



Costa Blanca

Umpires and Markers Association

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 27th November 2016 at Monte Mar Bowls Club

Present

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| Committee: | Harry Winfield | Honorary Life President |
| | Fred Willshire | Acting President |
| | Arthur Brown | Acting Vice President |
| | Gail Willshire | Secretary/Treasurer |

Clubs:

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| Benitachell | Carole Nicholas | Quesada | David Johnson |
| | John Hendrick | San Luis | Keith Jones |
| El Cid | Ian Brown | | June Jones |
| Horadada | John Bailey | | David Blackie |
| Javea | John Pittaway | San Miguel | Ros Stockell |
| | Pat Pittaway | | Eileen Potts |
| | David Gardiner | | Bob Donnelly |
| La Manga | Robin Lowman | | Chris Collier |
| | Margaret Caley | | Val Collier |
| La Marina | Peter Bailey | Vistabella | Neil Burrows |
| | Colin Armitage | | Sandra Burrows |
| La Siesta | Jean Cooper | | Barbara Brown |
| | Brian Gardiner | | Barry Norris |
| Monte Mar | Dave Melville | | Sue Norris |
| | Barrie Woodfine | | |
| | Bill Young | | |
| | Stan Routledge | | |

28 Proxy Votes were brought to the meeting

The Acting President welcomed all to the meeting and asked for a minutes' silence to remember those members we had lost during the year.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from:

Tony & Maggie Lawley from Benitachell, Shirley Hadaway, Margaret McLaughlin, Maureen Barker, John Morgan, Terry Perchard and Mike Smith from La Marina, Barbara Pilling and Norman Vickers from Finca Guila, Sarah Lowman from La Manga, Ray Lyons from Bonalba, Peter Ross from San Miguel and John Simpson from Country Bowls.

2. Minutes of the AGM 29th November 2015

The Minutes of the last meeting were taken as a true and accurate record.

Proposed: Ian Brown

Seconded: Jerry Bartley

3. Matters Arising from 2015 Minutes

There were none.

4. Acting President's Report

Fred Willshire explained that he took over from Keith Jones as Acting President in February 2016 and had loved doing the job. He thanked Gail for all the hard work she had put in during the year; She had set up the website, worked tirelessly on all the administration and helped organise the courses that had been run.

He also thanked Keith and June for their support and Arthur Brown for taking over his role as Vice President South, as well as all the help he had given him over the last few months. He added that a very big thank you was to go to Jerry Bartley, who was stepping down as Vice President North after many years of involvement with the CBUMA.

Fred commented that since January the CBUMA had been very busy:

- 3 markers' courses had been run at Country Bowls, Javea and El Rancho, which resulted in a total of 38 newly qualified markers from across many clubs. Fred thanked everyone who had helped with the courses;
- 2 rink inspections had been carried out at Javea and San Luis following improvements to their playing surfaces;
- Umpires had been organised for 8 competitions, including the Nationals and the Valencians. Fred explained that the Valencians had been even more complicated than normal as it was held over 3 venues. He thanked everyone who umpired and marked at these events. During the Nationals, with Tony Capewell as co-ordinator, 99% of the singles matches had been marked by qualified markers.

Fred continued that during the Nationals and the Valencians a few matters had come to his attention regarding the Conditions of Play and that at the December LLB meeting he would be asking to meet with their rules committee to ensure that next year's events run even more smoothly.

Assuming he was to be re-elected later in the meeting, Fred outlined his intentions for the next year.

- There would be no markers courses, as 3 had been run this year, but, instead he would be concentrating on Umpires.
- There would be an Umpire’s course before the Spanish Nationals - provisional dates have been provided which unfortunately would not suit everyone.
- There would be an informal refresher course for Umpires. This would be in the form of a set of questions which would need to be answered and returned within 4 weeks. Fred pointed out that if any Umpire did not wish to do it and did not wish to continue being considered an Umpire, they should let him know when the question sheets were sent out.
- Looking to the future he would like to see, if possible, alternate years Markers courses and Umpires courses.

Fred concluded his report by saying that he and Gail spend a lot of time putting information together but it doesn’t always make it onto the club noticeboards. Also, he had observed that one club’s website was still showing the old Crystal Mark 2 book as the current Law Book. He asked that if any CBUMA delegate was finding they didn’t have the time to do the job, then please hand it over to someone at their club who did.

Finally, Fred presented a gift to Jerry Bartley as a small token of the Association’s appreciation for all his hard work.

At this point Jerry Bartley explained that he had joined the CBUMA in 2003 and had been an Umpire for 11 years. During this time, he had made many good friends and had enjoyed working with Keith and June Jones, Barry and Sue Norris and finally with Fred and Gail Willshire. He explained that his health was not what it was and therefore felt he had to step down, but that he would be happy to help where he could. He wished the CBUMA every success.

5. Treasurer’s Report

A copy of the accounts had been prepared and issued to the meeting and Gail Willshire took the meeting through the main figures. Gail explained that during the year they had had to find a new supplier for ties and Pat Davis at the bowls shop assisted with that. She explained that the CBUMA now had 37 ties and 18 cravats in stock, 43 law books – 10 of which are earmarked for La Manga, 35 markers’ badges and 19 umpires’ badges.

The accounts were accepted by the meeting.

Proposed: Chris Collier

Seconded: Jerry Bartley

6. Proposals

5 proposals had been submitted to the Secretary prior to the meeting. These had been duly circulated to the clubs and copies were circulated at the meeting.

