



Minutes of Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, 13th January, , 2026 at 1.00pm.

Hello everyone,

Please find attached the Corrected and Approved Minutes of Committee Meeting 13th January, 2026

Present were.

Lorna Bateman. LB. Thea Tushuizen. TT. Julie Mc Bride. JMB. John Tighe. JT. John London. JL. Jose Massapina. JM.

Minutes of the meeting of 9th November, 2025.

Proposed by Thea Tushuizen and seconded by Julie Mc Bride.

Matters arising.

TT. Benches. Update please.

JM reported that the wooden benches have been sanded down in preparation for painting, but the inclement weather has delayed this.

But as soon as the weather improves it will be done.

TT.

Reported that she has been asked by a senior member of the club to ask members to refrain from placing their bowling or other bags on the two wooden benches whilst playing. The benches bear the Remembrance Plaques of deceased members and are a mark of respect. The benches are meant solely for members use whilst playing to have a short rest when not bowling.

JM. Metal fence.

Reported that the new metal fencing to be placed alongside the road has been delayed as the company carrying out the work are having great difficulty sourcing the metal to complete the work. He will advise when the work is to begin.

JM. Collectors.

Reported that the collectors / pushers which he considers most suitable for our Sand based Green must have wide castors/ rollers. This is necessary as the narrow castors damage the Green.

JM is currently trying to source such collectors and will be visiting Isla Canela Bowls Club to see their collectors which have been in use for many years there. He will seek to temporarily borrow one with a view to having a couple made by his staff and used for a trial period on our Green.

JM. New and replacement Plaques .

Reported that he has found a Company in Tavira which will make and engrave plaques at a cost of €7 each, in Acrylic, which will not rust. This price is affordable as opposed to that quoted at €100 each for metal ones.

The committee agreed and asked that the current rusting plaques also be replaced.

JL. Poppy Day Shields.

Reported that the cost of new metal shields is between €30 and €40 each depending on the amount of Engraving.

JM . Informed the committee that he would enquire from V.G. Lazar Company in Tavira who will be supplying the Remembrance Plaques as to their price to supply.

JT. Apology to a Club member for not informing him of the change to the Poppy Day Competition.

JT read out the E-mail he sent to the member concerned explaining the full circumstances of change to the Format of the Competition, and apologised on behalf of the committee for his not being informed of the change to the format of the competition.

No reply was received from the member.

JT. A.G.M.

Reported that he would be sending E- mails to all club members today giving them 31days notice of the meeting to be held on Friday, 13th February , 2026 at 1.30 pm in the hall off the entrance to the Reception.

The notice will include all the required information on any proposals.

The latest date for any proposal being 12.noon on Friday, 30th January, 2026.

Julie Mc Bride informed the committee that she will not be standing in 2026.

However she is prepared to carry on as the Club's Social Secretary until a replacement is found at the next club committee meeting.

LB .

Thanked Julie for her service on the committee over the past years and wished her every happiness in the future.

JM. Appointment of a Manager to run the Bowls Club.

Reported that there will be a manager appointed to run the Bowls Club as well as other duties.

JM. Use of the Green by members and the booking diary.

Reported that there will be an amendment to Rule 2.

“ No member may play on the Green during Roll Up unless they join in the roll Up.”

JM. Signing the Register to play.

All members must sign the register prior to play.

The only exception being members who have volunteered and been selected to play against Touring Teams.

JM. Receipts when paying .

All members should ask for a receipt from The Bar Staff, and be given one whilst paying to play.

This protects members and the company.

A member of staff will be collecting these Receipts from members to check against the Register.

TT. Purchase of a Club Jacket for Senhor Antonio.

Reported and asked the Committee if it was prepared to purchase a Club Jacket for presentation to our past Managing Director Senhor Antonio in recognition for his hard work in founding the Club and his guidance over the last 16 years.

The committee agreed and The Chair , Lorna Penfold agreed she would organise this.

Any other business.

TT. Storage room full of junk.

Reported that the storage room appears to be full of old equipment which is never used.and asked that this be cleared out.

JM reported that the entire clubhouse is now the subject of an Improvement Project being undertaken by the owners of the Estate.

This will involve the removal/ relocation of equipment currently in the storeroom.

