

South Australian Pétanque League (SAPL) Inc.
Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday 30th April 2026
7pm at Prospect Petanque Club

Attendees:

Anthony Pietsch (President) AHPC	Ross Coleman (Secretary)
Tina Stockley (Vice President) CPA (<i>via phone</i>)	Ken Medhurst (Treasurer)
Brett Williams (PPC)	Gavin Scott (Coach manager)
Justin Smith (NGPC)	Terry Hall (FAB)
Deb Rodda (ESP)	Roland Peik (SA Umpire Manager)

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), Colin Hill (GPC), Christine O'Sullivan (NGPC), Craig Stewart (ESP), Pierre Geslin (ESP), Lorraine Hautop (GPC), Guy Detot and Mal Redman (CPC).

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the previous meeting (14/03/26) had been circulated to all clubs. Brett Williams proposed that they be accepted as a true and accurate record. This was seconded by Gavin Scott 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 advised that Gavin Scott was voted by the SAPL Committee via email to be appointed the SA State Coach Manager. He noted that Prospect PC had abstained from voting due to the two nominees for the position being current members at that club.
- 2) Anthony, in Pierre's absence, explained the basic details of the benefits of the offered website management system, and that Pierre was still not sure about changing to it for SAPL. It was agreed that the matter would be held over to the next committee meeting when Pierre could provide any update on his position and recommendations.
- 3) Ross advised that PA had acknowledged acceptance of an offer from NGPC to host the 2027 Nationals, on the condition that SAPL continues with the offer to support NGPC with volunteers to be gained from the SAPL member clubs.
Ross advised that the draft agreement received from PA for PA, SAPL and NGPC had just been received and would be circulated to the clubs.
Justin advised that the support must include the organising of clubs to provide 6-10 volunteers to attend a few working bees during the months leading up to the 2027 Nationals, to maintain the playing area. (e.g. weed control and piste raking).
Justin agreed to provide a program of working bees to SAPL in due course.
- 4) Ross advised that Deb Coleman (AHP Secretary) would be asked to send a copy of a letter of offer that AHP had received from an independent provider of first aid training to ESP and NGPC.

Treasurer's Report:

Ken Medhurst reported the following key financial data to the period ended 31/03/26;

- Bank balance \$9,263.27
- Net surplus \$193.60
- Net equity \$10,081.12

The Treasurer's report was moved by Ken Medhurst to be accepted as a true and correct record of the SAPL's financial position and it was seconded by Justin. The motion was carried unanimously.

Umpires Report

Anthony advised that Brett Williams had vacated the SA State Umpire Manager position to accept the position of National Umpire Manager with Petanque Australia.

He advised that a notice for Expressions of Interest for the position of SA State Umpire Manager was emailed to all PA-registered umpires in SA, and that the only respondent was Roland Peik. Roland was thus appointed to the position of SA State Umpire Manager, unopposed.

Coaches report:

Gavin Scott reported that Michael Lacase was moving back as head of PA's Coaching Commission following the selection of the Men's World Championship team to compete in Khon Kaen in November.

Gavin advised that the listing of registered coaches in SA in both the PA and SAPL websites were incorrect and needed updating.

He advised that there were two PA 'coaching course' manuals and that both were not considered to be adequate enough to offer a level 1 coaching course, however he would continue to review the materials for a clear position to be able to move to offer at least a Level 1 course, ASAP.

Interstate Challenge team(s) selection: Gavin advised that he would soon release an 'Expressions of Interest' (EOI) invitation to the licensed members of SA clubs to seek nominations from players to be selected in the SA team(s) to compete in the ISC in August'26.

Tournament Director's Report:

Anthony reported that only 25 teams participated in Round 5 of the Interclub competition, which was down a bit on expectations.

He advised that to date 27 teams had registered in Round 6 which was coming up on Sunday May 3rd, and that a 10yo first-time player had been registered by GPC and would be warmly welcomed for the event.

PFA/PA:

In a general discussion it was agreed that the communication between PA and the clubs was disappointingly disjointed.

Any Other Business:

- Anthony reported that the planned attendance at the recent 'meetings' with the Office of Recreation, Sport & Racing had been missed because Tina couldn't make it. Ross advised that he was communicating with ORSR to advise that SAPL already had adequate access to 'similar' benefits through its membership of PA.
- Anthony advised that he would be coordinating the (draft) 2026/2027 Calendar for release to clubs in due course. He advised he was waiting on the release of the dates for Trans Tasman 2027 by PA to be able to finalise the draft calendar.

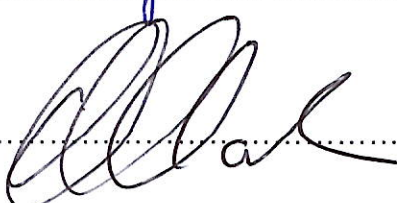
Next Meeting and Close:

The next meeting is scheduled for 10.00am on Saturday 13th June 2026 at Eastern Suburbs Petanque Club.

The meeting was closed at 8.55pm

Signed:

President  Date..... 13/6/26

Secretary  Date..... 13/6/26