

South Australian Pétanque League Inc
Minutes for the Meeting held on Saturday 10th October 2020 at 10:30am at
Eastern Suburbs Petanque Clubrooms.

Attended by:

Adrian Clements President APC
Deb Rodda ESP
Brett Williams PPC
Allan Sanderson Public Officer PPC
Naz Saunders Secretary
John Wilson-Smith Treasurer
Dee Greenslade ESP
Tina Stockley CPA

Anthony Pietsch Vice President AHPC
Glenis Head GPC
Annie Hambour FAB
Terry Hall FAB,
Kenny May NGPC
Jonathan Giddings PFA
Stan Wilson GPC

Adrian Clements (President) opened the meeting at 10.30am thanking all in attendance.

1. Apologies.

Apologies were received from Guy Detot and Mal Redman CPC and Ray Beaumont PNPC.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 1st August 2020, had been distributed previously to members. Glenis Head proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record which was seconded by Deb Rodda and the vote was unanimously accepted.

The President and Secretary then signed and dated these Minutes. A copy of the signed minutes will be posted on the SAPL website.

3. Actions Arising from Previous Minutes.

The secretary noted the following Action Items which should be addressed during the meeting. It was noted that scam email were being received so please be alert.

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| a. Action 197. SAPL Webmaster requires | TH Open |
| Terry Hall indicated he would take up the position if able to complete WordPress course. | |
| b. Action 202. Advertising Leaflet | All Open |
| c. Action 209. PFA Development Grant | All Open |
| d. Action 210. SA Umpire and Coach Managers | Open |
| e. Action 211. SAPL Advertising and PR | All Open |
| f. Action 212. SAPL Committee Meeting Dates | Open/Closed |

4. Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer's Report was distributed at the meeting and is summarised by an increase from \$4691 to \$5070 over the period 1st August 2020 to 10th October 2020. John Wilson-Smith mentioned that the change due all clubs affiliation fees being paid.

There were no questions and John Wilson-Smith proposed that this report be accepted which was seconded by Kenny May and unanimously accepted.

5. Umpire's Report

No report was received.

6. Coach's Report.

Adrian Clements stated that there was nothing to report other than there is a re-write of the 'requirements for becoming a coach' underway which when finished would lead to a coaching course being held.

7. Tournament Director's Report.

a. Anthony Pietsch noted that the laptop and printer have been of great benefit and proposed that a wireless HDMI adapter also be purchased (costed at \$98) to enable a remote link from the laptop to club TV screens. It would allow information to be displayed in the clubrooms regardless of the position of the control desk. Terry Hall moved that the proposal be accepted which was seconded by Kenny May and unanimously accepted. Anthony to purchase.

b. CPA (via an email) questioned the fairness of winning all five games yet not being able to reach a medal position. Other teams can finish higher despite losing a game.

Anthony explained that this reflects a wider problem with the current Interclub system, which had been optimised for a much smaller number of teams. It was designed so that each game of the day would have a similar impact on any team's final position. However, the increased numbers now mean that the morning games have become more significant relative to the afternoon games, with a stronger element of 'luck of the draw', and the final positions no longer correlate very well with the total number of games won.

To address this, Anthony proposed that a 'steeper ladder' be used for the afternoon games. He provided an example (attached) for a scenario of 30 teams, comparing the current and proposed game maps. This would mean that teams move further up or down the rankings, depending on the results of their 4th and 5th games. It should also ensure that any team winning all 5 games will finish no lower than third, even if they were ranked as low as fifth in their pool at lunchtime. On the down side, it will mean that the loser

of 'the gold-medal match' is relegated to fourth, rather than third. This was deemed by the committee to be an acceptable trade-off.

After some discussion of other possible approaches, John Wilson-Smith moved that just this change be accepted (effective immediately), which was seconded by Deb Rodda and unanimously accepted.

