FAB MALAGA DELEGATION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY 27 JULY 2022

SPAIN

In Attendance: Benavista Doug Hall

 La Posada Jeff Rowe

 Lauro Jane Richardson

 Mijas John Wilson

 Miraflores Carol Frost

 Santa Maria Phil Baldry

 Saydo Tom Maclean

 FAB Chairman Ron Jones

 FAB Secretary Bill Neal

 FAB Treasurer Julian Thomas

 FAB Team MALAGA Bill Davies

 FAB Vice President Bixio Foletti

Apologies: David Mainwaring.

This meeting took place over a zoom style platform and commenced at 17.08. Late connection problems were encountered by Phil Baldry, Bill Davies and Jeff Rowe suffered drop out problems but would do his best to keep up with the meeting.

Ron opened the meeting asking if all clubs had received the agenda and his e mail which contained two documents, treasurer statement of accounts and John Wilsons proposals for the forthcoming league. Ron also confirmed that Simone would represent Santa Maria with immediate effect. All clubs confirmed receipt of the documents.

Ron asked if there were any problems with the previous minutes as published and a show of hands confirmed the minutes were accepted as a true and accurate record.

Matters Arising. Carol asked if anybody had received an e mail from Bill Davies who said at the last meeting, he would be sending an e mail with his future plans and ideas for the Malaga Team.

No clubs except La Posada had received anything and Jeff confirmed whilst he had received an e mail from Bill, it didn’t contain the detail clubs were expecting.

Jeff would send the email to Ron later for discussion.

Ron explained to the meeting that Bill had sent a document to him which he would read out in detail towards the end of the meeting under item 9 on the agenda which hopefully will clarify the position.

Treasurer Report. Julian confirmed that there was very little movement through the account since the last report and went through the few areas that he been affected. He confirmed the amount held in the bank as 6,361 euros.

Ron asked if all the outstanding monies due had now been received from the Andalucian authorities. Bixio said that now the elections had been finalised in Andalucia with the existing party retaining control and therefore all outstanding payments would be paid as promised before the end of the year. Bixio will confirm this at the next meeting.

No questions from any clubs followed and a show of hands accepted the treasurer report as a true and accurate record.

**Winter League.** Ron started this agenda point asking if all the clubs could confirm how many teams might be involved for the next league. All the clubs confirmed they could enter a triples team, but some would struggle for a pairs league as well. For the few clubs who could field more than 12 players, it was agreed that these clubs may well form a pairs league to run in the background.

All clubs agreed that the start date would be 14 October and run until 25 November, break for the Christmas period and resume on 20 January finishing on 10 March with a break for Malaga team events.

It was also agreed that if any club suffered a clash with visiting teams in October, then the two clubs should liaise and rearrange a suitable day.

A start time of 11.00 was discussed but after a show of hands, it was decided that the start time would remain as 14.00 unless the two clubs involved had rearranged a mutually agreeable time. Where possible, matches against Saydo and La Posada should be arranged to a more convenient time.

 Clubs were reminded to submit results/score cards to David as soon as possible after the finish time of each game.

**League Changes.** John proposed that each game should start with one point at the first two ends therefore not playing two trial ends, hopefully reducing the time that players were on the green in what could be extreme temperatures. John also asked for one team per club in the league but this point had already been raised above.

Julian added that as the league was finishing earlier than this year, the forthcoming summer league should be over before the extreme temperatures experienced this year would have any effect.

Regarding not playing trial ends, various clubs didn’t like the idea as this was the only chance for visiting players to get used to the green and after a discussion it was decided to leave the trial ends in place, but this area could be visited again once all clubs had confirmed their teams for the league.

**Clarification of AOB.** Carol reminded the meeting that in the past it had been decided that the AOB area on the agenda was for any point that needed clarification, or a decision needed on matters brought up during the meeting, and not for general points for discussion which should have been on the agenda. Clubs were reminded that points for the agenda are always called for when the secretary puts out the call notice and if everyone complies, a meeting should follow the agenda and finish on a normal timeframe rather than be extended indefinitely.

**Calendar 2023**. Jane wondered if any dates had been planned for next year as she would like to publish possible friendly events to her club members. Ron suggested that we should follow this year’s programme as it seems to have worked well and all clubs confirmed that we will follow the programme for 22 until June 2023, and this year will be discussed at the next meeting.

Ron also asked if all the clubs were happy to host events and competitions as per this year and reminded all the clubs that Federation events could well be played over 3 days not the 4 as published. He also confirmed that there would be no Federation events in June 2023. John confirmed that clubs should use the dates for this year for their open competitions next year.

All clubs confirmed they were happy with this proposed calendar until June 23 and if any clubs found there was a problem, then they should contact Ron as soon as possible.

Ron then read out a letter from Bill Davies regarding Team Malaga and it is reproduced below:

*Just to bring you up-to-date with what is happening as far as Team Malaga is concerned, and our forthcoming practice games in September and the two day match on October 1st and 2nd against Almeria.*

*In respect of the gents side I have 13 confirmed names for the team And in respect of the ladies side I have 12 confirmed names. I don't propose in this forum to go through all the names of who have agreed to play but it's safe to say that both sides will more or less be the same ones as played against Almeria earlier in the year.*

*I will be sending out an email shortly probably before the end of this week with details of our first practice game in September and also additional details regarding accommodation which I am in the process of finalising.*

*The Tropical Oasis where we normally stay is closed for refurbishment on the dates we will be there. Next door to that is the Servicor Marina Playa and as it stands at this moment I have a booking with them for 18 double rooms, breakfast and evening meal at a price of €38 per night. However the sticking point is that they require a non refundable 20% deposit and the full amount to be paid no later than 11 days before occupation. This is not acceptable and I am still attempting to resolve this issue.*

*Some of you may know Debbie Colhern who plays for Spain and lives in Mojacar. She also books hotels for the Spanish national team when they play at Indalo. I spoke with her this morning and she kindly visited the hotel and spoke with their manager who reiterated their policy of requiring a deposit despite Debbie having previously booked with them without there being a requirement for one.*

*Indalo are having similar problems with their trip next month to Alicante to play in a two day match. Their hotel also requires deposits and full payment before even checking in.*

*I am well aware of some groups including Benavista who have a booking for a number of days earlier that week in the Mojacar Best Hotel without the requirement for a deposit. It is something I am currently persuing and I am hopeful that I will have it sorted before early next week. However the price they are paying will be roughly twice what my existing quote with the Marina Playa is.*

*Bill Davies*

*Team Manager, Malaga*

Any Other Business. Bixio commenced this section asking if all clubs had now responded to his request for updated photographs and detailed facilities each club had. Ron explained that only two clubs had to respond but he would coordinate all the replies and submit them to Bixio shortly.

Bixio also reminded all the clubs that COVID was still around and clubs should continue to use their protocols to keep players safe.

John Wilson asked if there was any news regarding the new club being formed on the coast. Bixio stated that there had been problems outwith the owners’ hands but they were still on line for opening in October this year. John suggested that if they were open in October then their team could play in the league against any team with a bye which would allow new players to gain some playing time and experience on the coast. All the clubs agreed with this idea.

**Date of Next Meeting**. The date for the next meeting was not decided but would be circulated nearer the date when selected.

The meeting closed at 18.00.