

# THE WAY FORWARD

## CURRENT SITUATION

At present we are a section of the Federation de Bolos, the national federation and the FAB and FBCV, two regional federations. The FEB is responsible for all international events and inter-regional competitions whilst the FAB and FBCV deal with all matters within the region...

The FEB receives a very large grant from central government which it supplements with the licence fees. The FAB and FBCV's main income comes from licence fees.

Amongst the problems that arise in our dealings with them, in no order of importance are:

- 1) The FEB is the governing body for at least 12 different types of bowling but There is no mechanism that sees that funds available are distributed in proportion to membership.
- 2) Being a quango the FEB has no control over when it receives its grants and we find therefore that money promised, although eventually received, does not arrive when we need it.
- 3) Although it is responsible for International activities funding for our national team is difficult as by Spanish law Spain can only be represented by Spanish nationals.
- 4) All expenditure must be supported by formal invoices, Prizes must be trophies, cash is not allowed.
- 5) Communications. Everything must be done in Spanish.

## THE FUTURE

I think it has always been in the back of everyone's mind that eventually we would hive off into our own Federation. However, to achieve this we have to overcome the following problems-

- 1) We require the approval of the various Federations to do so.
- 2) This is going to be difficult as at the moment we are a "cash cow" for the Federations as we only receive in grants about 50% of what we pay in licences Fees, let alone participate in any grants.
- 3) We have a very recent example of this with the attempt to register SABA.

## WHY CBBA

The tier below a Federation is that of an Association. However, here we come up against the Regional Government requirements-

Andalucia requires there to be a club in each of the eight provinces comprising the region. At the moment lawn bowling is only played in four. Valencia under the latest regulations does not contemplate Associations, only Federations. However, the CBBA was registered as an Association previous to changes and continues to act as such.

As a result I feel that the CBBA is the logical governing body for lawn bowling in Spain. If we adopt modern practice we can call ourselves LAWN BOWLS SPAIN. (Notepaper would still have CBBA at the head with an asterisk referring to a bottom line stating "CBBA is the registered name for lawn bowls in Spain)

## COMMITTEES

Each region will as now have its own committee to run bowling in their area elected as is their present custom and will comprise as a minimum, a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Competition Secretary and an ordinary member.

There will be an overall co-ordinating committee made up by appointees from the regional committees, with a minimum of 2 per region and the same officers excluding the Competition Secretary, but adding the International Secretary and the Chairs of the Umpiring, Coaching and Training committees.

Inter regional competitions (such as those now run by the FEB, will be allocated to and run by the Competition Committee in the appointed region.

## FUNDING

For the year 2008, 1200 Federated members have paid over 33,000 Euros into Federation coffers. Of this we anticipate recovering 15,000 Euros in grants.

The present proposal is for the CBBA, as the governing body, to be paid a Capitation Fee of 15 Euros by each club for the number of members on their register as is currently done for World Bowls. We are not contemplating membership applications from individuals.

The 15 Euros would be split as to 5 Euros for the local committee, 3 Euros to pay the insurance premium (it is iniquitous that so many members in Alicante should not have this benefit) and the annual World Bowls fee and the 7 Euros balance for the Co-ordinating Committee to run the National Championships, other inter-provincial tournaments and the National Squad. (The latter would become the sole responsibility of the Co-ordinating Committee).

This subject to be reviewed after the first year's experience.

In order to accommodate short term visitors, it will be suggested to clubs that anyone wishing to join for less than two months should be offered a Season Ticket rather than the privileges of membership.

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