

**South Australian Pétanque League (SAPL) Inc.
Minutes for the Meeting held on Thursday February 2, 2023
At 6.30 pm Prospect Pétanque Club (PPC)**

Attended by:

Stan Wilson (President)	Anthony Pietsch (Vice President/AHPC)
Deb Rodda (ESP)	Terry Hall (FAB)
Rada Pierre (CPA)	Colin Hill (GPC)
Brett Williams (Umpire Rep)	Jonathan Giddings (NGPC)
Wendy Bensen (ESP)	Allan Johnston (Secretary)
Glenis Wilson (State Coaching Rep)	Gavin Scott (PPC)
Ian Wright (NGPC)	

1. Apologies.

Tina Stockley (CPA), Adrian Clements, Allan Sanderson (PPC), Naz Saunders (AMG23), Mike Read (AHPC), Ken Medhurst (Treasurer), Coonawarra Petanque Club

Stan provided a card for Allan Sanderson, who is recovering from an accident, for signature by the Committee.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 24 November 2023 were proposed to be accepted as a true record of that meeting by Brett, Seconded by Deb and accepted by all, with a note from Glenis to amend 'Mike Head' to 'Mike Read'.

The President and Secretary then signed and dated these Minutes. A copy of the minutes will be posted on the SAPL website. Action Allan to provide Minutes to Terry for uploading to SAPL Website.

3. Actions Arising from Previous Minutes.

As requested at the previous meeting, the Action List is included as an appendix to these minutes.

4. Treasurer's Report.

Due to Ken's absence Stan distributed the Financial Report (FR) from July 2022 to the end of the December 2022 quarter (Allan had also emailed out the FR to the Committee before the meeting). In summary Stan informed the Committee that the SAPL was solvent with a profit of \$358 for the December quarter.

Brett advised he found the PDF email attachment hard to read and had some difficulty in understanding the Mind Your Own Business (MYOB) software and wanted the financial data to be simplified. A general discussion ensued about providing the Committee with something easier to read and analyse. Anthony suggested that it doesn't hurt to have extra information – those who don't understand all the detail can skip to the executive summary.

Deb advised that we have some assets that are separated out from the FR. This led to a discussion about SAPL assets and the asset register. Allan and Ken to review.

ACTION AJ/KM

Stan advised he had sold two of the old SAPL state team shirts for \$45 and has just one very old one left.

Stan advised the cost of wine used as prizes for SAPL competitions had increased from \$12 to \$13 per bottle. All agreed to accept the price increase.

Stan also advised all bank signatures had been amended to Stan, Ken and Allan.

Terry moved to accept the FR and this was seconded by Gavin.

5. Umpire's Report

Brett Williams presented the umpires report, by advising there was only one Interclub competition since the last Committee meeting, with no incidents. The outcome and results of the Shooting Competition to be held on February 4 at NGPC will be provided at the next meeting.

6. Coach's Report.

Glenis advised that Adrian had not provided a written report, but she raised the issue of club coaches needing to be 'active/accredited' in accordance with the PFA. The last list was ratified by PFA in 2022.

Gavin questioned the need for accredited coaches to also be accredited umpires, as this has not always been a requirement. A basic understanding of the rules is obviously necessary, but does it really need to be at the same level that one needs to be an umpire? Gavin suggested that PFA is putting up 'blockers' and this is a disincentive to taking up coaching. He also pointed out that no other sport does this. Rada and Anthony both spoke in support of Gavin's comments and assessment. Anthony suggested formally approaching PFA to suggest that this restriction be relaxed.

There was some uncertainty amongst the committee, based on information available from the PFA website, as to whether coaches need to be currently accredited as umpires or whether they just need to have passed a Level 1 umpires exam. Stan asked if Gavin could write a submission to PFA canvassing these issues and seeking clarification.

Brett added he did not see the need for every coach to be 'active' as an umpire. He suggested one way around this was to have annual coaches and umpires' briefings and resolve the issues in a 'casual manner'.

Action Allan and Gavin to work on a discussion paper addressing the coaching requirements.

