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**BONALBA BOWLS CLUB**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

**IN ATTENDANCE** The meeting was quorate

**MINUTES OF LAST MEETING** These were accepted as true and accurate

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

The president opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending.

The club was still running smoothly with a very busy bowling schedule that can only up the profile of the club. It was mentioned that the last few committee meetings were difficult for everyone to attend. Therefore we may in future hold committee meetings during roll up days but will stay with the once a month meetings as per our constitution.

**MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

- **Bank Signatories.** It was agreed the signatories for our bank would be our treasurer and our vice President.
- **Insurance Clarification.** Our policies were arranged through our Bank, we are awaiting further clarification from our Bank regarding these policies.
- **Card Reader.** After discussing the pros and cons it was agreed that the club would not be getting a Card Reader.
- **Sponsorship.** The meeting was informed that we would be concentrating on obtaining new sponsorship and also focus on recruiting new members early in the new year.
- **Federation Fees.** The 15 euro fee Will be collected from all members in January 2025
- **Club Extension.** The club sub-committee will be looking at quotes for this work Early in the new year and report approximate costs to the main committee early in the New year for further discussions .
- **Valencian Hygiene Update.** Everything asked of us had been completed with the exception of labels regarding allergens. Information will be sought from the Hygiene inspector when he attends our premises later this month when we will take advice as to completing this only outstanding item in the Valencian Hygiene Inspectors report

**CAPTAIN'S REPORT.**

This year's Winter and Northern Leagues would be on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December and the leagues would recommence in January. Due to the disappointing league results of both our teams are fighting to win but the opposition teams are stronger than ours. The committee should consider maybe 3 options

Option 1 Consider entering only one team next year

Option 2 Consider separating the teams to an A and B team

It was suggested that the Club Captain and Vice-Captain should select the teams from the names put up on the list for winter and Northern League as opposed to players selecting to play in the Colts or Steeds.

No decision taken, further discussions will be held with the final decision on the committee recommendation(s) made by our members at our next AGM.

The ladies who had entered for the Winter Valencians i.e. Trips and Rinks had got a bye through the Finals.

**LLB REPORT**

Our LLB rep was not at the last meeting but had sent out the Minutes he would be at the next Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> December when the clubs selected to host next year's Valencian tournaments would be decided.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Shena stated that it had been a good month for the club and we are financially stable at the moment

The club had received the Certificate for our donation of 1000 Euros to the DANA fund, This certificate will be framed and displayed in our clubhouse

## **COMPETITION ORGANISER'S REPORT**

The Invitation Tournaments to be held at our club were completed.

It was suggested that as none of the winners ever take the Cup's home the suggestion was that we get some type of badge, glass etc. to commemorate their win which they could keep. It was decided that this was a good idea and we will make some enquiries to find something suitable for the winners of these tournaments. The question was asked if we could have more Tournaments held at Bonalba? It was stated said that we could probably have a 2 day Open Fours Tournament, probably in September, LLB Calendar allowing. The competition organiser will try and put something together and report back to the committee.

## **MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT**

The membership secretary passed around a sheet with Members names and asked if we could score out anyone who no longer plays. A new up to date members list will be available at the end of January. Any member not paid by 31<sup>st</sup> January deadline would have to reapply for membership.

## **SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT**

After doing some research it was stated that only around 30 people attend Social evenings and it is the same people all the time.

Due to the shortage of names on the list the Halloween Party was cancelled as only 14 names were on the list

Sue suggested that rather than put out a general What's on email he could try personalising the notice.

The question was then raised as to whether it was worth having the extension built. It was suggested that the canopy idea previously discussed might be a better option it was pointed out that this would be fine in summer but not in winter and further added maybe we should not have social functions in the winter. It was further suggested that perhaps we could have 3 external social functions/dinners in the winter. It was explained that for the Xmas Party Dinner at Browns there would be 5 tables for 10 people per table to allow room for dancing.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

The club secretary stated that the only correspondence recorded was from the Accountant which is covered in the (matters) arising section above.

## **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- Gardener – It was agreed that we should have a Gardener back to tidy up the plants and trees, The committee recommended cutting back the Pine trees at the entrance to the Club as part of the gardeners workload. Costs will be sought for this work.
- **Refreshing the Bonalba Sign** on the wall. This will be repainted at the first opportunity
- **Commemorative Plaques** – A commemorative plaque will be made for the late John Branson and located at a suitable place in the club premises.
- **Canopy** – We will wait till the estimate comes in for the proposed extension and then decide if a canopy will be required
- **Dentist Sponsor Sign** – After some negative feedback from members re the sign being too faint the meeting was informed that artwork was supplied by the Dentist.
- **Recruitment** - Roli said that we needed to have a recruitment drive to bring in more members and that he and Colin Wightman would be willing to use A Frames and have leaflets to give out outside of the Star of India in either January or February. Hopefully Star of India could provide tapas or similar. It was also stated that come January we would also start a new Sponsorship drive it was also asked that a list be drawn up showing details of:
  - Sponsors Company Name
  - Name of contact and contact details
  - Amount payable
  - Date due for renewal (It was suggested that sponsorships should all be paid on same date in January)
  - How long they had been sponsoring the Club.

**The date of the Next Meeting will be**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025**