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**BONALBA BOWLS CLUB**  
**MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**HELD ON 6TH NOVEMBER 2025**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** The Meeting was quorate

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS October MEETING :** Accepted as true and accurate

**PRESIDENT's REPORT** The President opened the meeting by thanking all for their attendance and stated that he had carried out a quick comparison of the income between last year and this year to date and that the income had almost doubled which was a great outcome. He stated that all old items from previous Agendas be removed and new ones put in their place. The president told the meeting that we were there to make decisions on behalf of the members and not to become a "talking shop" and if we follow the Agenda, make decisions and then move on the meeting flow easier. With regard to the Marketing and Recruitment aspect of the club this would be discussed later in the meeting

**TREASURER's REPORT :** The treasurer informed the meeting that he had broken down the expenditure including wages paid out and they are very favourable compared to the income received. In comparison to last year we are on par despite the expenditure on upgrading the club. He further stated that although the Invitation Competitions are very hard work they are well worth it financially. The president said it might be difficult to match these figures next year but the Treasurer pointed out that these Competitions are our main source of income. The Treasurer went on to say that as a committee, we were still looking to achieve keeping a fixed sum in Euro aside (in a second bank account) to start possibly saving for a carpet fund;

Some members of the committee pointed out that unless we have a good influx of new members there may be no need for a new carpet as most of our members are in their 60s and 70s and without increasing the membership base it would be a pointless exercise.

**MATTERS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

- **New kitchen cooker** – This has been purchased and will be fitted after the new flooring is laid
- **Floor renewal in original Clubhouse** – The flooring was in situ and a preliminary date for fitting is 2<sup>nd</sup> December. This will take approx 3 days to fit and therefore the kitchen will be out of use for that period. The payment for the labour was accepted Euro.

**Feedback from Open Forum**

**Q.** Open Forum normally in mid October but this year this had to be held on 30<sup>th</sup> October.

**A.** It was pointed out that the club had a busy calendar and the committee members who could not attend had signed up for the Open Invitation at BBC the year previously was suggested that the Open Forum could be held after roll-up on a Sunday in mid October.

**Q.** It was asked if we could have 2 open forums –

**A.** This was deemed unnecessary by the committee as any member with a question could approach the appropriate member of the committee for assistance in obtaining an answer to their query.

**Q.** Why have a carpet fun

**A.** The invitation competition organiser felt that because we had a new carpet it attracted more participants and therefore generated monies for the club

**Q.** A member had put in a written question regarding qualified kitchen assistants and her fear that the club could be closed down if an inspection was held by the Hygiene authorities and found somebody handling food who did not have the requisite certificate.

**A.** The club now has 6 members who have obtained the food handling certificate necessary. The president pointed out that the Hygiene Department were there to assist us run smoothly and not to close us down.

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- Q.** Why are the Minutes of Meetings posted on the notice board surely these are private
- A.** It was decided at a previous meeting that the summary Minutes would be posted on the Club Website with a copy of summary pinned on the Notice Board.
- Q.** It was requested that the dates of the finals week/weekend and the presentation day be posted when the entry sheets are put on the board.
- A.** The Club Captain stated that the finals week would be held over 1 week in March with the Presentations at the end of that week...circa 8<sup>th</sup> March
- Q.** What can be done to stop people “ducking” under the barriers to green. As a few people had banged their heads doing so.
- A.** Captains on the day of games should announce to bowlers not to use this practice and if they did they did so at their own risk. Dennis has fitted hand “grabs” at each entrance to green to assist in getting on and off the green.
- Q.** People cannot hear announcements either on the green or after a game when results are being announced.
- A.** All bowlers should be seated inside the clubhouse for lunch to enable everyone to hear what is being said. It was suggested that a microphone could be used on Invitation Days owing to the number of people in attendance.

