

South Australian Pétanque League (SAPL) Inc.
Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Saturday 18th October 2025
11.30am at Prospect Petanque Club

Attendees:

Anthony Pietsch (President), AHPC
[Tina Stockley (Vice President), CPA]...via phone
Brett Williams (State Umpire Manager)
Christine O'Sullivan, NGPC
Gavin Scott, PPC
Colin Hill, GPC

Ross Coleman (Secretary)
Kenny May (State Coach Manager)
Allan Sanderson (Public Officer)
Pierre Geslin, ESP
Terry Hall, FAB
Deb Rodda, ESP

Note: Clubs are allowed two designated delegates and one voting member. Officers and State Coach and Umpire Manager do not have a vote on the Committee.

The President welcomed those present and opened the meeting at 11.30am

Apologies:

Apologies were received from, Ken Medhurst (Treasurer), Dirk Seret AHPC, Craig Stewart ESP, Justin Smith NGPC, Guy Detot, Lorraine Hautop, GPC and Mal Redman CPC.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting held had been circulated to all clubs. Terry Hall proposed that they be accepted as a true and accurate record. This was seconded by Colin Hill and was carried unanimously. The President and Secretary signed and dated the minutes, for them to be posted on the SAPL Website.

Business arising:

Anthony tabled and read an initial draft of the revised hot weather policy. Discussion centred on duty of care, and in the case that the event was already underway on the day a Jury would be appointed, and that Article 36 in the Rules would apply. Anthony advised that he would have an updated draft ready to be presented prior to the next Committee Meeting.

Correspondence:

In: There was no correspondence received except for the usual email communications received in the normal administration of the League.

Out: There was no correspondence sent out except for the usual email communications exchange in the normal administration of the League.

Treasurer's Report:

Ken circulated the latest financial report showing a \$4.15 profit YTD to the committee via email prior to the meeting. No questions were raised in Ken's absence. Deb Rodda moved to accept the report and Gavin Scott seconded it. All were in favour and the motion was carried unanimously.

Umpires Report:

Brett advised that there was nothing new to report. Gavin Scott raised the 'new rule' regarding standing in the ring with part of the foot held above the circle. Brett advised that nothing further needs to happen until Peter Beaumont had formally advised of any changes to the rule.

Coaches report:

Kenny May tabled a detailed report concerning the recent ISC event held at Prospect PC. See Appendix A

Trans-Tasman update:

Having seen the recent PFA newsletter saying the Trans-Tas selection was nearly ready to be announced, Kenny asked coach Michael Lacasse what the criteria was and who was involved.

His answer via email follows:

"I decided with the board's approval to select a small selection panel for this event. Experience with the Trans Tasman selection has taught me that having an all state coaches on the selection panel can cause certain issues.

I will certainly keep you and others in mind for the next selection panel.

I will be organising a meeting with all state coaches in the coming weeks once our coaching program is finalised and ready to be rolled out.

As for the selection update, we aim to notify all players by the end of October."

As per above email, no input from SA for the Trans-Tasman competition next year.

Coaching courses:

Once the coaching program is rolled out, Kenny will be organising a level 1 course, hopefully before the end of the year.

List of SA coaches:

Both SAPL and PA websites require their lists of coaches to be updated, to reflect the list Kenny gave at our last meeting plus David Willis as Gawler club Level 1 coach and also the sad loss of Stan Wilson.

Kenny also presented the correct list of current coaches in SA, and requested that David Willis be included in the following list as a coach.

SAPL change the website to record this list, including David Willis's inclusion;

PFA Level 1 – Gavin Scott, Dirk Seret, Jean May, David Willis and Gary Hosie (inactive)

PFA Level 2 – Kenny May

PFA Level 3 – Glenis Wilson

International N1 – Adrian Clements

International N2 – Tim Whelan (inactive) and Guy Detot (inactive)

Tournament Director's Report:

Anthony reported that there had been 3 events since the last meeting, and that all had gone well.

He reported that registrations for the upcoming State Doubles were lower than expected, so far, but there was still time before registrations close.

Gavin Scott raised the possibility of SAPL and member clubs using the MyPetanque website to register players for their events, as this would create more visibility of the events and help to inform player rankings, as happens in other states.

Anthony recommended that SAPL start using the site for state championships and encourage its use by member clubs for their events. There were no objections.

PFA/PA:

No matters raised.

Any Other Business:

- NFP return and Requirements

Ross Coleman raised Gavin Scott's suggestion that all clubs should be made aware of their ATO requirements as a Not For Profit organisation with an ABN to lodge an annual return. Ross offered to send all clubs the information sheet for them to become aware of their obligations, if they weren't already aware.

- Event catering meal cost to players

There was a brief discussion that suggested the 'traditional' \$10 per head for an event lunch per player was no longer sustainable in these times of escalating costs, particularly if a club wants/needs to deliver quality catering to the players while also providing scope to the club to earn some profit to go toward club running costs. Ross suggested, as it already was the case with a few clubs, that clubs could increase the lunch price (to e.g., \$15/head) and that no one would likely have an issue with it.

- Women's Championships

Anthony reported feedback suggesting that the State Triples should have a separate Women's Championship. He noted that a shortage of numbers had prevented us from running a Women's Triples for quite some years, but commented that the gender imbalance in our community had decreased recently with more women now playing. He stated that there would need to be heavy promotion within the clubs to encourage more female players to experience and enjoy such an event and that the level of support for the upcoming Women's Doubles Championship would give us a better idea of how viable the suggestion is.

