



BOWLING CLUB DE ZURGENA
MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Held at the Club House on **Wednesday 17th July 2024** - Meeting opened at 16.07H with IM in the Chair.

Attendees: Ian Mason (IM), Neil Leeder (NL), Tony Harris (TH), Graham Shoots (GS), Carol Way (CW) and Paul Day (PD)

The Minutes of the previous meeting dated 20/5/24 and 25/6/24 were agreed, signed and filed.

President's Report, Ian Mason

Smart Grass has been working on hoovering the carpet. I'm not sure if it has made any difference to the surface. Please make sure when members say it's made no difference to the way it plays, that this is only the start of the process.

Thanks to Richard and Ade the advertising banner have gone back up, so now we can start to chase advertisers.

The EGM has been called for the 30th of this month, I will do an agenda for it and get it sent out. As you are aware only 1 person has put their name forward for the role of president. As I said at our last meeting, I was willing to stand down and this still applies. In AOB I wish to discuss the roles of committee member

Treasurer's Report, Paul Day See attached report.

Captain's Report, Neil Leeder

The Hong Pairs Competition was well supported and witnessed some marvellous bowling over the weekend as well as the final on Tuesday. Shootsie and Tony Mason were victorious over John Haydon and Sharon Slater. Thanks to all the players for entering, spectators for coming out to watch and everyone who helped in the organisation and with the food.

Our annual friendly at Phoenix Bowls Club, Mazarron, was an enjoyable day and Zurgena were victorious winning by just 8 points after the ends were tied. We are looking forward to the re-match at Zurgena later in the year.

On 7th August we will be holding a North v South Members Challenge match with all profits going to a local food bank. Although not an official fun day we are encouraging members to wear fancy dress, music will be played and lots of fun will be had.

Vice President's Report, Graham Shoots Nothing to report.

Secretary's Report This position is vacant and there is no report.

Systems Administrator's Report This position is vacant and there is no report.

Competition Secretary's Report, Tony Harris

The Zurgena Monday Singles league was finally concluded with the final played on 23 May. I intend to continue this competition but will be recommending an alternative format for the future. We talked about sourcing a trophy for it, but I don't have the money for that in my budget which is currently at 359 euros. Deferred until the next meeting.

A friendly match with Vistabella Bowls Club at Zurgena is now confirmed for Monday 30th September.

There is also a friendly match at Zurgena against Windsor BC in the calendar for Tuesday 15th October, a roll up day, and 6 rinks matches have been agreed. I feel that this will have to be managed carefully so members get on board with the venture, but we should not disrupt members' roll up days in the future.

Congratulations are due to Maureen Hanratty, Tony Harris, Neil Leeder and Shootsie for completing and passing a Markers course run by CAUMA at the end of June.

Despite recent events I personally feel the vast majority of our members are supportive of the committee, but I do feel we can improve communication with them. I have recently taken over as an admin for the club Facebook page and intend to post lots more photos and club news on it. However, as many members are not on Facebook I have introduced a Club News Sheet to keep those members up to date with club affairs. I intend to make that into a regular monthly or bi-monthly Newsletter and I am happy to be the editor.

After being in touch with Stuart Stansfield I have also tentatively begun looking at the club website. There is a problem at present as the login details and passwords are not working so we don't know if the website will have to be completely rebuilt or not. I do have experience in building and managing websites, but it was many years ago. I am prepared to refresh my I.T. skills over the next month or so and if I feel I can do it I am happy to update and manage the website at no cost to the club. I will also ask the members.

It was agreed to defer a decision on the need or not for a club website and the way forward until the next meeting.

Neil Leeder and I will be attending a FAB Calendar Meeting at Indalo BC on 24 July.

Going forward I am happy to take on the Secretary's role and combine it with Competition Secretary until a named individual can take on, preferably for me, the Competition Secretary's role.

Maintenance

Rich Brimble has recently taken over this role but there is no report.

FAB Nothing to report

Fund Raising and Social, Carol Way

The IbeX Trophy Fun Day competition was keenly contested, with 30 bowlers taking part and was enjoyed by all. Thanks are due to Lynn Lyons, Bev Auger and Carol Way for donating cakes and Nina Rhodes for covering

the tea hut. A marvellous profit of 320€ was made on the day. Thanks also to our sponsors, Ibex Insurance Services, representatives of who attended the prize giving and donated some cool bags and fans.

I will be encouraging more cakes for the North v South Challenge match and have plans to raise funds by playing bingo and the Price is Right Game.

There are also plans for a September fundraiser entitled, 'Mind Your P's and Q's' which will be a paella and quiz evening at the club.

Options for the Christmas Prize Giving Evening were discussed, and it was agreed that CW would look at possible venues, La Parilla and La Vida and dates a week before Christmas. **Action: CW.**

Any Other Business

PD reported that the idea of temporary shade stands, as used at Mojacar BC had been refused by the council last time. It was agreed that we look at this again and if necessary, submit a planning application. Deferred to the next meeting.

PD will also be compiling a business plan soon to show how much we would need to replace the current carpet in the next 3 or 4 years. Rich Brimble has compiled a report showing the costings for a new generation of Tiger Turf which has a special underlay which alleviates irregularities in the playing surface. This is with a UK company; Greengage and the approximate cost is 80,000€ now so inflations would have to be added. PD suggested that we ask the council to source the carpet as they will not have to pay import duty and then we could buy it off them. Deferred until the next meeting

IM brought everyone's attention to the fact that Almeria Lawn BC will be closing in September 2025 and the opportunities and ramifications of how that may affect Zurgena BC were discussed.

It was agreed that it is even more of a priority to get our green levelled as if it is we will attract more members. GS agreed to chase up Smart Grass, so we have a date for the work to commence. **Action: GS**

GS has collected 6 used jacks from Greenland's BC and it was agreed that we offer a donation of 50€. It was also agreed that we will purchase 6 new jacks for competition use at a cost of 36€ each. **Action: PD**

Cabrera BC now had a new carpet on one of their greens and it was agreed that GS would try and arrange a pre-season friendly with them at their place. **Action: GS**

NL resigned as Secretary and it was agreed that TH would now fill the Secretary's position. There is a need for a new named Competition Secretary but in the meantime the role will be covered by TH, NL and GS. TH to inform the members of this decision and to appeal for a competition Secretary. **Action: TH**

TH will inform the members of the friendly match v Windsor BC on 5 October, a roll up day, and will arrange teams in conjunction with NL and GS. **Action: TH**

The meeting closed at 17.10H