

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NEW ZEALAND PETANQUE ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED

held at Club Mt Maunganui, 45 Kawaka St Mt Maunganui,
5.00pm Friday 22nd April 2022

PRESENT:

PNZ Executive: Lorraine Brock (President; Chair), Michael Rocks (Vice President); Barbara Whittington (Secretary), Maryan Kennedy.

Club Representatives: As per attached list; 13 Clubs holding 50 votes, including proxies (42% of total available).

PNZ Members: As per attached list.

APOLOGIES: Brian Smith (Treasurer); Nadine Simpson; June Hiatt; Kem Akers; Robin Johnson. Clubs: Dunedin, Cromwell, Masterton, Gisborne, Southland, HBLT.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Previously distributed; taken as read. Moved as a true and correct record of meeting Lorraine Brock; seconded . Approved.

MATTERS ARISING:

- National Clubs Championships venue. 2023 should be in South Island, but it was agreed that Christchurch should be the venue, and this may be an issue if the Trans Tasman is held in March. Executive will consider the matter.
- Youth - eligibility age changed to 20, and entry fees for Nationals waived (free) as agreed at 2021 AGM

REPORTS:

Executive (President's).

Previously distributed; taken as read. Moved for adoption Lorraine, seconded Jay Newton. Approved unanimously.

Financial Report.

The Financial Statements for the year ended December 2021 had been previously distributed.

The Accounts were moved for adoption Lorraine Brock, seconded Jay newton. Approved unanimously.

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE

Nominations:

- Michael Rocks
- Barbara Whittington
- Brian Smith
- Maryan Kennedy
- Nicola Brock
- Erik Ross

There being no other nominations, the above were declared elected.

Lorraine Brock remained as Chair for the rest of the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Lorraine Brock moved that the membership affiliation fee remain at \$20.00 per person for the 2023 financial year. Seconded Barbara.

Discussion:

Pat O'Shea asked whether PNZ will be able to carry out all its programmes next year so there will be no rebate. Lorraine replied that it will depend on the Covid situation; the Executive will assess the situation closer to invoicing time and decide whether a rebate is appropriate, and amount, if any.

Barry Hunt noted that the amount of the rebate is minimal really, so why bother. Lorraine replied that it may not be much, but it actually has made a difference to whether Clubs continue their affiliation, given that PNZ has been unable to provide "normal" services/functions

Put to the vote and carried unanimously.

REMIT

Michael Rocks proposed that PNZ adopts a Player Clearance system for those wanting to transfer between affiliated Clubs. Seconded Maryan Kennedy.

Comment

Essentially, a player requests a Clearance from their existing club and once agreed their affiliation is transferred to their new club.

The process would ensure that the departure is tidy (no outstanding fees, club equipment is returned etc.), allowing players to move Clubs while ensuring that the former club is not out of pocket.

If this remit is passed, it is proposed that the Executive consider a transfer "deadline" with respect to playing in the National Club Championships of 1 January, in line with PNZ affiliation requirements. This deadline would also apply to new Clubs i.e. a Club would have to be affiliated by 1 January to be eligible to enter a team in that year's National Club Championships.

This would remove the current "12 month" rule for National Club Championships eligibility, while retaining a reasonable period for establishing player commitment to their new Club.

Discussion:

Pat O'Shea asked if this would be a process that happened just between Clubs. Micael replied that the process would be managed by PNZ – each Club involved would have to provide the required documentation to PNZ.

A question was asked whether players would still belong to PNZ "in between" transfer of affiliation. Answer is yes.

Noted that timelines are important – don't want Clubs "sitting" on applications for weeks. Michael replied that a timeframe would be specified in the process documentation. Jean Parley – assume process and forms will be on website? Answer is yes.

Proposal put to the vote and passed unanimously.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Licences

Lorraine advised that licences can still be obtained through PNZ if required; application through website.

National Clubs Championships

- Christine Strichen asked why there had to be 5 Senior teams entered in the Clubs before the Senior Trophy was awarded. Should be awarded even if only if one team is entered, rather than “sitting in a cupboard” for year. Jay Newton supported Christine – Trophy should be awarded to highest place Senior team, even if there is only one entered.

Michael Rocks replied his thinking was round the number of teams required to actually have a competition between teams. It was pointed out that as all teams are playing in the same competition, Senior teams won't necessarily play each other. Michael agreed. It is largely academic as there are now 7 Senior teams entered. But the issue will be kept in mind for next year.

- Arnold Lander asked why there was a requirement to have a minimum number of females in each team, and whether it meant that a Club could enter an all-female team.

Michael replied that real or not, the perception is that men are stronger/better players than women, and the requirement was put in place so that Clubs could not be seen to skew the competition by entering their “best” players who would all be men; and also to encourage more women to compete at national level. And yes, Clubs can enter all-women teams.

PNZ Calendar

- The issue of whether national tournaments should be held on holiday weekends was raised. Many people had experienced difficulty and increased costs getting to and staying in Tauranga this weekend.

Barbara noted that availability and cost of travel and accommodation needs to be balanced against the cost involved for people taking time off work. She noted that several different policies had been tried over the years, including Holiday and non-holiday weekends; holding only in the main centres, the “multi-day” format. None have pleased everyone.

- Several people asked when National events be allocated to Clubs. Lorraine replied that the Executive will be considering this at its next meeting. All suggestions will be considered, so if anyone wants to contact PNZ with proposals they should do so.
- Jean Parley commented that the current number and type of National events have been in place for many years now, and wondered it might be time to consider different formats/ types of competition. She noted a new “4-person team” competition, held over a number of weeks, that is being trialled in Australia. She may look at trying it in Auckland.

Other:

Bethne Rouse thanked the Executive for all the hard work they do to keep PNZ running.

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm

Barbara Whittington
Secretary
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Attendance sheet - Club representatives

Club	Name	Proxy
Bayview	Michael Rocks	
Gisborne	Lorraine Brock (Chair)	Proxy
Christchurch	Pat O'Shea	
Epsom	Ann Shields	
Herne Bay	Robyn Chalmers	
Hibiscus Coast	Jay Newton	
NaeNae	Barbara Whittington	
Tauranga BoP	Bruce Inglis	
Whanganui	Christine Strichen	
Omanu	Chris Murgatroyd	
Hawkes Bay LT	Sharon Cannon	Proxy
Rotorua Petanque Academy	Maryan Kennedy	

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Attendance Sheet – Members