



Costa Blanca Umpires and Markers Association

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 24th November 2019 at Monte Mar Bowls Club

Present

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

Clubs:

Benitachell	John Hendrick	Javea	John Pittaway Pat Pittaway
Country Bowls	Dennis Birkett Carole Donnellan	San Miguel	Chris Collier Val Collier
El Cid	Tony Carroll	Vistabella	Barbara Brown Neil Burrows
Emerald Isle	John Simpson		
Greenlands	John O'Brien		

The 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:

Jean Cooper & Ros Stockell (La Siesta), Robin & Sarah Lowman (La Manga), Dave Melville (Monte Mar), Keith & June Jones (San Luis), David Johnson (San Miguel), Suzi Cooper & Allan Bowen (Quesada) and Sandra Burrows and Barry & Sue Norris (Vistabella).

2. Minutes of the AGM 25th November 2018

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

Proposed: John Pittaway

Seconded: Chris Collier

3. Matters Arising from 2018 Minutes

There were none.

4. President's Report

The President explained that during the year the team had run another Umpire's course with all 5 candidates passing, carried out 2 rink inspections and organised umpires for 4 competitions, including the Nationals and Valencians.

He continued that since taking over the presidency of the CBUMA the team had:

- Run a record number of courses in 3 years.
 - 4 Marker's courses, passing 51 people, travelling to venues to encourage more candidates
 - 3 Umpires courses and a re-sit course, passing 13 people.Courses were run in alternate years to allow new but experienced markers to progress more quickly.
- Set up a website and launched the monthly quiz.
- Carried out an umpire's refresher – if people do not open their law book how can they expect to improve the knowledge they have?
- Put more structure into the practical side of the training and bought all the equipment necessary to help with the courses.
- Ensured that umpires travelling long distances could claim expenses for their journey.

The President commented that he wanted to see umpires not just officiating at their own clubs but at other clubs and at competitions. It was difficult to find people available to umpire during competitions and he thanked those who were prepared to do so.

Fred Willshire stated that he had loved doing the job but felt he was banging his head against a brick wall at times and the role now needed someone with fresh enthusiasm. He was therefore pleased to announce there was a new team to take over.

The President thanked all the umpires and other people who had helped over the last 3 years and in particular he thanked Gail Willshire and Arthur Brown for their hard work and support throughout his term as President.

5. Vice President's Report

Arthur Brown explained how he had arrived at taking on the role of Vice-President and the work he had been involved with over the last 3 years which he had enjoyed. He stated that he felt Fred and Gail had done an amazing job in running the CBUMA and they would be a very hard act to follow.

He finished by wishing the new team the best of luck, adding he was sure they would do a great job.

6. 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.

The balance reported the previous year was 576 euros before AGM costs. Income received during the year totalled 355 euros, with 88 euros coming from the net cost of running an Umpire's course and 267 euros from the sale of law books. Outgoings during the year totalled 233 euros with 150 of that relating to the purchase of more law books.

The Treasurer stated that the balance carried forward as at 23rd November was 698 euros, an increase of 575 euros from when the team took over the running of the CBUMA, reflecting the number of courses they had run.

In stock there were 26 ties, 13 cravats, 20 law books, 14 markers badges and 6 umpire's badges. John Pittaway asked where the CBUMA funds were kept. Fred Willshire explained that, given the treasurer at his club had suffered a break in during which club funds were stolen, he and the CBUMA Treasurer had felt it prudent to keep the funds in their bank account and record all items in a ledger. The Treasurer also explained that, as the CBUMA was not a registered association, a bank account could not be set up in its name. The funds owned by the CBUMA would either be handed over to the new Treasurer in cash or transferred to their bank account.

The accounts were accepted by the meeting.

7. Election of Officers

The secretary explained that the following Nominations had been received:

President – Dennis Birkett	Proposed by Fred Willshire Seconded by Gail Willshire
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There being no other nominations Dennis Birkett was appointed to the position.

Vice President (South) – David Johnson	Proposed by Dennis Birkett Seconded by Chris Collier
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Given that there were no other nominations for Vice President (South), nor any nominations for Vice President (North) David Johnson was appointed to the position of Vice President to cover North & South, as provided for in the constitution.

Fred Willshire explained to the meeting that, in accordance with the constitution, the Secretary/Treasurer is appointed by the President. Suzi Cooper had volunteered to take on this role and Dennis Birkett had accepted her appointment.

8. Statement from the incoming President

Dennis Birkett explained how he loved the game of bowls and that in his retirement it gave him great pleasure. He continued that he took a lot from the sport, entering most of the competitions both in the north and south of the region and because of this, felt he needed to give something back. He therefore took and passed a Coaching course and the Markers Course, finally qualifying as an Umpire in 2019.

Dennis stated that when I heard that the CBUMA was in danger of ceasing to exist because nobody was prepared to become Officers of the Association, he found the news distressing and hard to believe. He had always held the position of Umpire and the Association they belong to in the highest esteem. He made his concern known to Fred Willshire who asked whether he would be prepared to take over. Dennis explained how he had decided to put himself forward for the role

and stated he felt honoured and proud to be given the opportunity, adding he would perform the duties to the best of his ability.

Dennis continued that he had ideas for revitalising the Association and felt that David Johnson and Suzi Cooper would undoubtedly have things to add. He hoped he would encourage some of the existing Umpires to become more active or perhaps some of them to step down, making way for new Umpires. Finally, he said he looked forward to moving things forward and doing what he could to make the Association and being an Umpire even more interesting than it already is and he thanked everyone in advance for their cooperation.

9. Any Other Business

- i) Fred Willshire explained that there was a new edition of the law book in force but that this had not been taken to print and only included changes regarding the size and weight of bowls. A discussion then took place around the printing and on-line access to the current law book.
- ii) Fred Willshire told the meeting that if he received a query he was unsure how to answer he would refer the matter to Alan Thornhill who is on the Laws Committee of World Bowls. He would ensure Dennis had the contact details.
- iii) Gail Willshire stated she had been informed that a CBUMA representative felt only the umpires needed law books. She pointed out that this was incorrect, stating that all bowlers should be encouraged to have a law book. There should also be a book available in the umpire kit at each club.

Dennis Birkett added that at Country Bowls a law book was included in the welcome pack for each new club member.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next AGM was set for Sunday 29th November 2020

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 11:30 am and the outgoing President wished everyone a Very Happy Christmas and New Year. Dennis Birkett asked for a round of applause for the outgoing team.

Signed
President:

Secretary: