

Present:

Adrian Clements	President	Anthony Pietsch	Vice President & Committee AHPC
Stan Wilson	Secretary	John Wilson-Smith	Treasurer
Tina Stockley	Committee (CDPA)	Phil O'Reilly	Committee (CDPA)
Deb Rodda	Committee (ESP)	Alexi Alexi	Committee (ESP)
Glenis Head	Committee (Gawler)	Annie Hambour	Committee (FAB)
Allan Sanderson	Committee (Prospect)	Ray Beaumont.	Committee (Noarlunga)
Dave Ward	Committee (Prospect)		

1. Apologies: Apologies were received from Coonawara Pétanque Club, Maitie Beaumont and Richard Voskamp

The President declared the meeting open at 7:30pm.

2. Minutes:

The minutes of the meeting held on the 22 May 2014 had previously been circulated to all members. Tina Stockley proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record, Allan Sanderson seconded. The vote accepting them was unanimous. The President and Secretary then signed and dated a copy of the minutes.

A copy will be posted on the Website.

3. Actions Arising:

Action 127. The Secretary stated that he would send a copy of all Umpire reports to the Tournament Director

Action Closed

Action 133. Ray Beaumont clarified that the score allocated when one team forfeits a game should be 13-0. This regulation was not written anywhere but was usual custom and practice. He informed the meeting that this regulation would be included in a new set of PFA bylaws which is under consideration. The committee members considered that they should not be bound by unspecified constraints. John Wilson-Smith proposed that until such time as PFA directs otherwise, SAPL should adopt a score of 13-7 in all cases where one team forfeits a game by not playing. This was seconded by Anthony Pietsch. The vote to accept the proposition was carried with one delegate voting against.

Action Closed

Action 134. The Secretary reported that he has been waiting ratification of the SAPL Championship registration fee change before updating the bylaws. Now that this had occurred he would proceed.

Action Open

Action 135. The Secretary thanked the delegates from 6 of the 8 affiliated clubs for providing him with comments on the PFA licence policy in a timely manner. He had passed the comments on to the PFA Board which had acknowledged them and responded after a Board meeting held on the 29 May 2014 (letter attached). The delegates that had commented on the policy considered that the response did not address their club's concerns, Ray Beaumont, who participated in the Board meeting pointed out that SA was the only State where some clubs have a sizeable social membership and that club membership fees should automatically include a PFA licence fee. He remarked that PFA was considering adopting a stance where only clubs which have 100% licence holders will be offered insurance cover by PFA. Allan Sanderson said that Prospect had analysed the PFA Insurance policies in some depth with a view to encourage its social members to take out a licence but that the club was not going to

insist that all members became licenced. He offered to let the other clubs have the benefit of the analysis that had been done.

One problem identified was that some clubs have volunteers or committee members who do not play petanque but are happy to use their skills to assist in the running of the club. This position is fully accepted by ASC.

The President stated that the problem of licenced players was a complex one that had been going on for some time. He had minutes from 2003 which addressed the same point. He advised that the difficulties with PFA would not go away and that clubs should carefully consider their position.

There being no further obvious way ahead the action was closed.

Action Closed

Allan Sanderson considered that there should have been an action item concerning the two day event discussed at the last meeting. He confirmed that Prospect and ESP had agreed to hold a "Snake Cup" tournament on the 1 November 2014 and ESP had agreed to hold the Dingo cup in the 2 November.

The Secretary confirmed that this information had been sent to the Coonawara Club with a request that they let us know what sort of support they expected.

4. Treasurer's Report:

The new Treasurer who had been in post for only 25 minutes relied on the report tabled and agreed at the AGM which showed that as of 30 June 2014 available funds were \$4210.03 of which \$652.21 is held in the Junior fund.

4.1 Payment authorization signatures

With the change of Treasurer confirmed at the AGM there needs to be changes to the authorized signatures as follows:

- ❖ Remove Phil O'Reilly
- ❖ Add John Wilson-Smith
- ❖ Retain Adrian Clements
- ❖ Retain Stan Wilson

All payments to be authorized by any two of the last three names

Post meeting note: The Secretary omitted to put an item on the Agenda to set the SAPL Affiliation fee for 2014-15. Consultation with the clubs since the meeting has confirmed that the majority of clubs agree that we should maintain the fee at \$25.00 per annum and the Treasurer will be pleased to receive this amount from each affiliated club.

