



**BOWLING CLUB DE ZURGENA**  
**MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Held at the Club House on **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024** - Meeting opened at 12.50H with AL in the Chair.

1. **Attendance:** Adrian Leitch (AL), Neil Leeder (NL), Tony Harris (TH), Graham Shoots (GS), Paul Day (PD) and Roy Keningale (RK).
2. **Apologies:** Carol Way
3. **The Minutes of the previous meeting dated 17/7/24 were agreed. Proposed. NL, Seconded PD**
4. **The minutes of EGM's dated 4/6/24 and 30/7/24 were agreed. Proposed. NL, Seconded PD**
5. **Matters Arising**

Singles League Trophy – AL agreed to fund the purchase of a trophy for the competition. **Action: AL**  
Shading – It was agreed to defer this subject until the green situation was resolved.

Actions: As CW was absent the Prize Giving/Christmas Social evening was deferred.  
GS has contacted Smart Grass and they have now been put on hold.  
PD has purchased the 6 new jacks and the donation of 50€ for 6 pre-used jacks had been accepted by Greenland's BC.  
GS has arranged a pre-season friendly at Cabrera BC for 10<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup> September and a sheet was now displayed on the noticeboard.  
TH has emailed the members informing them of the new secretary and appealed for a competition secretary.  
TH will inform the members of the friendly with Windsor BC on 15 October in plenty of time.

**6. President's Report, Adrian Leitch**

AL feels that the voting rights of members as contained in our constitution need to be reviewed. Currently there are no voting rights unless a member has 1 full year's membership and he felt that this was too long a period. There was general agreement with this view. Deferred to the next meeting.

It was agreed that the Blank Carbon Copy button should be used when sending emails so members will only see the email address of the sender and not everyone else's.

AL asked if we should consider introducing a membership limit and a waiting list. It was agreed to re-visit this subject when and if we reach 100 members. Currently we have 73 members.

There is some confusion over the constitution which includes a Management Committee and a General Committee and the procedures to be adopted when these meet are unclear. It was agreed that TH and AL would review this subject and the rest of the constitution and report back to the committee with any recommendations. Any changes to the constitution need to be put forward at the AGM and requires 60% of members in favour.

**Action: TH/AL**

## **7. Green Review**

Following on from the EGM on 4 June when members agreed to proceed with the Smart Grass option, a new quote has been obtained by Rich Brimble from a UK based company, Greenguage, the world's number one supplier of artificial bowling surfaces with installations in 28 countries worldwide.

In the best interests of the club, the committee feel the need to explore this new option in detail and have put the Smart grass option on hold for now. With the Smart Grass quote the carpet had to be re-fitted. This new quote includes a new underlay and carpet, guaranteed for 10 years.

GS has been in contact with Greenguage and reported that the price has not gone up and we can secure the order with a 10% deposit with installation taking place in December. Their price to lift the current carpet, clean the base, and carry out minor repairs, fit the underlay and lay a new carpet is 52,000€. Freight costs are 5,000€, VAT 11,140€ and an estimate of import duty at 7,100€ (based on the Bonalba BC, Alicante who had the same installation a couple of years ago). **The total cost would be 75,500€.** This would not however cover the runoff on rink 1 but Greenguage have said that they have a day rate charge which we could utilise if we wanted them to level the green at the rink 1 end. There is also an option for us fill any big cracks if we find any. The beauty of the Greenguage carpet and installation is the unique underlay which prevents any ruts forming. Additionally, it would be possible to have 8 rinks which would accommodate a growing membership and the possibility of us hosting National competitions thus raising funds for the club.

### **Treasurer Paul Day's Report on the finances.**

At present the club has 71,607€ in the bank and if we add on what we are owed it comes to 72,157.24€. Several sponsors still haven't paid us which would add another 1,700€ bringing the total to 73,957€.

If the members will agree to bring the payment of subs forward to November, based on 60 members at 140€ each (minus the FAB fees due) it will bring in 6,000€. This will help fund the green and assist the club as we always lose money when FAB fees are paid by the club in December and some members subsequently don't renew the FAB fee in January.

PD stated that if the subs were paid in November, we would have 80,000€ in the bank by the end of the year and after paying for the Greenguage green we would have 5,000€ left in the bank. These figures do not however include any profits made from the tea hut and fund-raisers we have planned for the rest of the year so we will have more than the 5,000€.

PD stated that he is confident that the figures add up and we could go ahead in December and still be viable as a club going forward.

**After further discussion it was agreed unanimously that the committee were all in favour of the Greenguage quote.**

It was agreed that an EGM would be called for Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> August, after roll-up and that the notice and agenda would be sent out asap, so members received the required 14 days' notice.

It was also agreed that members will be given all the information available to allow them to make an informed decision.

GS agreed to compile a summary of the quote and materials to be used. **Action: GS**

PD agreed to produce a forecast of the costings involved. **Action: PD**

The summary and the costings will be forwarded to all members prior to the meeting. **Action: TH**

AL agreed to chase up those sponsors who hadn't paid us yet. **Action: AL**

GS agreed to be the sole contact with Smart Grass going forward. **Action: GS**

GS also agreed to contact the council with a view to applying for permission for the work **Action: GS**

### **8. FAB Calendar proposal**

The FAB wish to streamline the calendar and are asking all clubs to produce a club calendar which aligns with other clubs, i.e. all clubs to play their men's and ladies singles, pairs etc on the same dates, and to consider moving their Open competitions so they are spread out throughout the year.

It was agreed that TH and NL would liaise and compile a draft calendar for Zurgena BC, and they will report back to the committee with this. **Action: TH/NL**

### **9. North v South Challenge match**

AL and PD would check and ensure we had sufficient bread, baps, bacon and burgers and would also check that the tea hut was sufficiently stocked with drinks on the day. **Action: AL/PD**

NL will bring his sound system. **Action: NL**

GS has compiled a play list of 70s and 80s disco music and will bring it along. **Action: GS**

CW to ensure the tea hut and plancha are covered on the day. **Action: CW**

### **10. Any Other Business**

It was agreed that photographs of current committee members will be displayed on the Club Noticeboard and in the Newsletter. **Action: TH**

It was proposed by TH, seconded by AL that new name badges be purchased for committee members to include their name and position held, and that committee members be encouraged to wear the badges whilst engaged on any Zurgena BC business, including roll-ups. 3 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention. **CARRIED**

NL agreed to ask FAB where they sourced their name badges from. **Action: NL**

Members to be reminded by email that smoking is only allowed in the designated smoking area **Action: TH**

It was agreed that a members 'Suggestion Box' would be available at the club. **Action: TH**

It was agreed draft committee minutes will be emailed to members asap after each meeting. **Action: TH**

**The meeting closed at 14.10H**