7. Tournament Director's Report.

Anthony advised that Interclub Round 4 was held in January at Stirling. 96 players participated, which is a record attendance for that venue. All went well.

8. PFA.

No PFA rep. was present. Giselle Whiteaker had advised there 'was not much happening', with no PFA board meeting until March, but PFA was approached to support the Nationals Competition over Easter 2023. Action Allan and Jonathan for a shout out to volunteers to help over the Nationals Competition.

PFA have circulated for comment a proposed National Player Ranking System. Anthony advised that he hasn't had a look at it yet, but agreed to analyse it and prepare a response. Action Anthony

Brett questioned the equity of the PFA Shooting Competition being held across all the States under different conditions and with different umpires.

Action Stan and Allan to liaise with PFA.

Stan also advised that PFA has asked SAPL to provide media input from state events. A general discussion followed into how and who posts when, where and why, but there is no overall single point of information.

Action Gavin, Allan and all to determine the best way of posting information to the correct websites associated with petanque.

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- a. AMG23 update (vide Naz), only 6 registrations to date, with promotional information distributed. The general consensus was that players would register closer to the event.
- b. Coonawarra Clash has 49 teams registered, with Brett Williams umpiring over the weekend.
- c. The TransTasman competition will be held in March with 10 of the 24 selected players from South Australia. They are... Open Men: Jean-Luc Gonnet and Van Nguyen; Open Women: Haejung Jang, Giselle Whiteaker, Deb Rodda and Ha Nguyen; over 60's men: Dirk Seret, Terry Hall and Kenny May and over 60's Women: Judy Whiteaker;
- d. Update on Uniform Subsidies (now Closed), however Stan informed the committee of possible Grant funds to support the purchase of uniforms.
- e. Purchase of Trophies for Shooting Competition. For the upcoming State Shooting Championship on Feb 4, it was agreed that there should be a minimum points score for each category below which a trophy is not awarded to the winner of that category. After some discussion, it was decided (none opposed; two abstentions) to set the thresholds at 25 points for the Open, 20 pts for the Women's and the Over-60's Men and 15 pts for the Over-60's Women. Deb advised that trophies had already been purchased for all categories this year. Any that were unused would have to be repurposed. Deb suggested that, in future, the purchase of trophies could wait until after the competition and that they be presented at a later date.
- f. State Selection Policy 2023. A new state selection policy has been issued to be raised with Adrian. Action Allan to liaise with Adrian.
- g. Interclub Team Capacity. Anthony has distributed a discussion paper and draft policy dealing with the Interclub Team Capacity issue (a limit of six teams per club, to be imposed only if the host venue's capacity is exceeded). All agreed this policy needs more maturation but it can be adopted as an interim policy. Action Anthony to continue refining this interim policy.
- h. Interclub Registration Date. Anthony also suggested that it might be time to review the current practice which is that clubs submit their

Interclub teams by the Thurs prior to the event. Earlier registrations would help in dealing with the team capacity issue and would also be of benefit to the host club and the caterers. After some discussion, the consensus view was that it would be reasonable for clubs to get their teams in by the previous Sunday, i.e., seven days before the event. This proposal should be discussed within the clubs so that a formal decision can be made at the next SAPL meeting.

- i. Competition clashes (NGPC v PPC). Stan advised SAPL does not organise club events, and it is up to the clubs to work (and agree on events). Jonathan apologised for the clash with PPC (Gavin managing) but noted that CDPA and PPC host 68% of all the events in the calendar. Allan suggested there will always be days where there is a clash; and that with growing numbers that should not present a problem, which was followed by a general discussion on the 2023/2024 calendar. Jonathan advised that NGPC will change the date that clashed with PPC.
- j. Brett advised that Umpire Exams will be held at PPC on March 18 from 10am to 11.15am.

Next Meeting and Close

There were no further comments, and the meeting was closed at 8.05pm

Next meeting to be held at ESP, Saturday 1 April at 10.00am.

Signed:

A.J. Pietsch

President A.J. Pietsch

Secretary

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Date 15-4-2023