

South Australian Pétanque League (SAPL) Inc.
Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Saturday 11th December 2025
7.00pm at Eastern Suburbs Petanque Club

Attendees:

Anthony Pietsch (President) AHPC
Tina Stockley (Vice President) CPA
Brett Williams (State Umpire Manager)
Ken Medhurst (Treasurer)
Pierre Geslin ESP

Ross Coleman (Secretary)
Kenny May (State Coach Manager)
Justin Smith NGPC,
Christine O'Sullivan NGPC
Terry Hall FAB

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 7.00pm

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Allan Sanderson (Public Officer), Gavin Scott PPC, Colin Hill GPC, Lorraine Hautop GPC, Deb Rodda ESP, Craig Stewart ESP, Guy Detot, and Mal Redman CPC.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting (18/10/25) had been circulated to all clubs. Terry Hall proposed that they be accepted as a true and accurate record. This was seconded by Kenny May 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 the updated draft of the revised hot weather policy. Anthony proposed one further slight wording alteration and Tina Stockley moved that the policy be adopted with the amended wording and this was seconded by Justin Smith. The motion was carried unanimously.

Anthony is to get a finalised copy of the policy to the Secretary for inclusion with the minutes (*see Appendix A*). Pierre Geslin to update the SAPL website with the revised policy.

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 Medhurst had previously circulated via email to the committee a copy of the financial report for the period 01/10/25 – 31/12/25 (assuming no further transactions for the remainder of the month).

The summary of the results for the period reported by Ken was;

- Net Income \$1,680
- Net surplus \$210
- Bank balance \$9,538.42

Ken moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted and this was seconded by Justin Smith. The motion was carried unanimously.

Umpires Report

Brett advised that there was nothing new to report, except that there was a lack of accredited club umpires and that there is a need to carry out accreditation courses to gain more umpires.

He also advised that to date there was no further information regarding the updated rules expected to be issued soon by the FIPJP.

Coaches report:

Kenny May reported that he had had a discussion with Roger Maddern (PA President) regarding SA's general exclusion from the team selection process for the Trans-Tasman and he was told that his concerns would be taken into consideration by PA for future team selection processes.

Kenny also advised that a new PowerPoint presentation was coming from PA in respect of an upgraded coaching course. Once received, Kenny will organize a Level 1 course, hopefully early in the new year.

Tournament Director's Report:

Anthony reported that there had been two events since the last meeting.

Regarding the State Doubles, the number of competitors in the Open has remained steady but he expressed disappointment and concern that only 6 teams participated in the Women's event. Despite a general improvement in the women to men player ratio in recent years, this was the first time since 2019 that the number had fallen below 9 women's teams.

In contrast, Round 3 of the Interclub competition had an excellent registration of 32 teams – the best turnout we've had for 18 months.

Anthony suggested that the poor turnout in Women's Doubles meant it was unlikely that a separate women's competition would be viable for the State Triples, coming up in March. Tina mentioned that the timing (i.e., not long before the Easter Nationals) would make a March event an ideal preparation for any SA women's teams competing in the Triples at Easter. Therefore, it was agreed that we should do what we can to try to make it possible.

PFA/PA:

Anthony reported that ESP had successfully used MyPetanque to take registrations for their recent Dingo Cup event. He confirmed that MyPetanque would also be used by SAPL for state championships from now on, as discussed at the previous meeting.

Any Other Business:

- Event catering meal cost to players

Anthony mentioned an email he had received from Colin Hill (GPC) raising the concern by several of his members about the lunch cost of \$20 charged by NGPC at the recent Interclub event. Justin Smith (NGPC) was prompt to advise the committee that the charge was meant to be \$15 per head and that an unintended administration error by their club resulted in the \$20/head charge before it was too late to change, and that their club extended its apology to all clubs and their members for the error.

Anthony is to email Colin with the explanation and positive outcome from the matter being raised with NGPC.

- Team Capacity Policy

Anthony noted that the last Interclub round had 32 teams whereas the next round is at Stirling which has a capacity of 30 teams. We therefore need to be prepared to deal with the possibility that we may get more entries than we can accommodate. An interim Capacity Policy tabled a couple of years ago (SAPL, 2/2/23) was supposed to be further developed but that never happened because the numbers started to decline. Now it has become a matter of urgency.

The interim policy was that all clubs be limited to a maximum of six teams if the host venue's capacity is exceeded. However, under the current circumstances, that could result in more teams being excluded than is necessary. Therefore, Anthony proposed an alternative idea to avoid this.

The proposed approach is that we only remove as many teams from the list as is required to meet the capacity. One or more clubs might be asked to withdraw teams, starting with those that have the most entries. If it comes to a point where several clubs have the same number but only one or two reductions are required then we would follow a first-come-first-served basis as a 'tie-breaker'. That is, the last of these clubs to register their teams would be the first to reduce, and so on. After a brief discussion, the committee agreed to following this approach for the time being. Prior to the next meeting, Anthony will draft a written version of the policy to be formally adopted or further refined.

- State Shooting Competition

Anthony reminded delegates that the State Shooting Championship is scheduled for Sunday February 1, 2026. After some discussion, it was decided that it will be held at CPA.

Ross will prepare an SAPL notice to all clubs for them to organise and promote their own internal tryout sessions for their members to qualify.

(Note: This was circulated to the committee on 14th December 2025)

- Boule Register

Anthony acknowledged and encouraged clubs to promote to their members the online Boule Register that Pierre has set up to assist players with an effective boule ID facility to track lost (or found) boules.

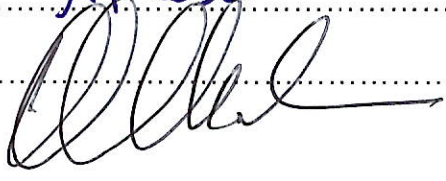
Next Meeting and Close:

The next meeting is scheduled for 7.00pm at Prospect Petanque Club on Thursday 22nd January 2026.

The meeting was closed at 8.45pm

Signed:

President  Date 22/1/26

Secretary  Date 22/1/26