



Costa Blanca

Umpires and Markers Association

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 29th November 2015 at Monte Mar Bowls Club

Present	Committee:	Stan Routledge Mike Farrelly Dave Melville	President Vice President Secretary/Treasurer
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Clubs

Benitachell	Derek Mawson Christine Mawson Tony Lawley	Montemar Montemar	John Caiger John Caiger Mick Soars June Young
Bonalba	Ray Lyons		Bill Young
El Cid	Ian Brown		Barrie Woodfine
Finca Guila	Barbara Pilling Jerry Bartley Norman Vickers	Quesada	John Albutt Nigel Baigent
Horadada	John Bailey John Simpson	San Luis	Keith Jones June Jones
Javea	John Pittaway Patricia Pittaway	San Miguel	Rosamond Stockell Chris Collier
La Marina	Jim Reeves Peter Bailey Colin Armitage		Gail Willshire Fred Willshire Len Rudge
La Siesta	Jean Cooper	Vistabella	Neil Burrows Sandra Burrows Barry Norris Sue Norris

1. Apologies:

Eileen Potts; John Hendricks; Brian Harman; Brian Gardiner; Glenda O'Dell and Maggie Lawley.

The President opened the meeting and welcomed all the attendees especially those who had not attended before.

Before continuing with the meeting, the President asked for a one-minute silence for the following members who had passed away this year: They are Gerald Dobson, who was an umpire and Colin Turner, who was a marker, both from Benitachell.

2. Minutes of the AGM 30th November 2014

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

Proposed: Bill Young Seconded: Keith Jones

3. President's Report

Stan Routledge stated that he was standing down as President and Mike Farrelly is also resigning as Vice-president. He said this was probably known to most of the attendees at the meeting. He was though happy to say that there is one nomination for the post of President. This was linked to a proposal about the structure of future committees. If adopted the proposal should improve the service offered by the CBUMA. He wished the new committee, in whatever guise, the very best for the future

He continued that the past year has been something of a roller-coaster for the committee. On the plus side they had dealt with the acquisition and sale of new Law books. In all 400 books have been purchased and 372 have been sold to umpires, markers and clubs.

Also umpire cover had been provided for the Champion of Champions, Spanish Nationals and Valencian Championships. The latter event did not run that smoothly due to unforeseen circumstances. He was pleased to say that the Umpires pulled together magnificently and made the best of things for which he thanked them all. He said he also wanted to thank Mike Farrelly and Dave Melville for their help and support when he was coping with a personal problem.

The Committee was hoping to run a markers course at Bonalba in October, but this had to be cancelled due to lack of entries. He stated that he trusted that a course will be arranged during the next year, as he was aware that there are quite a few people anxious to become qualified markers.

During the year one club, San Luis, had altered their rinks by reducing the number from 7 to 6. The new dimensions had been noted in the records. The records show dimensions of all the bowling greens in the CBUMA area.

In conclusion Stan thanked everyone for their support during the last year and wished all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

4. Treasurer's Report

A copy of the accounts had been prepared and issued to the meeting. There had been only one major item dealt with during the year. The acquisition and sale of the new law books. In total 400 had been purchased and 373 sold. This left a stock of 27.

The accounts were accepted by the meeting.

Proposed: Jerry Bartley Seconded: Barrie Woodfine

5. **Proposal**

One proposal had been submitted to the Secretary prior to the meeting. Details were circulated to the meeting.

The Proposal was to change the wording of the Constitution of the Association to allow for 2 Vice Presidents, one from the North Alicante area and the other from South Alicante.

The logic is to give better representation for north and south and to give more support to the President for liaising with courses, allocating umpires at events etc.

The paragraph of the constitution under the heading OFFICERS a) ii) would be so amended.

Proposed: June Jones Seconded: Colin Lindgren

The proposal was unanimously accepted by the meeting.

6. **Election of Officers**

Once the Proposal had been approved by the Meeting, the following Nominations were announced for the incoming Committee.

President Keith Jones

Proposed: Tony Lawley Seconded: Jean Cooper

Vice President (North) Jerry Bartley

Proposed: Tony Lawley Seconded: John Albutt

Vice President (South) Fred Willshire

Proposed: John Albutt Seconded: Jean Cooper

The outgoing President then invited the incoming Committee to host the remainder of the meeting.

7. **Any Other Business**

- i) Keith Jones addressed the meeting and stated that he did not want to be on the CBUMA Committee again but did not want the organisation to cease to exist.
- ii) He thanked the outgoing committee for their efforts over the preceding 12 months.
- iii) Keith appointed June Jones as the Secretary/Treasurer for the coming 12 months and introduced Jerry and Fred both of whom he looked forward to working with.
- iv) The president stated that he was disappointed with the standard of some of the Umpires at the recent Championships and intended to send out a questionnaire to all markers which must be completed and returned in a certain time scale. Any Umpire who failed to respond to the questionnaire would be placed on a reserve list and not be able to claim any recompense when officiating. He hoped this would have the

- benefit of ensuring that recent changes in the laws would be uniformly adopted across the CBUMA area.
- v) Keith was to contact Tony Hesketh-Field with a view to obtaining copies of the amended index for the new Law Book. These could then be issued on request. He stressed the benefits of the amended index.
 - vi) Finally, in his address, Keith asked for support for the CBUMA from all Umpires and Markers in the future. It is important to keep the CBUMA going.
 - vii) Colin Armitage asked for clarification of the law requiring a ‘toucher’ to be marked as soon as it comes to rest. He said there was a contradiction between two laws in the new Law Book. In general, it was accepted that a toucher must be marked as soon as they come to rest unless nominated and this had not changed.
 - viii) John Caiger asked if copies of the previous year’s meeting could be made available to AGMs in future. The President agreed that this would be done.
 - ix) John Simpson stated he was disappointed by some bowlers having little knowledge of the Laws of Bowls and etiquette on the green. Several other people supported this view and it was agreed that clubs should be more proactive regarding Etiquette. As a minimum all new bowlers should receive some training in the Laws and etiquette and a notice should be posted at each club.
 - x) Chris Collier asked if it was possible to nominate umpires for league games even if they were playing. A discussion took place and the point was raised that the nominated umpire could be asked to give a ruling on the laws, perform a measure or perhaps both. Some people did not think this was fair to the umpire in question as they would be disrupting their own game. Others, including qualified umpires, suggested that it would not be a problem. As it was a matter of personal choice it was left at that.
 - xi) A question was asked about refresher courses for umpires. The President stated that there were no plans for such courses but that he hoped to run markers courses during 2016 at locations both north and south of Alicante. This would be in addition to the planned questionnaire.
 - xii) Fred Willshire stated that all Umpires should be all saying the same thing but this was not always the case. He said this has got to be addressed by the new CBUMA committee.
 - xiii) Chris Collier stated that in prestigious tournaments official markers should be used in the later (Finals) stages. The President added that the nominated markers should be able to perform all the required elements of the markers duties. John Albutt asked if the CBUMA Committee could nominate suitable markers for the final stages of prestigious tournaments. This would need to be discussed with the various Controlling Bodies.
 - xiv) John Pittaway asked if there was any update on the use of coloured bowls since the last AGM. A Vice President stated that the manufacture of coloured bowls had ceased but a different coloured wood which did not deliver the same effects was being produced. He also said that medical research into the effects of these woods was being undertaken. Once the results of this research is known this will be circulated.

8. Date of Next Meeting

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.25am.

The date of the AGM 2016 was set for 27th November at 10.30am at Monte Mar Bowls Club

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS & BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR