

South Australian Pétanque League Inc
Minutes for the Meeting held on Saturday, 20th July 2019 at 10:30am at
Prospect Petanque clubrooms.

Attended by:

Adrian Clements President/CPA	Anthony Pietsch Vice President/AHPC
John Wilson-Smith Treasurer	Brett Williams PPC
Allan Sanderson Public Officer/PPC	Dee Greenslade ESP
Naz Saunders Secretary	Ray Beaumont PNPC
Annie Hambour FAB	Kenny May NGPC
Tina Stockley CPA	Glenis Head GPC
Deb Rodda ESP	

The Adrian Clements welcomed committee members and opened the meeting at 10:40am.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Guy Detot and Mal Redman CPC, Peter Beaumont PNPC, Jonathan Giddings NGPC, Stan Wilson GPC, Terry Hall FAB, and Roland Peik NGPC.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on the 6th April 2019, had been distributed previously to members. Allan Sanderson proposed that the minutes be accepted as a true record which was seconded by Glenis Head and the vote was unanimously accepted. The President and Secretary then signed and dated a copy of 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 Item which should be addressed during the meeting.

- a. **Action 189.** Masters Game 2019-Petanque Participation. **NS Open**
This action will remain open until the completion of the AMGs, with the current update reported under AOB.

4. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was distributed at the meeting and is summarised by an increase from \$5014 to \$9642 over the period 6th April 2019 to 20th July 2019. John Wilson Smith mentioned that the large increment seen in the statement was due to receipts from the Australian Masters Games (17AMG) which would be distributed back to clubs involved with 17AMG later in the

year. After the committee considered the report there were no questions as the usual business activities were self-evident. The Treasurer thanked Deb Rodda for continuing to source the medals and prizes on behalf of SAPL.

After consideration there were no questions and John Wilson-Smith proposed that this report be accepted which was seconded by Naz Saunders and unanimously accepted.

5. Umpire's Report

Ray Beaumont noted there were no umpire matters to report and noted that there have not been any rule changes.

6. Coach's Report

Adrian Clements noted there had been a lot of activity,

- a. The Interstate Challenge team selection had been announced comprising S Dally, D Rodda, W Bensen, A Alexi, M Belz and L Chazal in the Open Category. This tournament has seen the Victorian team pull out but when questioned he said NSW would be fielding a team.
- b. He noted that international players playing for Australia must hold an Australian passport.
- c. The Australian Team for the Worlds in Phnom Penh Cambodia included South Australians W Bensen and S Dally.
- d. Oceania will be held in Melbourne in October. The team includes South Australians, D Rodda, W Bensen, S. Dally and A Alexi.
- e. The Pan Pacific competition in New Caledonia includes South Australian A Alexi.
- f. Adrian noted it was disappointing that no juniors had been picked in the Australian team.
- g. Glenis Head mentioned she had liaised with the Guest Hotel in the city on King William Street and negotiated a deal during the Interstate Challenge which has been extended to interstate players.
- h. Ray Beaumont stated that the PFA Shooting competition would be run as a separate event on a Saturday in late February /early March, not as previously done at the Easter Championships. This competition is to be run concurrently in each state supervised by a State Umpire. Brett Williams noted that a tied score may mean a playoff would be required. Kenny May mentioned that NGPC have set up a shooting piste and people were welcome to use it.
- i. Kenny May asked if a coaching workshop could be organised in the near future. Adrian stated there would be a coach's workshop to be held in the next six months and noted there were prerequisites which include the Umpires test which could be arranged by Ray Beaumont.

7. Tournament Director's Report

a. Anthony Pietsch summarised the 2018/2019 Season as follows:

SAPL participation improved significantly this year, continuing a positive trend that we have experienced in recent times. The average number of players over the six Interclub rounds was 64, an increase of nearly 20% from the previous year and our best attendance since the 2011/12 season. There were at least 20 teams for every round, which hasn't happened since 2008/09. Similarly, the State Championships were very well supported, with a record 20 teams in the Triples while the Singles and Doubles also attracted the highest numbers we have seen for about ten years.

The total number of individuals participating in at least one SAPL event this season was 128 [last year: 112]. Of these, 108 played more than once [89 last year]. However, only one player attended all ten events.

17 new participants played for the first time. This was down slightly from the previous two years [28 and 20 respectively], but there were significant improvements in the overall retention rate and the return rate... The number of players from the previous season who did not return this year was just 14 [compared to 23 and 33 in the last two years], whereas 13 former players who had not appeared in 2017/18 were back to play again this year [7 last year].

Of the 20 players who made their debut in 2017/18, 15 returned again this season. This new player retention rate (75%) is similar to previous years.

In summary, the current trends are very pleasing and the future of the State League competitions looks bright.

b. Secondly he commented on the 2019/20 Interclub Format.

In reviewing the format of the Interclub competition, Anthony raised some issues surrounding the seeding system that we have been using and questioned whether it is actually necessary or even beneficial. It does help to keep the strongest teams apart until the final games, but at a cost of consistently creating a lot of mismatches in the morning session. It is also difficult to administer and often does not work as intended because of variability in the numbers and makeup of teams.

After some discussion of the pros and cons, and consideration of potential alternatives, it was decided that we will dispense with seeded draws for the coming season. Instead, the first three games of each

round will be assigned by a random process with the only constraint being to avoid teams playing others from their own club. The two games after lunch will stay with the current 'snakes and ladders' format, where teams are pitted against others at their own level.

It is expected that this change will make the competition a bit less predictable. There may be a greater 'luck of the draw' element, but that should even itself out over the course of the season.

8. PFA.

- a. The PFA e-Newsletter was forwarded (April 5th) to all clubs prior to the meeting.
- b. A new shooting kit was available and the secretary was asked to buy one.

Action 194. Organise Purchase of PFA Shooting Kit NS **Open**

9. AOB

- a. Masters Game 2019-Petanque Participation.

Action 189. Organise AMG. NS **Open**

Naz Saunders summarised the subcommittee's and clubs' work stating the fact that Petanque had completed all required AMG tasks which included a Marketing Plan, Sports specific requirements, registration system, medical coverage, confirmation of venues catering, sponsorship (none), venue site plans, social functions, prelim medal headcount, workforce headcount and poster for advertising.

The subcommittee has a deadline on August 2 (AMG Task 5) which will be the current focus.

On the 4th of July John Wilson Smith and Naz Saunders attended the 17AMG Launch, met with AMG staff (Graham Matthews and Ryan Murphy) at the Adelaide Convention Centre. It was pleasing to see that Petanque was one of the sports they used during their presentation as a good example of what can be done.

First payment had been received as noted in the Treasurer's report.

Current bookings are summarised as women's singles 12 players, men's singles 15 players, women's doubles 23 players, men's doubles 27 players, Mixed doubles 48 players, and Triples 53 players.

The step change in price is set for August 2 and notification along with the AMG Petanque poster would be distributed shortly.

Discussion around cut-off for entries ended with the preliminary tournament design that players could play 5 games with most wins and if needed differential countback providing winners and runners

up. Thus the draw can be made in before play starts on the day of competition and entry cut-off 1hour before the draw. The format of 17AMG games is yet to be finalised.

Naz Saunders noted that all volunteers should be registered as soon as possible.

- b. Allan Sanderson asked how clubs should communicate their club activities/tournaments given only significant club tournaments were scheduled on the SAPL calendar. John Wilson Smith replied by stating that there was provision for all club activity calendars on the SAPL website.
- c. John Wilson Smith noted there was a clash in the calendar with the Interstate Skills Challenge and Trebes Cup at FAB on 8th September. The latter will be rescheduled to 29th September.
- d. Allan Sanderson said he would locate the SAPL Seal.

10. Next Meeting and Close

The next SAPL committee meeting is to be held on Thursday 26th September 2019 at Club de Petanque d'Adelaide at 6:30pm. The secretary will organise noting that Greenhill Road has peak hour time restrictions.

No other comments, meeting closed at 11.45am.

Signed:

Acting
President A. Pietsch Secretary Daude

Date 26 Sept 2019