
BONALBA BOWLS CLUB
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
15TH JANUARY 2026

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 their attendance and reiterated that if we adhere to the agenda then the meeting should flow in a more timely manner. He stated that December had been a quiet month and the figures for December reflected this. In comparison to last year at the same time. This was due in part to the very cold weather and members travelling over the holiday period. The president went on to inform the meeting that he had attended a meeting at the Mapfre office in El Campello and was informed that they could not cancel our policies with our previous Insurers and we would have to write to cancel the old policies.

Mapfre have asked that 5 of their Spanish staff be allowed to have a trial of bowling on 5th March the president agreed to this. To this end the president has asked our Spanish Speaking members to help the Mapfre staff to assist on that morning Time to be confirmed. It was suggested that it would create a better atmosphere if some members also attended on that morning, this was agreed.

Mapfre are in the process of completing their new logo and once this is completed they will send the artwork to us and pay their sponsorship money The president asked that they send us a new Certificate with their new logo for display on notice board.

Any member who takes out any type of insurance with Mapfre El Campello will receive a discount when they mention Bonalba Bowls.

TREASURER'S REPORT The treasurer said it had been a brilliant month with regard to expenditure as we had not had to spend a lot. The Federation fees were paid on time. Indie 33 had paid their sponsorship and their board was ready for displaying. He further stated that the green fees were coming in on a steady basis, The membership Secretary will coordinate will confirm the final monies taken along with the treasurer to be read out at February's Committee meeting.

The Treasurer went on to say that the accounts were in good shape considering the large expenditure we had undertaken throughout the year.

The president stated that the bar figures were 300 Euro less than this time last year and once again the adverse weather conditions could be the cause.

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING

- New flooring for extension – After discussion it was unanimously agreed that we go ahead with the new flooring. An estimated time-frame for fitting of the flooring will be the first week in February. The total cost was passed by the committee without objection.
 - Draft Calendar – a draft to be drawn up which would show important dates for our Clubs important dates e.g. AGM (16th April), Open Forum(16th October after roll-up), etc. together with other dates deemed of interest to members. Once completed the calendar would be sent to all members via email
 - Outdoor Tables had been painted all the marked tables and these are stored in the Gents toilet. It was agreed that these could be moved behind the shed with a tarpaulin over them for protection.
 - Extractor Fans for kitchen – The president had brought a glazier to the club to ascertain whether we could fit an extract-air to the large window. The glazier advised this was not possible as it was single glazed and there was a high risk of the glass breaking. The glazier has suggested installing 1 extractor on the sliding window and 1 extractor on the exterior wall, he will give the committee an estimate for this work. Once received this he will send it out via the Bonalba Bowls Committee whats app.
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- Markers Course – John O’Brien to be contacted to get dates for holding this course at Bonalba as we have sufficient numbers of interested members. The president suggested we contact LLB to ascertain if there was a “Coaching Course” available this will be actioned for discussion at our next meeting
 - Income from extension – The president asked if income had gone up or stayed the same with the extension now available. After discussion it was felt that to maximise income using the extension a music/entertainment licence would be ideal. We could then host birthday parties, anniversaries, etc. Enquiries to be made via the Town Hall and also via our lawyer to ascertain the requirements to possibly make this happen.
 - Carpet fund – it was agreed that we would keep money aside this year and keep expenditure down towards a carpet fund in our present account as we cannot hold two accounts, and should any emergency expenditure arise we could still access the monies
 - Publicity Drive – This will be discussed under Recruitment/Marketing later on the agenda
 - Notice Board – The committee were asked to have a think as to which Notice Board should be used for team availability, team selections and LLB notices and also where general notices should go. This matter is now under review.

CAPTAIN’S REPORT The subject of league team selections was brought up and some discussions took place. It was felt that The Rascals always have the same teams whether they win or lose whereas the other teams have players moved about from team to team and also playing in different positions. It was thought that this topic was best left till the February meeting as the club captain was not in attendance.

LLB REPORT Nothing to report other than the Membership Secretary was up to date with Fed fees.

RECRUITMENT AND MARKETING REPORT The president reported that a recruitment marketing drive would take place in February in El Campello. Both Tropicana and Star of India have said we can have a table at their establishments where we will have leaflets to give out. We have volunteers to “man the stands” to try and attract new members. The date to be confirmed..

CORRESPONDENCE An email had been received from a form member basically saying he has had his membership withdrawn illegally under the Constitution and wants the membership reinstated. It had been 13 weeks since the persons membership was withdrawn and this was the first communication the committee had received. After some discussions it was felt that the former member could not be reinstated. However an email be sent to advise that this person would have to reapply for membership as the deadline of 1st January 2026 to pay membership fees had expired.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- The Treasurer felt it might be a good idea to make enquiries of the LLB as to whether or not there is a course available for those interested in becoming bowling coaches in which they could enrol in. This will be actioned
- The question was asked why the Vic McKenzie Competition had been dropped. Mr. McKenzie was instrumental in setting up Bonalba Bowls Club and he should be recognised in some way. This will be discussed further at February meeting as it was felt one of our internal Competitions could be named after him with other options open for discussion.
- The Treasurer felt that the Club should hire an extra person to help assist in the kitchen and general duties. It was felt that before we could “hire” someone we would need to agree:-
 - a) What are the duties
 - b) Whom are they answerable to
 - c) When are they required
 - d) How much to pay them

A review of kitchen “staff” wages will be reviewed once projected figures are presented at next meeting

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- The Treasurer suggested that we have a “clean-up the Club Day for both the clubhouse with its surrounding property it was also suggested that we get as many members as possible to assist in this task.
Date and time to be confirmed

There being no further business the meeting closed at 12 30.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 12TH FEBRUARY 2026 10a.m. IN the CLUBHOUSE