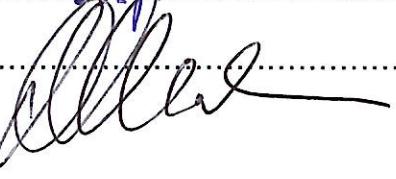
Next Meeting and Close:

The next meeting is scheduled for 7.00pm at Eastern Suburbs Petanque Club on Thursday 11th December 2025.

The meeting was closed at 12.55pm

Signed:

President  Date 11/12/25

Secretary  Date 11/12/25

Appendix A – Interstate Challenge 2025, Coaches reports

ISC report from Kenny May

Our ISC campaign ultimately ended in disappointment,

Although the practice sessions up to and including the competition itself were hampered by injuries and illness, I believed that right up to the final selections were made, that we had the makings of two good teams who were capable of 1st and 2nd places and morale was in a reasonable place.

However, in the last two weeks prior to the comp, for whatever reasons, a spark seemed to be missing and that carried into the competition weekend.

Team Lightning, in spite of great encouragement from Dirk, had an indifferent weekend with wins against top opposition followed by losses to lesser teams, but with everyone giving their best.

Thunder had a poor Saturday but came back strongly on Sunday to get within a whisker of the final. Alas, the losses on day one proved to be our downfall.

Ha, Brian and Jean were the top performers for SA with 6, 6 & 7 wins respectively each from 9 games with Craig winning all his games on Sunday.

Thanks to all players for their efforts throughout.

Snapshot of all SA ISC scores follows in the tables below.

Many thanks to Dirk for his unwavering support throughout the campaign.

Pts	Rd 1 V SA LIGHTNING	SCORE		Rd 1 V SA THUNDER	SCORE	Pts
0	NATHAN HA VAN	5-7		GAVIN MELISSA TERRY	7-5	3
3	JEAN BRIAN TINA	11-8		DEB C DEB R CRAIG	8-11	0
	Rd 2 V PFA			Rd 2 V WA GOLD		
0	NATHAN BRIAN VAN	7-8		GAVIN GRAIG TERRY	0-13	0
3	JEAN HA TINA	13-1		MIRIAM DEB C DEB R	13-5	3
	Rd 3 V NSW D BLUE			Rd 3 WA BLACK		
0	VAN HA	7-13		GAVIN MELISSA	11-10	3
0	NATHAN HAEJUNG	5-9		DEB R CRAIG	6-10	0
3	JEAN BRIAN	8-6		DEB C TERRY	8-10	0
	Rd 4 V VIC BLUE			Rd 4 V PFA		
3	NATHAN HA VAN	12-11		GAVIN TERRY MIRIAM	6-10	0
0	JEAN TINA BRIAN	5-8		DEB C DEB R CRAIG	7-9	0
	Rd 5 V VIC WHITE			Rd 5 V NSW D BLUE		
3	NATHAN BRIAN VAN	10-5		DEB R DEB C MELISSA	4-7	0
3	JEAN HA HAEJUNG	13-3		GAVIN CRAIG TERRY	11-6	3
	Rd 6 V NSW L BLUE			Rs 6 V VIC BLUE		
3	NATHAN HAEJUNG	10-5		GAVIN MELISSA	6-11	0
3	VAN HA	13-3		DEB C TERRY	4-11	0
3	JEAN BRIAN	8-7		DEB R CRAIG	8-6	3
	Rd 7 V TAS			Rd 7 V VIC WHITE		
3	JEAN BRIAN TINA	8-7		GAVIN TERRY MELISSA	7-8	0
3	HA VAN NATHAN	13-0		CRAIG DEB C DEB R	7-5	3
	Rd 8 V WA BLACK			Rd 8 V NSW L BLUE		
3	JEAN HA HAEJUNG	13-5		GAVIN CRAIG TERRY	11-6	3
3	BRIAN NATHAN VAN	13-0		DEB C DEB R MIRIAM	6-10	0
	Rd 9 V WA GOLD			Rd 9 V TAS		
0	JEAN BRIAN	8-13		GAVIN MELISSA	4-8	0
0	HA VAN	9-10		TERRY DEB C	13-8	3
0	NATHAN TINA	0-13		CRAIG DEB R	13-8	3
39						27

Wins				
NATHAN	5/9		GAVIN	4/9
VAN	5/9		TERRY	4/9
BRIAN	6/9		CRAIG	5/9
JEAN	7/9		MELISSA	3/6
HA	6/9		DEB R	4/9
HAEJUNG	3/4		DEB C	3/9
TINA	3/5		MIRIAM	1/3

ISC report from Dirk Seret

Thank you for the opportunity to assist you with the coaching of the ISC 2025. It was an interesting experience and one which I enjoyed. Of course it would have been nice to have played both teams in the final, but that is life and all SA state representatives did their utmost best, which is commendable. In hindsight it is easy to say we could have done different, but I have no regret of the decisions I (we) made. The game of petanque is a lot of practice and that is easy to do, but the coping, handling and inspiring of the participants (team members) is a different 'boule'-game and takes a lot of patience. This aspect is something which comes with experience and feel that this assistant coaching made me more resilient and look forward to do it all again if required.

Cheers,
Dirk