**CAPTAIN’S REPORT** The club captain announced that in the Winter League we had lost the first 2 games 6-4. In the Northern league there are 27 players required to make up 3 teams of trips. We must remember that we are all playing for Bonalba and that new members can help with the success of the club overall. He went on to state that he will reintroduce the Friday practice for teams and he pointed out that he is not getting reports from the skips on their team’s performance. It was also pointed out that there should be more ambition to move up into the better of Rogues, Rascals and Renegade teams. The 20-20 game will take place on 20<sup>th</sup> November against Vistabella and a marker was required for that day.

**LLB REPORT** There had been discussions regarding the way the fixtures had been organised i.e. 3 home games in succession and 3 away games in succession. The Southern co-ordinator had resigned over this matter.

**COMPETITION ORGANISER’S REPORT.** The Competition organiser reported that everything was in hand and it would be a full house on Saturday. 2 reserves teams were required to play as there had been 2 withdrawals. Kitchen staff has a rota of helpers for the day and our kitchen manager will do the bacon baps outside on the BBQ.

Iberian Pairs Competition – The organiser felt that we should once again host this tournament over 1 day in September and that he may have a sponsor from BBC willing to sponsor the game.

**MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY’S REPORT** The membership secretary informed the meeting that she had received no new applications for membership but she had received 65Euro from one of our members for his green fees.

At this juncture the president reminded the committee that in the past we had “fast tracked” new members applications and that we should really revert to the constitution with regard to membership applications by putting the name of the new applicant on the Notice Board as any of our members may have an objection to the application and they must have a chance to voice any concerns they may have. If we accept early it makes us look desperate

The Competition Organiser said we could perhaps update this on the Constitution and adopt a more modern approach. This item will be discussed at the next meeting and will be put on the Agenda.

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**SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT** The meeting was informed that all was in order with regard to the Xmas Party. He also made a suggestion to the meeting that we should once again sell football cards at our home games. It was agreed that this was a good idea and the logistics could be worked out at our next meeting.

**RECRUITMENT & MARKETING** The president informed the meeting that leaflets had now been left in several outlets Bonalba Hotel being one and hopefully we may generate interest by holidaymakers and golfers who stay there. Paddle Tennis, Star of India and also a mail box drop had been carried out. He further stated that our own members do not try to entice potential new members. He asked that anyone with ideas come forward. It has been decided that a recruitment drive will be held (date to be arranged) outside the Star of India and Tropicana where we can engage with the public and give out leaflets etc.

The lady from Mapfre Insurance has indicated that she would like 5 of her associates to come and try out bowling. The president will liaise with her to find a suitable date for both them and us.

We already enquired from 2 gentlemen he met in a local cafe who showed an interest in trying bowling at. Our club.

Tropicana in El Campello wish to sponsor us and discussions are ongoing. The club will concentrate on a recruiting campaign on the front in El Campello together with an Open Day at the club could help attract new members. It was felt by the meeting that a January Recruitment drive would be a good time. The more helpers on the day the better.

The Competition Organiser showed the meeting a video which Calpe Bowls club use to advertise their club which was very good. He said he would look at trying to replicate this for Bonalba website.

In order to bring all suggestions etc together the president will have a meeting with the sub-committee to finalise dates etc. The membership secretary suggested we have more social evenings and get entertainment back on in the club. It was pointed out that we do not have an entertainment licence and this could cause problems if we were to hold regular evenings without the necessary licence.

**CORRESPONDENCE** There had been no correspondence received to date.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS** The club captain stated that we needed more club shirts and it was agreed that he purchase the necessary number.

Water ingress into new extension was still occurring and one committee member stated he would contact the builders again in order to have this rectified.

Flooring for the extension – discussions took place as to the best way forward and it was agreed that this would be discussed at the next meeting and would be put on the Agenda.

Paint for outside tables which are badly marked and faded. The club captain said he could obtain a special paint for these at an approx cost of 30Euro it was agreed that he should obtain this and give it a try.

A social member had requested a monetary donation for the Ukraine appeal – It was decided that the club would make a donation of 100Euro.

It was pointed out that an extractor fan was urgently required for the kitchen. The president will look into this.

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**  
**THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2025 AT 10 a.m.**

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