB Malaga meetings and Sheila added that she would be happy to speak to the treasurer when she visits a club. Sheila continued informing the clubs that she had to submit the budget sheet for Malaga in December. This sheet was sent via Almeria, and both regions were then combined before submission to Jaen. Sheila added that there a few items on the calendar that John had completed (dates/venues) to allow submission. These few points must be discussed today and the calendar confirmed. An English version of the submission would be sent by Sheila shortly after any corrections were made and before publication on the Malaga website.

Sheila concluded that Jaen now need a 'different' competition entry form that needs to be added to any payment invoice paid by clubs, copied to Sheila. A copy would be sent to clubs shortly.

Doug added that he understood very well the frustration suffered by Sheila in her valiant efforts to ensure we are financially accurate in all our dealings with Jaen. He commended Sheila and thanked her for her efforts.

Calendar 2025. As mentioned above a few points have to be clarified and agreed today. Bill informed the meeting of a few points raised by Carol, Miraflores, and these would be taken into consideration when the area was discussed.

Andalucian Championship. Confirmed by Doug to take place at Lauro over the period 24-31 May. Disciplines to be singles male and female, pairs, male and female 3 bowls and trips, open event.

Lauro would give up an event to balance out the green allocations and therefore Mijas would now host the **Malaga Open pairs**.

Presidents Fours. Confirmed to be held at Benavista over 29 Nov – 2 Dec

Miraflores Competition. Confirmed to take place 1 – 9 Nov. Incl league day.

Ultimate Bowls. Move the dates to 17-18 May, at Lauro

Malaga Challenge Cup. All clubs agreed that playing this over a month's period was better than spreading it out over a longer period. The draw then took place under the auspices of the Delegado and:

Preliminary Round – La Posada to play Benavista

Mijas to play Lauro

No clash with Miraflores visiting team date as they received a 'bye' and will play Saydo in the semi-finals.

Ladies Day (Lauro). Moved to 3 March.

Malaga Two Wood Pairs. The viability of this competition was raised, and a general discussion took place, and clubs present decided that we don't want to lose calendar space, and any competitions already played. Perhaps the venue could be decided after entries were confirmed.

John would update and issue the revised calendar shortly and send to all the clubs for their approval before sending to Ron for the website update. Once confirmed, Sheila would approach the delegado to inform Jaen of the changes for the budget submission.

Food and Drink Policy. John asked Lauro, La Posada, Benavista and Lauro if they agreed with the food and drink policy document issued last month. They all agreed, and this document would be issued by John and added to call notices when necessary.

Trophies. Bill displayed the current FAB Malaga delegation, trophies held and explained that some existing trophies need their designation changing to reflect the current competitions being held. The clubs agreed that Bill and John would arrange redesignation and have the trophies ready for collection by the next meeting.

Footwear. Tom asked the opinion of the members regarding their views on the current influx of footwear being issued by recognised bowls companies. Mainly that the sole patterns include slight ridges and pads. A discussion took place, and it was decided that if all clubs obeyed the previous agreement of sole patterns and ridges, there was no contravention of the world bowls law. Different clubs explained their own stance on footwear allowed at their club, but this was a club decision and would not contravene the agreed standard.

Delegado Address. Doug explained that the position of Federation Competition Secretary is vacant within the Malaga delegation and could all clubs approach their members to try and get volunteers.

Regarding syncing the calendars on the website as many people viewed the calendar on the Malaga website and it contained out of date information. John explained that the current calendar was out of date, but he had approached Ron and asked him to wait for the final calendar before publication.

Doug asked all club representatives to pass on any requests or decisions made at this meeting to their club members and particularly competition secretaries and treasurers. **Law Books**. Doug explained that any requests for financial assistance outwith the published and agreed calendar topics, are not to be submitted direct to Jaen by individuals or clubs but must be submitted via the vice president and delegado only.

Note: A note was received by Bill from Ron who confirmed the contact details for the individual in the UK responsible for providing the law books required by clubs. Clubs agreed to inform Bill of their proposed requirements by the next meeting to allow a consolidated submission.

Other Matters.

Rink fees – all clubs confirmed that their club fees were 10 euros for visitors.

Saydo. Tom informed the meeting that the hotel at Saydo had locked the rear door and therefore no access to the green was available. Visitors should follow the side road by the shop and enter the complex by a door on the roadside.

Footwear. Jack informed the meeting that personnel should be discouraged from wearing their everyday footwear on the green and should change to the correct bowling shoes. This would stop the transfer of debris and dirt.

Next Meeting. This was confirmed as Wed 5 March at Mijas.

Doug closed the meeting at 1330 and thanked Mijas for the refreshments provided.