



BOWLING CLUB DE ZURGENA

MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Held at the Club House on Tuesday 19th March 2024 - Meeting opened at 13.36pm

Attendees: Ian Mason, Tony Mason, Paul Day, Maureen Hanratty, Ade Leitch and Charles Hayes

Apologies: Graham Shoots

Minutes of the previous meeting: AGM minutes therefore not relevant

President's Report

Firstly, thank you all for coming, hopefully we will make a great team and take the Club forward on the correct path.

Unfortunately, I start my first report with unfortunate news that the town hall has got back to us about the grant and we have been unsuccessful at this time. We now need to look at alternatives to get the green sorted. I will be bringing this up in any other business.

We are waiting for an appointment with the town hall to discuss why the grant was not granted and to find out what is happening with the rendering of the wall.

I have been given the contact details for the person that fills in the honours board. I will talk to Ade and get the 2023 winners then get the boards up to date.

I've called into Gomez on a few occasions but Harry is either with a customer or out. I will continue to call in and get an answer about a new sign and sponsorship. With some of the others I will need Maureen's help with the language.

Treasurer's Report

Total balance in the bank 67,120.24€. Cash 1387€ Profits down year on year. Ann Miles and Cliff Smith no longer have access to view our club accounts.

Captain's Report

A reminder that the incident that happened between Charles & Paul shouldn't have happened the way it did and must not be allowed to happen again.

The club appears to be going forward with both Hurricanes and Spitfires having good seasons. The Hurricanes have done well with a relatively inexperienced side and I think it's mainly on away games that they have lost most matches. I'm sure they will improve next season.

The Spitfires have had a very good season and finished higher than ever before so well done to all involved.

It's nice to see more players being invited to join Team Almeria and also maintaining a place in the squad. We had 8 players from Zurgena representing TA in the Inter Provincial Championships which we won, so well done to Shootsie, Tony, Mike, Paul, Neil, Pooley, Julie & Maureen.

Vice President's Report

G Shoots was absent therefore no report

Secretary's Report

I am still continuing to chase the town hall regarding various issues. Unfortunately the answer regarding the European grant was a negative one. The town hall unfortunately did not receive any of the funding they requested.

Relations with the mayor and deputy mayor remain amicable and (I believe) supportive

Systems Administrator's report

Nothing to report

Competition Secretary's Report

Three competitions have been completed to date which have been well supported.

The Monday League continues but should be completed within the next few weeks.

Current profit to date after prize monies and Cava is 253 Euros which will go towards trophies for the presentation night.

The FAB technical meeting is held in September so if anyone wishes to change the

format of any competition or add additional competitions for consideration then please advise me .

The cost of trophies have gone up twice since November and with the current entry fees it will not be easy to fund both first and second prize trophies, we will need to purchase 24 trophies in total that's without purchasing any for our Open Competition.

Do we need to consider increasing the comp entry fee or just purchasing winner's prize trophies?

We have three friendly competitions this year in addition to one return game, hopefully these will be well supported by the members.

Our next competition is the FAB 4,s being held on the 4th to 11th April , please be advised that both Paul and myself will be in the UK during this period.

Maintenance

The small fridge in the tea hut needs replacing. Charles requested and was granted permission to purchase a new one.

The corner flags have arrived and will be put up soon

A chain is required for the tea hut door to stop it banging in the wind.

The gas bottles seem to be running down more quickly than they should be. They will be refilled and chained up going forward.

FAB

It was decided at the last FAB meeting that next season league matches will start at 10 rather than 10.30.

Fund Raising and Social

An end of season lunch or dinner will be arranged either jointly with Hurricanes and Spitfires or separately. The club captain to liaise with the team captains.

Any Other Business

1. On the basis of the tea hut profits being down it has been decided to closely monitor to ensure that everyone is paying their way. Coffee and tea to go up from 50c to 1€ effective immediately and Isotonic drinks also to go up to 1€. Everything else will remain the same.
2. A shopping rota will be drawn up and a list of everyday items produced so a tick list can be used by those doing the shopping
3. We need to ensure that those scheduled for monthly maintenance days take this responsibility more seriously and arrange cover if they are unable to attend for whatever reason. Maureen will send the rota out a month before, two weeks before and again on the day before maintenance day to those on the rota. A list of maintenance items to be completed will be drawn up and given to the team on maintenance day.
4. Ade suggested that people give some thought to new competition formats. After discussion it was determined that the entry fee for FAB competitions is 5€, we cannot realistically make our entry fee any higher.
5. It has been suggested that in future we put forward topics for discussion in Any Other Business so that the committee has time to think about the issues to be discussed. All were in agreement.
6. Charles Hayes has proposed organising a charity day - this time to raise funds for the local food bank.
7. Terry Lyons is once again participating in the Walk for Life. It was unanimously agreed to donate 50€ from the Club funds as has been done in previous years.
8. Once again the topic of member access to the club outside of hours was discussed and unanimously decided that it could be a good idea to run it along the lines (although with greater restrictions) as Mojacar Bowls Club, another Council owned premises. A number of sets of keys will be held by individuals who live nearby and members can request to borrow these, and return them to the Club postbox, as long as someone is available to meet them with the keys. ONLY members will be allowed on the green. No visitors or non members allowed. Failure to adhere to the terms of access will result in the member in breach not being given keys again. More details to be thrashed out but in principle this is viewed as a positive move forward.
9. THE GREEN Given that no money is forthcoming from European grants a new way forward must be sought. Maureen has requested an updated quote from John Osborne of Smart Grass and will contact the architect and construction company who were responsible for the base at Indalo, arguably the best surface in the area. Once these quotes are in, we will then ask club members to put together some questions that they would like answered by the companies involved. It is imperative that Roy Keningale be involved at all stages of this consultation process.

Next Meeting

The next meeting date to be advised

The meeting closed at 14.58pm