5. Umpire's Report.

An umpires report had been issued for Round 6. There was nothing to report. The secretary will send a copy to the TD.

6. Coach's Report

Adrian Clements said that he would start training at the start of August for the ISC which will be held on the 8 - 9 November 2014 at the Weird Entertainers Petanque Club. Training will be held at Prospect Petanque Club between 11am and 1pm on Saturdays. 2, 9 and 16 will consist of skills training and 23 and 30 will be Game training. Team selection will be at the end of August and will be followed by more training. All licenced players are encouraged to participate in the training and possible selection to represent the State.

He is also looking for people to act as selectors. As Coach he recommends players and the choice is ratified by the selectors. Three or five interested people are needed.

Adrian also asked that the Secretary record in the minutes our congratulation to Sukrit Vaswami, Raja Jamaledine and Iskender Maski who achieved a Bronze medal in the Pan Pacific Championships. Iskender (Ken) had also come third in the Precision shooting competition.

7. Tournament Director's Report

The Tournament Director had carried out a review of the 2013-4 season 102 players took part in the League with an average of less than 18 teams. 23 players who had participated in the previous season had not played this year but there were 12 new players. He recognized that some teams prefer to play in a 2nd division but with the low turnout this was not possible. It was noted that in 2002 there were 142 players in the league. The League needs to adapt and perhaps should look at more frequent half day tournaments. It was felt that perhaps the new sixers format proposed by Prospect may be the way ahead.

The TD asked for guidance on the Individual awards. He proposed Best Player, Best Player other Gender and Best Veteran. These were agreed. It was decided not to give awards to Best Junior or Best New Comer.

8. PFA

Deb Rodda asked who gets the ISC trophies engraved PFA or SAPL, it was agreed that SAPL should get this done for the 2013 ISC when we won both trophies. Deb agreed to organize the engraving.

It was confirmed that PFA had sent \$250.00 for promotional purposes. Our proposal was for small all-weather signs to be erected on Pétanque sights around Adelaide that were not associated with a club. John Wilson-Smith agreed to look at the cost of signs but it was generally considered that there would not be a lot of scope for \$250.00

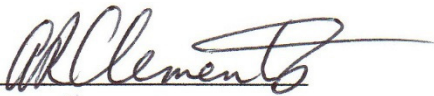
Action John Wilson-Smith

9. AOB

- a. Adrian said he had received a letter from Leon Bignall, Minister of Rec and Sport inviting SAPL to organize Petanque for the 2015 Australian Masters Games to be held in Adelaide. He considered that the letter was written as if SAPL had never been involved when of course we had organize the event in 2007 and 2011. A question was raised about the impact of the new PFA Licence policy on the event and the Secretary was asked to clarify the situation with the PFA Secretary
 - a.i. **Action Stan Wilson**
- b. Allan Sanderson informed the committee that the Prospect Foundation Cup to be held on the 10 August will be a mixed doubles competition. He also reminded delegates that the sixers tournament to be held at Prospect on the 24 August would be for six or eight teams of 6 players 3 men and 3 women. It was planned as an interclub event but he proposed that where clubs could not make teams of six mixed teams would be admitted.
- c. The Secretary proposed the following Meetings Plan for the 2014-15 Season 21 August, 8 October, 11 December, 5 February 2015, 19 March, 30 April, 11 June and AGM 23 July 2015 The Secretary was unavailable for the 21 August and it was agreed to move the meeting to the 14 August .

The President closed the meeting at 20:17

Signed

President 

Secretary 

Date 14/8/14.

