

MINUTES OF BONALBA BOWLS CLUB

COMMITTEE METING

9TH APRIL 2026

IN ATTENDANCE The Meeting was quorate

MINUTES OF MARCH MEETING Accepted as true and accurate

PRESIDENT's REPORT The President opened the meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance. He stated that it had been a strange month as he had not been at the club much due to illness in the family. Following on from the Summons we had received re court proceedings he felt that we should contact our lawyer and make enquiries regarding either obtaining a long-term lease or purchasing the property. The feeling of the meeting was that we should leave things as they are now and further discussions this be clarification on the lease we have at the moment. The matter will discussed at our May meeting. Regarding the AGM this is the closing date for nominations for the club committee the nomination sheets had been removed from the Notice board. The president had drawn up an audit system which he had given to the Treasurer this shows how the accounts for the year are audited this document will be available for all members at the AGM

TREASURER's REPORT

The treasurer pointed out that on roll up days the takings were almost nil. He suggested that we try to encourage people to stay on Friday's with some music and socialising. The treasurer was going to look at the expenses for running the club and he projects we will take 4K less this year compared to last year. After discussions it was decided that all non-essential items, we wished to purchase should be left. It was agreed that we should tighten our belts.

MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- **Marker Course** – The responsible umpire has not been forthcoming with dates or venues for this course our treasurer will have a word with him when he is down at Greenlands next week
- **Notice Boards relocation** the committee had been advised that a wall would have to be built to hold the notice boards if relocated. It was decided to leave the Boards where they are and purchase new cork for the existing boards.
- **Roof Leak in Extension** -This matter is in hand, and we are awaiting an estimate to finally remedy this problem by installing new guttering better able to cope with heavy rain.
- **Cancellation of old Insurance Policies** Despite fulfilling the old Insurance Company's requirements to date, they are now wanting more and more information. This will be handed to our lawyer to have these policies cancelled. The treasurer has cancelled the Direct Debit for this.
- **New Insurance** – It was felt that we should stick with the 3 payment method as it does not cost us anything extra
- **Health and Safety** The president stated that he had estimated between 300E and 400E to buy Fire and Smoke Detectors, Carbon Monoxide Detector and Fire Exit signage/lighting. The committee agreed that he should go ahead with the purchases
- **Main Hall Lights** After discussions it was felt that these could be renewed later in the year
- **Road Signs for Club at Roundabouts in Bonalba** Paul had passed paperwork showing what had to be done to obtain the signage. It was felt that this was something our Solicitor would be better handling for us.

CAPTAIN's REPORT The Captain reported that the Summer League had gotten off to a good start for Bonalba. The VCL began this week with one of our lady members winning the singles, the Pairs and Triples were both down and the Rinks had a tied game. The VCL Finals will be held at Bonalba on 30th June 2026. The Hong Kong Cup and the Star of India tournaments went well. A cup game for the Indie 33 is still to be arranged and will probably be held towards the end of June.

LLB Meeting, nothing really to report other than they need a President and a member from our club's name had been put forward for the position. In December the Nationals will be held at Country Bowls and in May there will be a friendly game between Costa Blanca and Andalucia.

COMPETITION ORGANISER's REPORT The Geoff Dowson game has been sold out but a sheet will be put on the Notice Board for reserve teams, this will be discussed at the next meeting

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY's REPORT The Membership Secretary reported that we had 2 new member from Mapfre Insurance and another new member for whom she has no details. It was pointed out that a receipt for our new member together with his contact information had been passed to her. She will check this out.

RECRUITMENT and MARKETING The open morning for members of Mapfre Insurance had gone well and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Someone suggested that we contact Rural Coast Estate Agents and see if they would be interested in sponsoring the club.

The treasurer stated that 3 companies were due to renew their sponsorship Clear Cut – A and R Small works and Guardamar Toldos also Chair Yoga.

The president would arrange dates to promote the club at the front in El Campello at our next meeting.

HONORARY MEMBERSHIP It was decided that no Honorary Membership be given this year.

CORRESPONDANCE The secretary had received a communication from the Membership Secretary informing her that one of our members had behaved inappropriately at Browns Restaurant [one of our Sponsors] and had been barred from the premises. It was pointed out that the member was attending Browns as a member of the public and not a representative of Bonalba Bowls Club and there had been no formal complaint from Browns to our Club therefor no action should be taken.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Mapfre Insurance - some of the committee had sought estimates from the company and despite the 10% discount to our members it was felt that it was very expensive compared to other companies. Mapfre will be informed by our president.
- Gardener – It was felt that before our big tournaments begin we should have the gardener back to tidy the place up. The gardener we used last year will be contacted. It was also suggested that on 23rd May we have a tidy up day with as many members as possible coming along to give the whole place a good spring clean
- The Club Captain informed the meeting that 4 members from another club wished to play in the Winter League on behalf of Bonalba. Some discussions took place and it was decided that they would have to pay 20E each for Club Membership and appropriate green fees for roll up games
- Toilet blocks – The subject of replacement toilet blocks was brought up briefly and it was decided that this could be further discussed at the next Committee meeting.
- It was suggested that when on duty we should be able to lock up the clubhouse and play as we are paying the same monies as the rest of the members but not having the same playing time. It was pointed out that should we acquire a cleaner who would do the cleaning.

- It was pointed out that the cake sales had dropped considerably and that a decision had been made which will see cakes for sale only when we have a large number of people playing e.g. Geoff Dowson Invitation game, etc.
- Solar Panels – Sue pointed out that she had been reading up on Solar panels which plug in directly to the power supply. She will carry out further investigations and we can discuss this further
- The president suggested that perhaps we could hold our meetings every 6 weeks instead of every 4 weeks. This will be decided at next committee meeting

DATE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING

7TH MAY 2026 at 10 a.m.