The President appointed 3 tellers in accordance with voting requirements of the constitution.

The first proposal received from Gail Willshire and seconded by Fred Willshire was put forward to change the voting procedure for Proposals at General Meetings to a show of hands, rather than a secret ballot. Gail explained she felt this would help meetings run more efficiently.

For: 61

Against: 1

Abstentions: 1

Carried

Constitution to be amended.

As the above proposal was accepted, all the remaining proposals were voted on by show of hands.

The second proposal was also submitted by Gail Willshire and seconded by Arthur Brown. Gail proposed that when only one candidate was nominated for a position that no voting process would take place.

Carried Unanimously

Constitution to be amended.

The third proposal was again submitted by Gail Willshire and seconded by Fred Willshire. It was explained that the previous year the Vice President's role had been split into North Alicante and South Alicante with nominations required for each. However, no nomination had been received for the 2016 AGM for Vice President North. Gail proposed that, where no nomination was received for either the North or South role, the Vice President elected would cover both the North and South as previously. However, in the future, should nominations be received for both areas the role would again be split into two.

Carried Unanimously

Constitution to be amended.

The fourth and fifth proposals were discussed together.

The fourth proposal submitted by Harry Winfield and seconded by Tony Lawley was read out to the meeting. Harry and Tony felt that the CBUMA recommended scale of remuneration for umpires should equate to no more than actual out-of-pocket expenses for necessary travel, food and drink, in accordance with the Constitution, and what they felt was the long-standing tradition of the Association. A discussion ensued.

The fifth proposal, submitted by Gail Willshire and seconded by Arthur Brown, was then also read out. Gail explained she felt this proposal would in fact clarify and preserve the actual situation regarding Umpire's expenses which had developed over many years. Again a discussion ensued.

At the end of the debate the votes were taken as follows:

Proposal 4 **For: 9** **Against: 52** **Abstentions: 2**
Denied

Proposal 5 **For: 62** **Against: 1** **Abstentions: 0**
Carried

Constitution to be amended.

7. Nominations

The secretary explained that the following Nominations had been received:

President – Fred Willshire Proposed by David Johnson, Seconded by Gail Willshire

There being no other nominations Fred Willshire was duly appointed to the post.

Vice President (South) – Arthur Brown Proposed by Barbara Brown, Seconded by Sandra Burrows.

Given that there were no other nominations for Vice President (South), nor any nominations for Vice President (North) Arthur Brown was duly appointed Vice President to cover North & South. The President, in accordance with the constitution, then appointed Gail Willshire to continue as Secretary/Treasurer.

8. Any Other Business

- i) Bill Young asked what the provisional dates were for the Umpire's course in 2017. Fred explained that the dates should be on the noticeboard but they were 23rd April, 30th April and 7th May. Brian Gardiner asked about the venue. Fred explained that no venue had been set as he was waiting to see how many people put their names forward and what the split would be of candidates from North Alicante and South Alicante. Ian Brown asked whether the course could be split in some way and whether there was a maximum number of candidates. Fred explained that he would consider running 2 courses, one in the North and the other in the South if numbers dictated and dates were available. He also stated that numbers depended on how many Umpires volunteered to help.
- ii) John Pittaway asked, as with the Marker's course, if someone failed the Umpires course would they be allowed to re-take the course free of charge. Fred explained there had to be a time limit on this, but agreed that if the candidate took the next available course it would be free of charge. Keith Jones added that San Luis pay for members to take the course. Jerry Bartley explained that at Finca Guila candidates who pass are bought their first shirt.
- iii) Robin Lowman stated that there were a number of members at La Manga who would be interested in taking the Umpire's course but would be unable to as they returned to the UK before the course dates. Fred explained that dates in September and October would be almost impossible due to the Valencians taking place and league matches starting. Clubs would not be able to provide rink space and volunteers to help would be difficult to get. Keith added that it was also difficult to find clubs with the necessary facilities as a separate quiet room was needed for the course and exam.
- iv) Ian Brown asked whether there was a minimum time that someone had to be a Marker before they could take the Umpire's course. Fred stated that there was no minimum time but acceptance onto the course would depend on the amount of time they had been bowling and their experience. Ian Brown stated that at El Cid there were 7 people who were interested in the Umpire's course, some of whom had only qualified as Markers in 2016. David Johnson added that when he took the markers' course some candidates were taken aside and told they should consider the Umpire's course. It was suggested that clubs should advise candidates as to whether they were deemed ready for this next stage.
- v) Fred briefly discussed the informal Umpire's questionnaire he intended to introduce during 2017. He explained that he was not looking to fail people and if questions were answered incorrectly the questionnaire would be sent back for the Umpire to look at again. Keith added that when he sent a questionnaire out some years before he only had 20% returned. It was felt that if Umpire's could not be bothered to return it why would people be bothered to consider them Umpires.
- vi) Fred added that he wished to remove the multiple choice element of the markers' exam and replace it with the candidate just answering the question.
- vii) Finally, Fred mentioned that now Mazarron were fully under the LLB it made sense that they were admitted to the CBUMA. It was agreed that Fred would get in touch with the club to ask if they would like to come under the CBUMA.

Before the meeting concluded Peter Bailey outlined the situation with Jillian and John Albutt, stating that they wished all in the CBUMA a Happy Christmas and a Healthy and Happy New Year.

9. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next AGM was set for Sunday 26th November 2017

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 11:40am and the President wished everyone a Very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Signed
President:

Secretary: