

South Australian Pétanque League Inc

Minutes of the Meeting which was to be held on Thursday 26th March 2020 at 6:30pm at Club de Petanque d'Adelaide clubrooms now converted email meeting.

Attended by / Emailed to:

Adrian Clements , Allan Sanderson , Annie Hambour, Anthony Pietsch, Ashton Claridge, Brett Williams, Deb Rodda, Dee Greenslade, Eastern Suburbs Petanque, Glenis Head, Guy Detot, Jonathan Giddings , John Wilson-Smith, Naz Saunders Peter, Beaumont, Raymond Beaumont, Mal Redman, Roland Peik, Stan Wilson, Terry M Hall, Tina Stockley, Wendy Bensen, Kenneth May

The Secretary wishes to thank the SAPL committee for their willingness to change to a virtual meeting which is this report/discussion paper. She notes that the Executives' decision to cancel the physical meeting was correct given the current government regulations on indoor gatherings.

1. Apologies

Not Applicable (NA) as report emailed to committee.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on the January 30th 2020, had been distributed previously to members. Via email Brett Williams proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record which was seconded by Glenis Head and the vote was accepted by these clubs (Brett Williams (PPC), Glenis Head (GPC), Deb Rodda (ESP), Anthony Pietsch (AHPC), Ray Beaumont (NPC), Terry Hall (FAB), Kenny May (NGPC), and Phil Pollard (APC) via txt).

The President and Secretary will sign and date a copy of these minutes in a future meeting yet to be determined. 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 could be addressed during the meeting;

- a. **Action 199.** Purchase laptop/software. Terry Hall Closed.
The computer items were purchased and received by Anthony Pietsch.

- b. Action items still in play are in the table below.

The secretary notes that a new seal will be purchased. Terry Hall may take over the web administration subject to completing a TAFE

course. Anthony received the old SAPL records from Adrian and will pass them on to the secretary for scanning.

The Secretary notes that most action items can be delayed until the committee meets.

195	20 th July	AS/NS	Check for SAPL seal.	Open
197	28 th November	All	Web master required	Open
198	30 th January 2020	AC	Adrian to pass on old archives to AP then NS	Open / AP
201	30 th January	JG	Check if a non-playing umpire is officially required for a timed game	open
202	30 th January	JWS	Create new leaflets	

4. Treasurer's Report

1. FINANCIAL REPORT TO MEETING 5, 26 MARCH 2020

This report is to be read in conjunction with the 2 sheets attached (embedded below).

1.1 FINANCIAL STATEMENT - SHEET 1

1.1.1 Receipts

Since the last meeting, main income is from the State Singles Competition held at Novar Gardens. The reason for the 2 lines of income related to the numbers who played.

1.1.2 Payments

The majority of items are related to the AMG. As agreed at the last meeting,

1. Honoraria were paid to Naz and Anthony, and the three umpires.
2. A laptop was purchased to be used at competitions.

Other payments were for medals and wine for the Singles and payment to Novar Gardens for hosting the State Singles.

The final payments were umpiring fees for various competitions including Mixed Doubles, Singles and Shooting comps.

1.1.3 Discussion Point

I looked at the State Singles and wonder whether we need to look at the financial structure for our competitions, and probably more specifically State Competitions.

Sheet 1 Below

SOUTH AUSTRALIAN PETANQUE LEAGUE INCORPORATED			
Financial Statement as of 26-Mar-20			
Opening Bank Balance (30/01/2020) Westpac		\$8,779.90	Line Item
Receipts			
31-Jan-20 Interest Paid	\$0.70		5-01
20-Feb-20 Deposit NOVAR Gdns x 44	\$440.00		5-11
21-Feb-20 Deposit NOVAR Gdns x 1	\$10.00		5-12
26-Feb-20 Interest Paid	\$0.57		5-13
Total		\$451.27	
Payments			
04-Feb-20 Honarium AM Naz Saunders	(\$140.00)	AMG	5-02
04-Feb-20 Honarium AM Anthony Pietsch	(\$140.00)	AMG	5-03
04-Feb-20 Honarium AM Peter Beaumont	(\$105.00)	AMG	5-04
04-Feb-20 Honarium AM Ray Beaumont	(\$105.00)	AMG	5-05
04-Feb-20 Honarium AM Brett Williams	(\$105.00)	AMG	5-06
11-Feb-20 Terry Hall Purchase of SAPL Computer	(\$1,095.00)		5-07
17-Feb-20 Delo State Singles Medals	(\$135.30)		5-08
17-Feb-20 Delo State Singles Wine	(\$216.00)		5-09
17-Feb-20 Novar Gdns Hosting State Singles	(\$135.00)		5-10
11-Mar-20 Ray Beaumont State Singles & Shooting Comps Umpiring	(\$150.00)		5-14
11-Mar-20 Peter Beaumont Mixed Doubles and State Singles Umpiring	(\$200.00)		5-15
23-Mar-20 Peter Beaumont Shooting comp umpiring	(\$50.00)		5-16
Total		(\$2,577.30)	
Closing Bank Balance (26/03/2020) Westpac		\$6,653.87	
Unrecorded Receipts or in process			
Total		\$0.00	
Unpresented Payments or Being processed			
Total		\$0.00	
Closing Bank Balance (26/03/2020) Westpac		\$6,653.87	
Outstanding Receipts			
Total		\$0.00	
Outstanding Payments			
Total		\$0.00	
Available funds (26/03/2020)		\$6,653.87	
Assets	State Shirts	6 \$46.00	\$276.00

