

**MINUTES OF THE AGM HELD AT BALAIA ON
FRIDAY, 23rd SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 12.30 p.m.**

Members Present:

Chairman - Richard King
Secretary - Jill Dunkey
Treasurer - Alan Camplin-Smith
Captain - Julie Sanderson

Gerald Plant, Peter King, Jean King, Gui Gomez, Miriam Hare, Peter Hare, Keith Johnson, Roy Impey, Pauline Denyer, Lynn King, Alison Wooding, Chris Dean, Tony Dean, Tom Allen.

Apologies for Absence: Peter Moss, Brian Denyer and Jan Wilson

2) Welcome by Chairman

Richard welcomed everyone to the AGM and extended a warm welcome to Jean and Peter King on their return to Balaia, and also to Tom Allen (a new member) and also to soon to be new members in Alice and Alan Betts.

3) Approve Minutes

Richard read out the Minutes of the last AGM for the benefit of the new members.

Proposed : Tony Dean

Seconded : Peter Hare

Minutes were signed by Richard as a true record.

4) Matters Arising

Jill stated that she would like the BBC Membership date to be changed from each January to each September so that current members would be fully paid up before the start of the BA Winter Season. As the membership for this year had been paid up to the end of the year, fees would be 7,50 Euros for existing members and 10 Euros for all new members. Vote was put to the floor and carried unanimously.

5) Election of Officers

- Chairman** : Richard King
Proposed by Jill Dunkey,
Seconded by Alan Camplin-Smith
- Secretary** : Alison Wooding
Proposed by Lynn King, Seconded by Julie Sanderson
- Treasurer** : Alan Camplin-Smith
Proposed by Richard King, Seconded by Keith Johnson
- Club Captain** : Jill Dunkey
Proposed by Lynn King, seconded by Julie Sanderson

Sub Officers

- Vice Captain** : Alan Camplin-Smith
Proposed by Richard King, seconded by Keith Johnson
- Social Secretary** : Alison Wooding
Proposed by Lynn King, seconded by Julie Sanderson

All positions were voted on which were unanimously accepted.

6) Secretary's Report

“Jill said she would also like to reiterate Richard’s warm welcome to Jean & Peter, and Tom, and the new members who would be joining the following Tuesday (Alice and Alan Betts).

BBC’s membership for 2016 stands at 22 but unfortunately we have lost 3 of those members – one being our Club Captain, Tom, who gave so much to our club. We said he would be sorely missed and by jove, how true that is, on and off the green. And it is good to see some members have upgraded to annual membership from Associates.

At the last AGM I reported that we had firm bookings for 7 Touring Groups for 2016 - that has now increased to 14 with a total of 244 bowlers playing our fabulous green. The lists are now posted for players and there are 2 amendments to the previous schedule; these are – on the 12th October, Preston are now 24 bowlers and on the 14th, Nash Tourers are now 17 bowlers. We have also secured 3 bookings for 2017 plus another provisional one. So I must thank everyone involved in making their visit a pleasurable one, which is very important to Balaia.

Babs's Memorial Day was again a great success with 500 euros being donated to Albufeira Bombeiros. Many thanks must go to Keith, Pauline and Rachel for raising a huge amount of sponsorship for the Bombeiros from their parachute jump. A fantastic day was had by all which was rounded off nicely with Dinner at Luau Restaurant.

We have had quite a few social events this year which have been relaxing and great fun, so a big thank you goes to Richard for organising everything.

Many of you probably know that Bowls Algarve arrange a bowling break in Spain each year which I'm led to believe is most enjoyable. I was asked as to why members of Balaia don't participate, and my reply was 'perhaps Next Year'! I think it takes place around the middle weekend of June. I know Jean and Peter have been on this break when they were with us previously and Alvor, so I'm sure they will share their experiences if you are interested.

I would like to express my thanks to all Officers for their hard work throughout the year, and also to Julie for taking on the position of Captain. I think you will all agree she did a wonderful job under the circumstances.

For the ones that don't know, I am now Vice Chairman of Bowls Algarve so I will have a pretty busy year ahead, and I'm happy to report that the capitation fee of BA remains at 3 euros per member. Of course, this fee is included in BBC's membership fee of 10 euros per member per annum.

In closing, I have thoroughly enjoyed being Secretary for the past few years although it has been difficult at times, but it is now time to pass the reins over to Alison and wish her all the best in her new role".

7) Treasurer's Report

Alan had already circulated the Accounts well before the AGM for members to digest, and handed copies to new members. The balance sheet shows a healthy profit of 830,71 euros with 200 euros held separately for the sponsored parachute jump.

He said we had had a very successful year in raising funds plus the 3856 euros for the Bombeiros from the parachute jump alone so a big thank you goes to Keith, Pauline and Rachel and to all of the sponsors.

Alan asked if there were any questions relating to the Accounts and Jean King questioned why the BA members stood at 23 when there were only

22 BBC members. Alan explained that a member gave their fees to another member, but the timing was not right to question it.

8) Captain's Report

“When I was asked to do a Captain's report, my mind went blank If I was a blonde you would say I was dizzy but I'm grey so it must be senility, but here goes.

Firstly, I would like to say that you should all be very proud of your achievements this last year; you have all worked very hard and the improvement in your games has been enormous. You have given the other clubs something to think about, they do not under estimate us any more! This year I would like to see Balaia closer to the top of the leagues – a big ask maybe but for sheer determination to give your best, you can do it.

And finally, I would like you all to give your full support to your new Captain and Vice Captain as you did to Tom and I. It is a thankless job and a very lonely one at times”.

9) Any Other Business

Richard said he was very proud of everyone working well in raising funds for the Bombeiros who do a fantastic job, and we are truly grateful to them for keeping us safe.

We have entered 2 teams into the Winter League this year so we need everyone's full support. An email will go out to establish members availability.

Gui thanked everyone for their support on his trip to Cyprus when he represented Portugal in the singles, and also the 50 euro donation from BBC to 'have a drink on us'. He then went on to say that as he was the only one representing Portugal, it was a very lonely time and one which he doesn't wish to repeat!

Jean questioned the future of Balaia's inter-club competitions and Jill explained that they were started two years ago but came to an abrupt end due to members being away. It is intended to resurrect but timing is crucial for it to succeed.

Pauline raised the subject of us having proxy votes. Tony proposed that we should have a proxy vote but to only 1 member. Alan C-S suggested an email to the Secretary with the postal vote. This was put to the floor and the motion was carried unanimously.

Jill said that we have a Memorial Day for Babs Moss so what are we going to do for Tom. Julie immediately replied 'No' as she felt there were too many Memorial Days and people get fed-up. Tony suggested we have a day for 'absent friends' but, as Peter Moss was absent from the meeting, there was no conclusion. This is to be followed up.

Jean King asked how we would know if people were eligible to play in the BA competitions and Jill replied that a full list of BA members would be available.

Date of Next Meeting : To be advised

Meeting closed at 1.25 p.m.