Old Map (now replaced)

	Game 4	Game 5	Final Rankings	Club	Pts
A1			1		30
E1			2		24
A2			3		21
E2			4		18
A3			5		18
E3			6		15
A4			7		15
E4			8		12
A5			9		12
E5			10		9
A6			11		9
E6			12		9
A7			13		6
E7			14		6
A8			15		6
E8			16		6
A9			17		3
E9			18		3
A10			19		3
E10			20		3
A11			21		-
E11			22		-
A12			23		-
E12			24		-
A13			25		-
E13			26		-
A14			27		-
E14			28		-
A15			29		-
E15			30		-

New Map (effective immediately)

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E5			10		9
A6			11		9
E6			12		9
A7			13		6
E7			14		6
A8			15		6
E8			16		6
A9			17		3
E9			18		3
A10			19		3
E10			20		3
A11			21		-
E11			22		-
A12			23		-
E12			24		-
A13			25		-
E13			26		-
A14			27		-
E14			28		-
A15			29		-
E15			30		-

c. Untimed Games to 11; Adrian stated that untimed games to 11 in the Interclub morning session (as used in Round 2) worked well, and he suggested this format should continue. Anthony noted that the tournament

ended at 4pm but that this came at the cost of everyone playing less pétanque. He questioned whether that is really what players want. He also pointed out that it won't necessarily work as well every time. Games to 11 can still run for a long time on occasions.

However, due to developments a more efficient 'time-limited' approach adopted in June is discontinued, unless we get specific permission from the PFA. Exemption from having fixed starting times might be possible, as that is a local PFA rule, but we could still be required to enforce the boundary rules for timed games, which come under the FIPJP rules. Therefore, it was decided to continue with an untimed to 11 format.

d. Adrian stated that lunches/ raffles have become too long time-wise to the detriment of the game/ day. He asked clubs to keep the lunch breaks as short as possible (1 hour or less). Anthony said he has been encouraging host clubs to keep things moving, with mixed success. He will keep trying. The COVID requirements for serving food have not helped in this regard and the large attendance numbers have pushed some clubs' resources to the limit.

8. PFA.

- a. The PFA e-Newsletter was forwarded to all clubs prior to the meeting.
- b. Johnathan Giddings notes that 15 clubs have responded to the Club Survey and there is no ill intent with any of the question as it will be used to devise actions to help clubs develop. Clubs noted the survey's format was difficult to negotiate and some questions won't be answered.
- c. The position of Sports Director is vacant since Danny Green left, the position is an overarching position and a busy role.
- d. The previous PFA zoom meeting with States should continue. Stan Wilson proposed that the PFA Board should contain 2 people from each State/Territory others mentions that difficult to put quotes as area may be over or under represented and may be best qualified.
- e. John Wilson-Smith asked how PFA approves the 'Local Rules'.

9. AOB

- a. Kenny May showed a wire ring which could be used for a shooting circle and if wanted he would make for any club.
- b. Deb Rodda noted that the women's state doubles trophy is full and a new one is needed.


- c. Brett Williams asked Anthony Pietsch for the format for upcoming state double competition and with regard to whether an umpire was required. Anthony stated no change to format and an umpire was required.
- d. **Action 202.** Advertising Leaflet. A draft of a flyer was send out via email and in summary the general response was that the diagram “How to Play” was too detailed and should be replaced with a cheery come try statement which may grab the attention of potential new players. Tina Stockley said she would mock up a version along the lines of the ESPs poster.
- e. **Action 209.** PFA Development Grant. The secretary had sent out an email calling for club to think about the PFA Grant of \$1000 aimed at development of petanque in the state. After discussion most clubs thought that their ‘Come and Try’ nights were covered and that the grant would be best spent on updating and producing a quality leaflet and modernising the SAPL Website. All were in favour
- f. **Action 210.** SA Umpire and Coach Managers. The two PFA positions were filled by Brett Williams and Adrian Clements, the vote was unanimous with all clubs supporting both candidates. The secretary will inform PFA.
- g. **Action 211.** SAPL Advertising and PR. Stan Wilson had been interviewed on radio... Discussion ended with agreement that petanque should have a greater presence in the media but no member wanted to take a position on
- h. **Action 208.** SAPL Committee Meeting Dates. The secretary sent out a list of potential future committee meeting dates.
- i. **Action 207.** Rules Relating to Alcohol on Pistes. The secretary noted that was under the PFA Local Rules “No alcohol can be brought onto the piste or consumed during a game”.
- j. The Secretary received an email from Jeff Langdon (Sep 30th) nothing that PFA have modified the membership criteria of the Commissions to allow the Board to appoint other Members in certain cases. This might be relevant in SA where we would be happy to have both Ray and Peter Beaumont on the Umpires Commission. He stated that we need to nominate one as State Manager and mention that the other is willing to also be appointed. Adrian Clements said he would follow up.

Next Meeting and Close

There were no further comments and the meeting was closed at 12:10pm.

The next SAPL committee meeting is to be held on Saturday 5th December 2020 at Prospect Petanque Club at 1030am.

Signed:

President  Secretary 

Date 5/12/2020