Junior Fund

Opening Balance 1st July 2017	\$1,010.71
Payment from PFA from Super 4s	\$60.00 <i>As per minutes 23 Sept</i>
Closing Bank Balance (26/03/2020)	\$1,070.71
(Funds Inc In SAPL Funds)	\$1,070.71

The discussion paper figures for the costs for the State Singles included a claim for wine for singles of \$216, which I put into the accounts, it seems only 7 of these were used for singles prizes. So the actual loss was only \$104.30, which when you take in the cost of the additional umpires is only loss of \$4.30. See below, 45 players 22 games.

State Singles	
Receipt	\$450.00
Payment NOVAR Gdns	(\$135.00)
Payment Umpires	(\$200.00)
Deb State Singles Medals	(\$135.30)
Deb State Singles Wine	(\$84.00)
Payments	(\$554.30)
Total Profit/Loss	(\$104.30)

Moving on to previous comps, the State Mixed Doubles (as requested from the discussion paper). The figures are Receipts \$474, costs \$509, a loss of \$35

State Mixed Doubles	
Receipt	\$474.00
Payment ESP	(\$142.00)
Payment Umpires	(\$100.00)
wine	(\$144.00)
Trophies	(\$123.00)
Payments	(\$509.00)
Total Profit/Loss	(\$35.00)

State Doubles	
Receipt	\$500.00
Payment Prospect	(\$150.00)
Payment Umpires	(\$100.00)
wine	(\$144.00)
Trophies	(\$146.30)
Payments	(\$540.30)
Total Profit/Loss	(\$40.30)

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

Naz Saunders suggests that the committee should consider charging players \$1 more which would cover extra costs where multiple competitions are being played or where the pistes are spread out. It's not good making consistent small losses. Economically and physiologically speaking it is wise to have small manageable increments in line with CPI apposed to one large jump that needs to be justified to all.

Comments received.

- a. Terry Hall (FAB) No need to change it based on the loss.
- b. Treasurer's Discussion Point- Glenis Head. It is not good to have a loss on any of our League games, State or Club, even if only \$50. It does seem like some of our games in all of the competitions have been getting longer, there is the provision for the "guillotine" to be used, and I am sure there are times when players are exceeding the one minute time limit, which can play a part in long games. Payment for two umpires is an added expense, and the cost of the medals and wine seemed high for a singles competition. Did we have more winners for that competition?
- c. Brett Williams's opinion. Reference JWS financial report, I would just like to point out that we didn't start the championships (in all forms) to make a profit and it certainly would be great if we did BUT John, could we look at the profit/loss across the last set of Singles, Doubles, Triples and Mixed doubles and see what the numbers tell us please?
- d. Allan Sanderson - Brett's comments and the minutes of the meeting are supported by me on behalf of Prospect Petanque.
- e. Ray Beaumont- As for the financials, SAPL may not always turn a profit with all tournaments but its purpose is to run PFA sanctioned tournaments/competitions for the member clubs. What we lose on one we pick up on the other.

2. MASTERS GAMES

Sheet 2 shows the figures for the Master's Finances.

There was a total of \$6,779 income and exactly the same amount will be distributed as per the figures in accordance with decisions made at the last meeting. The honoraria have been paid, and the new Laptop purchased.

