
BONALBA BOWLS CLUB
MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON
4TH DECEMBER 2025

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 all for their attendance. With special thanks to all of the helpers with the laying of the new flooring in the clubhouse. He said that the league games were keeping the finances in good shape. There was one thing he brought to the attention of the committee, namely the new accident report sheet. This arose after a visiting player, had a bad fall at the gate leading to the car park. He asked that all committee members familiarise themselves with this form in order to complete it correctly. It was pointed out that those giving first aid should not dress any open wound as this could lead to an infection to the injured party. If necessary the patient should give his consent to having a wound dressed and the patient should sign the accident form to confirm this, On another matter the president pointed out that the dentist had paid her sponsorship money which led him to explain that in January we would be holding a recruitment drive to try and garner new members for the club. He will discuss this further later in the meeting. He asked that the committee be given a note of when all the sponsors are due to pay their contributions. This was agreed by the acting treasurer. The president pointed out that when a member brings a guest to the club to play bowls trust should be placed on our member that the present unwritten rule be adhered to with regards payment of green fees. The president suggested that a “rule book” could be drawn up to cover situations like this along with etiquette on the green etc. He also informed the committee that he would be drawing up a calendar showing all LLB games, and our Invitation games dates. This would allow everyone to fix their own calendars accordingly.

He informed the meeting that a list for all members interested in undergoing the Marker's course was on the notice board and there were already some 4 names added. This would be of great benefit to the club.

TREASURER's REPORT The treasurer informed the meeting that the club finances were in a very healthy position despite the considerable expenditure in upgrading the club facilities, new flooring, new canopies, new cooker, etc. He went on to explain that he has revamped the way he shows the income and expenditure. He is now showing separately Staff wages and the cost of catering on the days so we can see at a glance if we are making a profit or not.

It was further explained that rather than committee members submitting receipts and awaiting cash payment for their expenditure he could in fact make a bank transfer to individuals accounts. The members were divided on whether this was a good idea as it could be construed as income by the taxman. However the treasurer explained that this was optional for individuals.

The president stated that the bar had been set high this year with regards to our bar income and he hoped that we could better or equal our current financial position next year. The treasurer posed the question as to why we were waiting to lay new flooring in the extension, why are we holding such a large balance when this needs done. It was agreed that we would obtain a quote for this work and discuss this at our next meeting

This brought up the subject of expenditure relative to bank balance. We should draw up a list of expected expenditure for next year. Has the extension helped with income. This will be discussed further at our next committee meeting.

The President thanked the treasurer for all his hard work and diligence.

MATTERS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING

- Flooring in clubhouse – Completed
- Finals date/Presentation date for club Comps – Envisages 14th/15th March for both but will confirm at January meeting
- Calendar – Ted will have this completed for review at the January Meeting
- New membership applications – There should be no fast tracking for applicants and we should follow the constitution on this matter
- Football Cards – This has already began and it was pointed out that we need at least 30 people in attendance to enable the sale of the card to be profitable.
- Outside tables – The paint has been purchased and they will be painted when time allows
- Kitchen Extractor Fan – It was explained that we would probably be best installing M Expel-air system on the fixed window near the cooker and we will look into sourcing a glazier for this work.
- Old Cooker – It was agreed that this should be advertised on Facebook and ask for 100 Euro or nearest offer for it. After photographs has been taken the old cooker will be posted for sale on Facebook
- Committee Duty Rota – Most members found the change to the system was working out alright. However Geoff pointed out that you cannot do everything required in one day. It was suggested that whomever was on duty should leave a note of what they have done so the next person is not repeating the same work. It was suggested that we get a cleaner in but the majority were against this. It was further suggested that we get a window cleaner in and this was agreed. It was also pointed out that if the toilets are being cleaned on each duty day they should never get in a state. The committee were made aware (apart from cleaning other important checks needed to be carried out). To this end a new check-sheet will be drawn up advising of the equipment that has to be checked on a regular basis

CAPTAIN'S REPORT The Club Captain pointed out that the Premier 20/20 will commence on 15th January. He then read out the Northern League positions Rascals were in 2nd place, Rebels were in 9th place and Renegades in 11th place. He said that the teams were taking shape the way he expected. On the winter league he stated that Bonalba had been unlucky on some occasions. It was pointed out that the league tables set up would probably need a review

The president said he had noticed that most of our teams seemed to drop off form in the second half of the games the Captain said the players need more confidence and character.

With regard to the Club Championships the Captain said these were progressing well and because of this he would send out an email to all league players to say that Friday mornings will now be for practice and drills to help the teams performances.

LLB REPORT There was nothing to report and the next meeting of the LLB will be on the 9th December.

COMPETITION ORGANISER'S REPORT The Comp Organiser stated that he had informed the LLB of the date of our Iberian Competition 5th September 2026. He further informed the meeting that a touring team from Sanquhar in Scotland will come to Bonalba on 28th February 2026, 14 players each paying 15Euro.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT the secretary had seen a note on the board with a name and contact details on it and she asked what this for. It was explained that this was a man interested in joining the person left his details looking for potential membership. She went on to say that the

Federation fees had gone up to 12Euro per player and asked if the club should subsidise this. It was agreed that there would be no subsidy and therefore the members will pay the 12Euro.

SOCIAL SECRETARY's REPORT Trevor said there had been a great response from those donating to the Xmas raffle and also those wishing to attend (44 names) the Xmas Party in the Hong Kong Restaurant on 12th December. He asked if we could ask for vouchers for the raffle from Browns and Star of India.

RECRUITMENT & MARKETING The president explained that the marketing sub committee were going to hold a recruitment drive in El Campello in January and asked that any of our members who happen to be passing by should stop and show an interest in the club "rent-a-crowd" and this might garner an interest to members of the public. An "Open Day" to be held at a date in February will be organised and all those interested in becoming members will receive a free game if they bring their leaflet (distributed in January).

He further pointed out that Mapfre wished 5 members of their staff to try out bowling and Indie 33, who are now sponsors of Bonalba Bowls, had also shown an interest in trying out the game.

CORRESPONDENCE The secretary read out an email which she received on the evening of 3rd December (which she had forwarded to the committee members) requesting that we complete a different form for registration with the Sports Council. This form was passed around for completion and it will be scanned and then the president and secretary will add their digital signatures and forward it to our lawyer.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **Carpet Fund** The treasurer pointed out that we could not open a second account for a carpet fund and further options will be discussed at the next meeting
- **ENTERTAINMENT** – It was suggested that we should have more social evenings in the club now that we have more room which is a good idea however the Secretary pointed out that we do not have an entertainment licence. Although this had not been a problem on the few occasions prior if this was to be a regular thing it may cause us difficulty. **Paul volunteered that he would have a word with the local council to see what we would require to do.**
- **Licences, Certificates, Insurances etc.** - It was felt that these should be on display in the clubhouse proper and not outside on the notice boards. **Further action at next committee meeting.**
- **Price of food/options** on league game days – The president asked why the price of food had gone up as some visitors had queried the cost. David said he would have the price put on display 3.50.00Euro for soup and 4Euro for a filled roll. The question was then raised as to why we were not having coronation chicken, pulled pork etc on these days. The answer was that these would be served on Invitation game days.
- **PEST CONTROL** – The "rat-man" was due to visit soon on his annual visit
- **KICK BOARDS KITCHEN** – It was felt that kick boards should be fitted in the kitchen to stop debris from getting underneath where it is difficult to clean. Paul would have a word with the people who laid the flooring.
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**THE DATE OF THE NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING
SHALL BE THURSDAY JANUARY 15TH
IN THE CLUBHOUSE AT 10a-m.**