The entire area will be redesigned and the current dressing rooms will also be utilised by Tennis and Padel Players.

JT asked that the committee be shown the plans before implementation and asked could they have an input into their use?

JM agreed.

JL. New format for Bowls Algarve competition.

Asked that as the new format for BA Competitions requires three consecutive days is it now correct that the Green cannot be used on Thursdays as this day is now solely for maintenance?
JM Reported that this is now the case.

JM Loss of Revenue.

Reported that since Senhora Paula Ribeiro left the company that there is a loss of revenue, due to lack of control.

The new manager will be addressing this situation.

JM. Change to membership being permitted to run into the following year.

Reported that he will be implementing a change to permit members to pay three month and six month membership at the current price, to carry that into the following year.

This permission cannot be split, it must run consecutively.

A new machine to issue three and six month membership cardboard cards is now being sought which will show the dates of membership.

Annual Membership will continue to start on the 1st January and end on the 31st December every year.

JL. Check on use of the Green.

Reported that he cannot check that non members are using the Green.

He asked that he be given a list of everyone who pays fees to play so that he can check.

JT. Advised JM that such information is confidential and should not be divulged.

JT. Stated that every person, club member or otherwise must sign the register prior to play.

Those who are Guests or put " G" against their name.

Those who are staying on the Pedras Estate on a Bowling Package must put their house/ apartment number against their name.

Thereby ensuring that only those persons are allowed to play.

TT. Sponsorship.

Asked can anyone sponsor the Bowling Club.

JM stated that yes they can provided that it does not clash with the business of Pedras.

TT. Minutes.

Asked that the secretary put in the minutes who is to deal with any matter.

JT Agreed but asked for Overtime payment!!!

JT. Responsibility of Bowls Algarve Club Captains.

Reported that he had received a complaint from a club Captain that the Committee were negligent in not ensuring that a member of our club had not been registered to play this year with BA and this resulted in forfeiture by Pedras of a match.

It is the responsibility of Club Captains to ensure that any Pedras Member who is selected to play in any BA competition is duly registered to do so.

This stipulation is Rule 5 of Bowls Algarve Rules and is therefore not the responsibility of Pedras Lawn Bowls Club Committee

Members are reminded that our committee had agreed to pay the Bowls Algarve Fees for any member of the Club who was registered to play in 2026. This cost €184.

JT. Poppy Day Competition on Remembrance Sunday, 11th November, 2025.

Reported that the format for this competition was changed by the Club Captain and Member Ian West appointed by the Club Captain to run this competition. No reference to or permission was sought from this committee.

That the Secretary was not told so that he could inform the members by E-mail . The result was a complete shambles . Members arrived and could not play as they had put their names down on the original List and booked and paid for a meal. There were members standing on the side of the Green with no knowledge where or with whom they were supposed to play.

JL.

Replied that the original list had some 56 names on it. That he removed it and decided that the course of action needed was as stated above. He did not inform the committee.

He blamed member Ian West for the confusion.

JT. Our Annual Burns Day Competition.

Reported that today was the 13th January and Burns Day is Sunday, 25th January, and no list has been placed on the Noticeboard asking members to put their names down to play.

JL stated that he would do so immediately and JMB stated that she would try to organise a lunch after the competition.

JT. Limitation of Members allowed to play in club competitions.

Reported that he has had many members complaining that the lists for members to put their names down to play in Club Competitions was being removed when 32 member's names were on it. There was no cut off date for the closure of the list.

No space being allotted on the notice for Reserves.

That there was no notification when the draw for teams would take place, thereby ensuring that there was no cheating.

That there was no notification of the names in each team until the event.

The removal of the list deprived half the membership of the opportunity to play for Prizes in Club Competitions.

The cost of Prizes coming from the Sponsorships raised by members.

JT advised that in future all events are properly organised.

Payment of Club Fees.

Please take note that all Club Fees must be paid by 31st January, 2026.

Any member who has not done so will have to pay a Guest Fee of €12 per game.

Date of next meeting is Monday, 9th March, 2026 at 1.00pm.

Meeting closed at 2.25pm.

Submitted,

John P.Tighe,
Secretary,
Pedras Lawn Bowls Club.