It is proposed to pay the amount of \$562 each to the 3 host clubs in the next few days and this will close the AMG account.

Sheet 2 below;

AMG 2019		
31-May-19 AMG17 Payment 01	\$2,351.00	
07-Jun-19 AMG17 Payment 02	\$3,086.00	
30-Aug-19 AMG17 Payment 03	\$612.00	
17-Jan-20 AMG17 Payment 04 final	\$730.00	
Income	\$6,779.00	
23-Oct-19 Payment ESP hosting AMG Singles	(\$518.00)	
11-Nov-19 Payment Novar Gardens hosting AMG Doubles	(\$1,878.00)	
11-Nov-19 Payment PPC hosting AMG Triples	(\$1,006.00)	
Honorarium	(\$595.00)	
Host Club Payments (Proposed)	(\$1,686.00)	
SAPL laptop	(\$1,096.00)	
Payments	(\$6,779.00)	
Honorarium		\$595.00
Tournament Directors Anthony	\$140.00	
Tournament Directors Naz	\$140.00	
Umpires Ray	\$105.00	
Umpires Peter	\$105.00	
Umpires Brett	\$105.00	
Host Clubs (Proposed)		\$1,686.00
ESP	\$562.00	
Novar Gardens	\$562.00	
Prospect	\$562.00	

5. Umpire's Report

I do not have anything to report other than to remind our member clubs to make a request to Peter Beaumont (State Director of Umpiring for SA) for an official umpire prior to hosting a PFA sanctioned event.

Due to the Corona virus we must obey the restriction now introduced by PFA and our government, it seems we will be off the piste for some time.

On behalf of our umpires I wish for a safe and healthy outcome for our pétanque community.

Yours in pétanque

Raymond Beaumont, National Umpire. (Received March 24th).

6. Coach's Report

Received from Adrian Clements (25th March).

- a. Obvious disappointment that 5 players from SA did not get the chance to contest the Trans-Tasman.

- b. Shooting Competition held at ESP on Saturday 29th February resulted in Open Men; Lionel Chazal 38 points (highest score in Australia), Nick Armstrong 15 pts. Over 60 Men; Lionel Pujol 18 pts, Brian Tuckfield 12 pts. Women; Wendy Bensen 19 pts, Selina Dally 14 pts. Over 60 Women; Tory McBride 6pts
The competition was supervised by Pete and Ray Beaumont. Thanks for their time.
- c. Tim Whelan has held a series of skills sessions with players at Novar Gardens Club on Tuesday evenings. By all reports it was well-received and a valuable experience for several of their members. Thanks Tim.

7. Tournament Director's Report

Tournament Director's Report received from Anthony Pietsch on 24 March, 2020.

With the cancellation of Interclub Rd 5, there has only been one SAPL event since the last meeting, namely, the State Singles Championships. The day was very well attended, with 32 players in the Open and 13 in the Women's. Congratulations to Dominique Pierre and Deb Rodda, the new champions.

All ran smoothly, apart from a brief delay at the start due to several last minute withdrawals which necessitated some changes to the draw. The first game thus commenced at 9:50am. In previous years, State Singles Championships had always been run with an untimed format. However, with a record number of entries this year, it was decided to use timed games on this occasion.

The four preliminary rounds before lunch were allowed 35mins + one end. At the suggestion of the umpire, the three qualifying rounds after lunch were also timed, but given 40mins + one end. Some thought the 35min limit would be too short, but it allowed for 78% of Prelim games to reach a score of 13. With the extra 5 minutes in the next three rounds, the proportion of games going to completion rose to 90%. These were followed by two more untimed rounds (semis and finals) in all Open divisions, for a maximum of nine games, while the Women's comp went straight to a Final. The last game to finish ended at 6:40pm.

It is interesting to compare this with previous years, which all had the same number of rounds to be played but were all untimed (with no guillotine). I have kept records for the past four years. On those occasions, the equivalent finishing times were: 2016 4:50pm; 2017 4:30pm; 2018 6:55pm; and 2019 5:35pm. [The 2018 event was on a very hot day and also had a late (9:50am)

start]. These data suggest that the use of timed games did not necessarily make the tournament progress any faster than usual. In fact, it may have had the opposite effect.

Admittedly, the greater numbers this year means we can't make a direct comparison. However, this example illustrates a point I've made previously - with timed games, the time gained by cutting off longer games is offset against the time lost by making those who have played a quick game wait for everyone else before they can start their next one. This point is most pronounced in the context of Singles because: (A) games are shorter and can sometimes be completed very quickly, and (B) more games can be played, providing more opportunities for long and short games to balance each other out over the course of the day.

