

MINUTES OF BONALBA BOWLS CLUB

HELD ON THURSDAY 7TH MAY 2026

IN ATTENDANCE The meeting was quorate

MINUTES OF APRIL MEETING Accepted as true and accurate

PRESIDENT'S REPORT The President informed the Committee that a letter of complaint had been received from Country Bowls, which he read out in full to the meeting. The contents of the letter were comments made to a Country Bowls Player by one of our members.

A meeting was arranged between Country Bowls and Bonalba Bowls to close this matter in a manner that suits all parties

TREASURER'S REPORT The treasurer reported that we had taken in less revenue this month than at the same time last year. He stated that we need to use the Club more to increase our income and suggested that we could have an end-of-season party v Quesada. A further suggestion was that we hold an internal Competition between our members with an entry fee payable and prizes given out, also perhaps on a Friday, we could have some music and socialising after roll up.

The president pointed out that no documentation could be found showing we are a registered charity. We will contact our Lawyer to clarify our legal status as a club.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- **Monte Mar Bowls Club**, following their eviction from their premises, the committee felt we had to secure our position regarding the premises. It was decided that the best way forward was to contact our lawyer and have him confirm our status.
- **Markers Course** The treasurer had not managed to speak to John O'Brien, but the treasurer will telephone him to firm up dates.
- **Cleaner** After some discussions, it was decided to leave employing a cleaner until at least September. Meanwhile, the duty officer can, if they wish, lock up the clubhouse and participate in the roll-ups.
- **Roof Leak in Extension** We have a 2-year guarantee on the extension, and the contractors have come and carried out repairs, which were tested and found to be fine.
- **Insurance Policies [Old]** There had been no response from our lawyer on this matter, but we had sent him all the necessary documentation /correspondence
- **Health and Safety:** New fire extinguishers, emergency exit signs, and fire blankets. Smoke alarms had been put in place.
- **Solar Panels** The membership secretary reported that the plug-in solar panels may not suit the club as we share the electricity costs with the Paddle Tennis and Tennis clubs. The president pointed out that the club needs a stand-alone solar system. This would reduce power at circuit breaker lelectrical loads. The stand-alone system could also be used with electronic scoreboards. This will be discussed once again at the September/October committee meeting.
- **New Toilet Blocks** The meeting was informed that these cost between 700 and 1800 euros each. As this had not been discussed at a previous meeting, it will be discussed fully at our June meeting.
- **Defibrillator.** This has now been repaired and is operational once again

Committee Meetings / The president asked if we really needed to meet once per month, and the feedback was that this was unnecessary. It was therefore decided to hold our Committee meetings once every 6 weeks, and if anything urgent arose, we could either have a Zoom call or meet in the Club.

Captain's Report: The captain stated that in the VCL competition, we had won 2 games and lost 2 games. In the summer league, the club had played 5 games and won them all. There was nothing to report from the LLB as there had been no meeting.

Competition Secretary's Report From the 32 team entries we had received for the Geoff Dowson Invitation game, there had been some dropouts, and we would now have 28 teams. We need 3 or 4 teams as reserves on the day. The comp secretary suggested that the prize money should be

1st Prize 390E 2nd Prize 270E 3rd Prize 170E

The president asked our Competition Secretary and our Captain to work closely and assist our recently elected Vice Captain and Competition Secretary until they find their feet in their new roles

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT The Mem/Secy informed the meeting that she had received 4 application forms however, they were not proposed and seconded, and there was no note of any monies being paid. It had been decided at a previous meeting that there was to be no fast tracking of membership and that no monies for membership should be taken till they are accepted as members, and until such time, they should pay green fees of 10 euros as non-members.

Social Secretary's Report He reported that as time was ticking away till Christmas, we had to book something for our Christmas party really soon. He suggested the Nuevo Cambria in El Campello. The Comp Sec said he would make enquiries as to availability with a provisional date of 17th December 2026.

RECRUITMENT and MARKETING El Gringo have now taken out sponsorship with Bonalba Bowls Club. The president reported that he had spoken with the physiotherapist in El Campello recommended to him, and she was still interested in sponsorship.

About the membership drive it was agreed that we would hold this on Sunday, June 14th with Club leaflets handed outside the Star of India. We will offer 1 free drink and 1 free game of bowls on production of a voucher or leaflet. In general, we should remember to ask people who turn up at the club to join how they found out about us. The social secretary said that he had heard of a new radio station, Busot Radio, and he would make enquiries as to whether they could promote the club on their radio.

Correspondence A letter had been received from Monte Mar Bowls Club looking for a letter of support from our club to have them reinstated, which we agreed to do for them. A letter of complaint was received from Country Bowls re one of our members.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS The Vice President informed the committee that he can no longer carry the gas bottles and someone else will have to take this task in hand.

Southern League – Our club has been invited to join the Southern League. Our captain pointed out that if we were to do that then the Northern League would collapse and he felt we should support our Northern friends.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING WILL BE

THURSDAY 18TH JUNE 2026 AT 10 a.m.

