

South Australian Pétanque League (SAPL) Inc.
Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Saturday 14th March 2026
10.00am at Eastern Suburbs Petanque Club

Attendees:

Anthony Pietsch (President) AHPC
Tina Stockley (Vice President) CPA
Brett Williams (Umpire Manager)
Craig Stewart ESP
Pierre Geslin ESP

Ross Coleman (Secretary)
Ken Medhurst (Treasurer)
Gavin Scott PPC
Colin Hill GPC
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 10.00am

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Allan Sanderson (Public Officer), Terry Hall (FAB), Justin Smith NGPC, Christine O'Sullivan (NGPC), Lorraine Hautop (GPC), Guy Detot and Mal Redman (CPC).

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting (22/01/26) had been circulated to all clubs. Colin Hill proposed that they be accepted as a true and accurate record. This was seconded by Deb Rodda and was carried unanimously. The President and Secretary signed and dated the minutes, for them to be posted on the SAPL Website.

Business arising:

- 1) Anthony explained the revised Team Capacity Policy to accept a bye to maximise the number of teams. Anthony Pietsch moved that the finalized policy be adopted and the motion was seconded by Tina Stockley. The motion was unanimously passed.
- 2) Pierre Geslin reported that the offered web hosting system is still being investigated with the company and the review is not yet complete so he cannot yet form an opinion for its suitability for SAPL. Because Pierre is not as yet able to fully understand the system the review process he has advised that it is to be considered a work in progress.
- 3) Ross advised that the manpower requirements list had only just been received by SAPL from NGPC and that a manpower schedule had been prepared ready for emailing out to all clubs to commence the process of gaining club member support to ensure there was adequate manpower to run and manage the Nationals event. Ross tabled the draft schedule that was to be sent out, and it was clear that some clubs had already started getting the word out to their members.

Treasurer's Report:

Ken Medhurst advised that he would not table a financial report because was still waiting on some March expenses and income from State Triples and Round 5 of Interclub (league). He advised the bank balance currently stood at \$9,336.27.

Umpires Report

Brett advised that there was nothing new to report, except the recent running of the State Shooting which had minimal attendance.

Coaches report:

Anthony formally advised that Kenny May had resigned as SA State Coaching Manager and that he would send out a request email to all the current PFA licensed coaches in SA to register their expression of interest in nominating for the position. Given the general urgency with the planning for the ISC in August to get underway ASAP, it was proposed that a one week deadline would be advised to the recipients so that the committee could vote on the nominations via email.

Anthony did note that Glenis Wilson and Gavin Scott had both already indicated their interest in nominating for the position.

Tournament Director's Report:

- 1) Anthony reported that, for various reasons, only 4 of the 7 players who qualified for the State Shooting Competition showed up at the scheduled event at CPA. Van Nguyen was the only one to register a national qualifying score and was crowned the SA State Shooting Champion.
- 2) It was reported that the State Triples Championship had been cancelled due to the poor and potentially dangerous weather forecast for the day. The event has now been rescheduled for 21st June 2026 at Eastern Suburbs Petanque Club. Anthony noted that the initial registrations for the event were solid, with 10 women's teams registered for what would have been the first State Women's Triples for 18 years. Overall, there were 36 female players and 30 men! Anthony thanked Tina for her efforts to promote the Women's event, resulting in this exceptional turnout. It is hoped that a similar number will attend the rescheduled event.

PFA/PA:

Anthony and Gavin explained the reason for the recent PA policy change regarding the fact that National Championships are now to be gender-only.

Any Other Business:

- Deb Rodda advised that the ESP 'Spicy Bites' event date had now changed online.
- Anthony advised that Adrian Clements had offered to assist the new SA State Coach Manager, if requested to do so.

Next Meeting and Close:

The next meeting is scheduled for 7.00pm at Prospect Petanque Club on Thursday 23rd April 2026.

The meeting was closed at 11.05am

Signed:

President  Date. 30/4/2026

Secretary  Date. 30/4/2026