In hindsight, I think the decision to time the three rounds after lunch was certainly an error of judgement. Furthermore, I recommend that in future the Singles tournament reverts to a completely untimed format, with the Guillotine provision as a safety net if required.

8. PFA.

- a. The PFA e-Newsletter was forwarded to all clubs prior to the meeting.
- b. All competition has been cancelled including the State Easter Competition which was to be held at Novar Gardens PC and the Trans-Tasman.
- c. AGM will proceed via teleconference.

9. AOB

Any Other Business from Anthony Pietsch received 24th March.

1. Championship

Assuming there will be no more Interclub rounds this season, we will need to make a decision about the championship. Having played four of the six scheduled rounds, I'd suggest that this is enough to declare a premier based on the ladder as it stands.

(Supported by TH (FAB), GH (GPC), AS/BW (PPC), RB (NPC))

- a. Championship Decision- Glenis Head (GPC). We agree with Anthony's suggestion to declare the winning Club based on the ladder at it stands. At the moment it is doubtful that we will get to play the remaining two rounds. Should we resume prior to the end of this season, perhaps leaving us the opportunity to play the final round, then I would suggest we make this

something along the lines of a “reunion round”, serious but fun, but without any points to the clubs but some sort of awards to the top three winning teams. If the decision is to go ahead and declare the winning Club now, then we must also declare the winners of the season’s Best Players awards.

- b. Brett Williams- Reference League and results for 2019/2020 season, whatever results are the case now these need to stand and the winners are the top of the present table.
- c. Sanderson Brett's comments and the minutes of the meeting are supported by me on behalf of Prospect Petanque.
- d. Ray Beaumont I agree with Brett, the top team should be classified as the winner for the season.

2. Calendar

Now is the time we'd normally ask clubs to start thinking about the calendar and planning for the next year. However, under the current circumstances, I don't see any point in doing any of that for the time being. There are too many unknowns. Most importantly, we don't know if we'll be able to resume by the start of next season, or if it will be a shortened season, or whether we can even play at all. We'll have to wait and see.

If we are able to play for a part of next season but lose some months, as seems the most likely scenario at this stage, there is going to be some competition between the clubs for the reduced number of available time-slots. Perhaps we should start thinking about a possible mechanism to deal with that objectively and co-operatively. The League would also need to decide between playing a compressed six-round Interclub season or just playing less rounds, and what to do about the state championships.

a. Next season’s calendar- Glenis Head

At the moment, we have no way of knowing how long our current situation is going to last, could be a month or 6 months. As Anthony says “there are too many unknowns” but my suggestion would be to start preparing a calendar now slotting in Sundays for the League rounds and State competitions. These can be moved as and when necessary, then as things become clearer (and safer) we can add in the Club competitions. We do not know how much notice we might get that things can start getting back to some sort of normality and my thought is to be prepared.

3. There was continuing discussion on timed versus untimed games during qualifying rounds at League games. Committee members were asked to read Brett Williams discussion paper and when

ready Anthony Pietsch's paper will be distributed. It was agreed that a final decision on the format for next season should be made at the May SAPL meeting.

Business Arising From Anthony Pietsch 24th March. I apologise for not yet having produced my promised discussion paper on the timed games issue. With so many things now cancelled, I should have time to get to it in the near future.

Other comments received

- a. Tina Stockley asked if the following years calendar was happening, which was addresses above
- b. John Wilson-Smith suggested the committee create new SAPL leaflets- added to Action Item list.
- c. John Wilson-Smith suggest the club details and contacts need refreshing and do people mind having their names published?
- d. Deb Rodda enquired about the results of the National shooting competition.
- e. Naz Saunders notes that the Unley Park Sports Club (UPSC) has completely closed which includes the both inside and outside areas which in turn has completely shut down Eastern Suburbs Petanque.

Next Meeting and Close

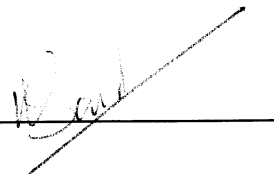
The next SAPL committee meeting is to be held on Saturday June 13th 2020 at Club de Petanque d'Adelaide at 6:30am. This meeting will be held in the clubs room and will observe all people gathering limits and social distancing.

Signed:

President



Secretary



Date 13/6/20.