



Costa Blanca Umpires and Markers Association

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

held on 25th November 2018 at Monte Mar Bowls Club

Present

Committee:	Fred Willshire	President
	Arthur Brown	Vice President
	Gail Willshire	Secretary/Treasurer

Clubs:

Benitachell	John Hendrick	Javea	John Pittaway
			Pat Pittaway
Bonalba	Sue Elvin		
	Ray Lyons	La Marina	Peter Bailey
	Barry Watson		
Country Bowls	Dennis Birkett	Monte Mar	Dave Melville
			Barrie Woodfine
El Cid	Tony Carroll	Vistabella	Barbara Brown
			Barry Norris
Horadada	John Bailey		

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:

Harry Winfield (BBC), Stewart Beattie (El Cid), Jean Cooper (La Siesta), Robin & Sarah Lowman (La Manga), John Simpson (Mazarron), Keith & June Jones (San Luis) and Sue Norris (Vistabella).

2. Minutes of the AGM 26th November 2017

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

Proposed: Tony Carroll

Seconded: Barrie Woodfine & John Hendrick

3. Matters Arising from 2017 Minutes

There were none.

4. President's Report

The President, Fred Willshire, thanked Arthur Brown and Gail Willshire for their hard work and support during the year.

The President reported that the CBUMA had once again had a busy year:

- 1 Markers course was run at Quesada. 17 people took the course and 13 passed. He thanked all those who had assisted with the course. Courses are difficult to organise due to finding a club willing to give up rink space and a room over 3 days.
- 2 rink inspections were carried out, one at Country Bowls and the other at Calpe. Both were satisfactory.
- Umpires were organised for 7 competitions, including the Nationals and the Valencians and the President thanked everyone who had umpired and marked at these events.
- The monthly brainteasers had been continued.

He continued that in 2019 the CBUMA will try to run an umpires' course again if there are sufficient numbers to make it worthwhile.

The President explained that after the Valencians a meeting was held with a number of umpires to discuss how the championship had gone from the CBUMA's perspective and what needed to be done. Possession of the rink had been discussed in detail and the President asked the secretary to read out what had been agreed.

Umpires would not be penalising anyone who is a few feet from the head or mat when their bowl has stopped and who is obviously moving to get behind the head or mat. Umpires, however, would act if they receive a complaint or where anyone is blatantly ignoring the law of rink possession, i.e. they are continually standing in the middle of the rink once their bowl has stopped and their opposition is standing on the mat. In these cases, the following was agreed:

The first time the umpire will have a quiet word with the offender

The second time the umpire will issue the offender with a warning

The third time, since the player has no intention of respecting the law, the umpire will remove that player/team's last bowl.

At the meeting the CBUMA had agreed to issue a laminated note of the above which umpires could read to the players before the start of a match or session. However, on reflection it was felt this was better as a note which could be secured in the front to the umpire's law book. Copies were available for distribution.

The President continued that he had written to all club Committees in the LLB asking them to instruct their players to be mindful of rink possession, not only as described above but also reminding players that they should not walk in front of another bowler who has delivered his bowl, therefore obstructing his sight. In this letter he had asked that clubs look to instil this at grass roots level.

He added that the CBUMA would write an editorial for the National and Valencian programmes and have something incorporated into the competition rules, including Champion of Champions.

At this meeting the group had also agreed that when an umpire is called on to a rink to determine the shot, or verify if a jack is legal, in every circumstance the umpire must demonstrate the outcome by measuring. Chocks should be used whenever there is a chance that a bowl may be moved during measuring.

Finally, it was agreed that umpires should support each other – in other words, when not umpiring, and someone moans about an umpire, it would be much better to either **agree with the umpire** or offer no comment.

The President stated that he had intended to run a refresher for markers during the year and also put forward a proposal to have refreshers incorporated into the constitution. Unfortunately, neither of these had been done due to a number of personal commitments which had taken up a lot of time. He added that he still felt these were important and would hopefully address them in the coming year. In the UK umpires have to renew their licence every 4 years. He explained that his intention is not to go as far as this but felt that a 12-question refresher test, which cannot be failed, should be acceptable.

On that point, the President informed the meeting that this would be the last year this team would run the CBUMA. New drive and enthusiasm are required. If someone wishes to take it over sooner rather than later, that person could be acting President until the next AGM. Gail is willing to continue with the website if needed.

The Secretary asked the Vice President if he wished to add anything. He stated that the President had done a great deal of work and would be a tough act to follow.

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.

The balance reported at last year's AGM was 415 euros. During the year the CBUMA netted 275 euros from running the markers courses, 312 euros from the sale of law books and 170 euros from the sale of ties and cravats, totalling 757 euros. Outgoings during the year totalled 596 euros. The biggest expenses were for the purchase of more law books, totalling 433 euros and printing of 69 euros, mainly for producing course information.

The balance carried forward as at 22nd November was 576 euros, although there are again some costs to be deducted for this year's AGM.

In stock were the following items: 26 ties, 13 cravats, 66 law books, 14 markers badges and 11 umpire's badges.

There were no questions.

The accounts were accepted by the meeting.

Proposed: Barrie Woodfine Seconded: Ray Lyons

6. Nominations

The secretary explained that the following Nominations had been received:

President – Fred Willshire Proposed by David Johnson, Seconded by Val Collier

There being no other nominations Fred Willshire was to continue in the post.

Vice President (South) – Arthur Brown Proposed by Chris Collier, Seconded by Gail Willshire.

Given that there were no other nominations for Vice President (South), nor any nominations for Vice President (North) Arthur Brown was to continue in the post of Vice President to cover North & South.

The President, in accordance with the constitution, then appointed Gail Willshire to continue as Secretary/Treasurer.

7. Any Other Business

- i) Peter Bailey asked how many umpires there were in the CBUMA. The secretary replied that there were 43. Peter commented that there were only 17 people at the meeting and this showed the apathy amongst CBUMA members. The President commented that it was difficult to get people to umpire competitions and that he didn't understand why people would put themselves through the Umpires course and then not actually umpire.
- ii) Dennis Birkett asked if there would be any Markers courses in 2019. Fred Willshire replied that the intention was to run an Umpires course since a Markers course was run in 2018. If there were insufficient numbers to run that course a Markers course would be considered. The secretary pointed out that it is very difficult to find time in the LLB calendar to run courses without them clashing with some other event. The President continued to explain that courses used to be held at Monte Mar with it being more of a mid-point between North and South.
- iii) Ray Lyons asked about how to deal with offenders of rink possession during league games. All felt there was little that could be done since there was no designated umpire at these matches. Gail Willshire suggested, where players were continually being difficult it may be appropriate to write to their club. The Vice President suggested having a word with the captain of the opposing team. Tony Carroll asked if a note could be sent to the league coordinator. Both Fred Willshire and Arthur Brown, as league coordinators, felt there was little they could do but take such a matter to the LLB. The President went on to explain he had just such a situation with a complaint about a bowler firing.
- iv) The President informed the meeting that there would **not** be a new law book coming out as there were no major changes to laws. Any changes/clarifications would come from World Bowls and forwarded by email.
- v) The President continued to explain that the Indoor and Outdoor bowls associations were in the process of merging.
- vi) Finally, Fred Willshire asked the members at the meeting to discuss the Conditions of Play for timed competitions with the organisers at their clubs. Often these CoPs allow players to arrive up to 15 minutes late and play, yet this is not appropriate where games are subject to a time limit. This puts their opposition at a disadvantage.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next AGM was set for Sunday 24th November 2019

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 11:15am and the President wished everyone a Very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Signed
President:

Secretary: