

MALAGA DELEGATION

COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT LAURO 18 SEPTEMBER 2024

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
Apologies:	Vice President FAB	Bixio Foletti
	Lauro	Jane Richardson
Guests:	Lorraine Penning, Collin and Kim Tilly LCBC	

The meeting opened at 1320 with a welcome by Doug and he thanked everyone for attending at short notice to this rearranged meeting.

Doug went on to explain the reasons we were at Lauro today and not Mijas later in the week:

Risk – The majority of delegates attending were already at Lauro for Malaga squad training and to save unnecessary journeys.

Environment – again, to save additional journeys and help to reduce our carbon footprint.

Common sense – All the delegates except 1 confirmed their attendance and with the above in mind, the delegado decided to hold the meeting at Lauro.

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

Matters Arising. Jeff asked if there had been any progress on the question of prizes for federation events. John confirmed that no club had offered any suggestions to date. Jeff then presented a glass 'plaque' that he had recently used at an internal competition and all the clubs thought that it was a very nice and suitable for upcoming federation events. Jeff confirmed the cost was 9 euros and perhaps a 'job' lot could be purchased and possibly earn a discount from the supplier. Engraving could be carried out well in advance with just 'winners', runners up etc. This way the plaque could be awarded on the day of any final.

Sheila added that at present, the federation allowed 6 euros per prize, and they should be approached to see if they would increase their funding to 9 euros. The delegado will speak to the vice president and discuss this matter soon. Sheila added that she would speak to the supplier and try to get a better deal, but clubs must be prepared to cover a possible shortfall of 3 euros. All clubs agreed to this.

Trophies. The delegado stated that at this time, no one could tell him of how many trophies, federation competitions, were in use or where they were. All the clubs then agreed to check their cabinets and take a photo of any trophy held and submit their details to the secretary within 2 weeks.

Finance. Bill confirmed that all clubs had received the account summary previously distributed and there were no questions for Sheila. Sheila added that the website fee had been paid by Lauro as agreed.

Malaga Challenge Cup Conditions of Play and Rules Change.

John had previously sent this information earlier for clubs to consider his proposals and handed each club, laminated copies for their retention.

Before this item was discussed Bill read an e mail from Carol: This is reproduced below:

It defeats the object of the competition to have just one of the side games being played. The object is to win with total points from both games. One of the advantages is for spectators to communicate to either team captain the situation at the other match, creating a total team spirit both home and away. Something which doesn't happen very often and at our club was commented on about the Spring league format, making it an enjoyable league.

In 20 years I cannot remember a time when the players have had to travel to find a game cancelled or significantly delayed on arrival for this particular competition.

With start times in line with the League there should be no late finishes delaying traveller's return journey.

This affects only 5 matches, if La Cala BC are entering this year (3 prelim and 2 semi finals). In League situations decisions regarding weather cancellations are made with sufficient time to postpone matches and stop travel. The cancellation decision should apply to both the home and away games.

The new rules seem to be making complications particularly if tie breaks are required, or there are match start time delays - everything is covered by just normal postponement or non appearance rules.

If necessary, the date of the final could be changed, if postponements cause difficulty to arrange with the tight calendar schedule.

Thank you

This e mail attracted similar comments from the clubs and after a discussion, it was agreed that an amendment would be issued to the document: This is reproduced below for ease of reference:

Agreed revised wording for the Malaga Challenge Cup Clause 5 e)

Games should start no later than the designated or alternatively agreed by both clubs start time unless a venue is affected by adverse weather or unforeseen incident that causes desired number of rinks to be unplayable or there are unsafe conditions for the players. Should a side not have its full complement of players by the designated start time and the venue is playable those games which can be started should commence their trial ends at the agreed/designated start time.

It is not necessary for play to start at the exact same time at each venue, but the players from both clubs playing on the home team selected tie break rink (Top of the draw) must play the tie break end on their selected rink if their venue are first to finish all of their ties or where play at the opposing venue has been delayed or cancelled. This tie break end will come into effect only if it is deemed necessary.

If play is only able to be played at one venue, a player involved in any of those games cannot be selected to play or be a substitute in the rescheduled games at the opposite venue.

The proposal to implement these rule changes and conditions of play, with the amendment above, was fully supported by all clubs.

League Matches – Regulations and Conditions of Play. John had already sent these documents earlier to all clubs and he handed out laminated copies for each clubs retention.

League Fixtures. Already appearing on the calendar and clubs confirmed their team entries with Benavista confirming they would not enter a pairs team.

As a result of this John will now produce and circulate a new schedule shortly.

Calendar 2025. There are still a few entries that need to be confirmed for 2025 before submission to Jaen for funding decisions. The Almeria matches and venues have still to be decided and the delegado confirmed that he had been in contact with Ruth, but due to various factors, details are not yet known. All that had been confirmed was that it would take the form a triples competition. This also applied to any match against Spain.

Paul added that as temporary Team Malaga representative, he was looking into organising other matches as playing against 'Spain' bore little benefit for individuals and more Malaga matches would be more beneficial.

Paul and the delegado informed the clubs that additional sponsorship had been promised to help fund the Malaga shirts and jackets.

Malaga Challenge Cup – Draw.

The draw then took place carried out by the delegado. Results are:

Preliminary Round - 1100 on 23 October

Benavista versus Lauro

Mijas versus Saydo

First Round Miraflores versus La Posada - 13 November 1100

Any Other Matters.

Bill asked if the federation fee had been fixed for next year and Sheila confirmed that nothing had been received to date.

Sheila raised the point of World Bowls fees and suggested that any World Bowl fees, should be paid for in entirety by each club. The cost was not excessive, and it was not fair that federation money should be used as it had been in the past. All the clubs admitted that this payment method was not understood but whole heartedly agreed that respective clubs should bear the cost.

The proposal that clubs pay their respective World Bowls fees was fully supported by those clubs in attendance.

Umpires and Markers.

Benavista informed the meeting that they had no umpires amongst their members, and they had two events approaching where they would need help on semi and finals day. The Classic and Malaga two wood pairs.

Bill confirmed that he would arrange umpires for the events.

The delegado also informed the meeting that he been in consultation with Ron, our umpire training representative, and that future courses were being organised and dates would be published as soon as they are available.

The meeting closed at 1515 and the date of the next meeting would be at Lauro, commencing at 1530 on 16 October.

Lorraine then gave an update on La Cala Bowls Club and took the opportunity to introduce her new managers, Colin (Anthony) and Kim Tilly who would immediately be responsible for the day to day running of the club.

The delegado thanked Lorraine for the update and reiterated that before a bowl can be sent, the club must be registered with Jaen and hold the necessary certification.

Every club offered their help to Colin and Kim with any documentation, spare kit and equipment they might need to help the club get a good start.

Colin and Kim could contact any club representative or member of the Malaga delegation who all introduced themselves, for advice as necessary.

Bill will send the necessary Statutes involved and explained the Malaga Bowls web site. Doug confirmed that he will be speaking to the vice president on Friday and do his best to ensure that everything will be done as quickly possible to get La Cala BC up and running.