Minutes of the SAPL Committee Meeting held in Adelaide Clubrooms
On Thursday 22 May 2014 Action Tracking Sheet

Ref	Date	Description	Status
120	11 July	Arrange sample uniform to check	Closed
121	11 July	Clarify hot weather policy	Closed
122	11 July	Put link to Met Eye on website	Closed
123	15 Aug	Circulate selection policy	Closed
124	15 Aug	Research policy documents and possibility of posting such on the website	Closed
125	14 Nov	Collect Bank details from ISC Players, managers and coaches and pass to Treasurer	Closed
126	12 Dec 13	Propose a meetings plan for Jan to June 2014	Closed
127	23 Jan 14	Write to the State Director of Umpiring	Closed
128	23 Jan 14	Research footwear rules	Closed
129	23 Jan 14	Confirm date changes between Round 5 and Derek Rowley	Closed
130	27 Mar 14	Write proposal to PFA	Closed
131	27 Mar 14	Consider the proposal to change score allotment when a team forfeits a game	Open
132	27 Mar 14	Prepare 2014-2015 season dates	Closed
133	22 May 14	Clarify forfeited game rules	Closed
134	22 May 14	Update By Laws	Open
135	22 May 14	Provide comments on PFA Player Licence policy to the Secretary	Closed
136	10 July 14	Investigate the cost of all-weather signs	Open
137	10 July 14	Ask PFA about support for Australian Masters Games	Open



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Subject : A Letter from the President to Members-June 3rd 2014

Dear Members

Our revised licensing policy seems to have been misunderstood by a number of Clubs, particularly in South Australia. I feel that we need to clarify this and to point out that there is only really one substantial change in this policy, which is not to continue with the use of day licenses. We wanted to ensure that all players in a competition would be insured without question.

We haven't made any other changes to the policy. We haven't changed any by-laws or procedures and most importantly there have been no changes to our insurance policy.

Once the policy comes in to effect on the 1st of July 2014, players will need to be licensed to compete in the following types of competitions:

- a) National and International Competitions, organised by PFA, which has always been a requirement.
- b) State Competitions, organised by a State League, which has also always been a requirement.
- c) Competitions organised by affiliated Clubs which are open to other Clubs. Day licenses will no longer be issued for these competitions and players will need to be licensed to compete in them.

This change of policy will have no effect on your normal club competitions or other events which involve only Club members, or visitors who have signed into the visitor's book.

We have not prescribed how many times a visitor may come, as many clubs already have their own policy in place regarding this. The common consensus among many clubs is visit three to five times and then join and become a licensed player

This change of policy will also have no effect on promotional events, such as the Melee event at Echuca organised by the Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club. In fact there should be no impact on any promotional events that you already have on your calendar or on promotional events that you might be planning.

Whether it is an open day where you invite the public to come and have a go or a social competition which you organise with a special interest group, such as people from your Local Shire, members of a Car Club or even students from Alliance Francais, all of these types of events are promotional events.

If you have any concerns regarding an event you are planning just advise the PFA Secretary and we will check it out with the insurance company.

The promotion of Petanque is in fact the prime objective of PFA and we actively encourage all types of promotional events which increase awareness in our Sport.

This is the reason we are sponsoring our Australia wide promotional week during July, where Clubs and leagues all over Australia will be hosting a whole range of events during the same week and getting as much media coverage as possible for our sport.

It has been suggested that this policy change will be detrimental to the growth of our sport and will drive players away. We believe the opposite to be true. Non-committed players who don't want to take out a license will never contribute to the development or growth of our sport. It is only through the commitment and efforts of licensed players that we will grow and improve our sport. I would like also to point out that we currently have 1400 licensed players in Australia, which is our highest number ever and this is continuing to increase.

There has been a complaint from the South Australian League that the existing by-laws which require all members of the executive committees of Clubs or State leagues to be licensed players is reducing the pool from which committee members can be selected, which could affect the quality of the management.

These by-laws have been in place since PFA Ltd. was incorporated in 2002. They were included to ensure that the clubs and the leagues were managed by people with a knowledge and commitment to our sport.

Unlicensed players can always be seconded to subcommittees or encouraged to serve as volunteers so that their skills are not lost to the sport.

Regards

Joe Corcoran

President

Petanque Federation Australia

3rd June 2014