

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 21st April 2023.

PRESENT:

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

Club Representatives: As per attached list; 18 Clubs holding 67 votes, including proxies (52% of total available).

PNZ Members: Bethne Gardner; Sharon Cannon; Ella Harris; Charles Parley; Christine Hide; Charles Deane; Tony Simpson; Yvonne Fletcher.

APOLOGIES: Executive: Nicola Brock; Erik Ross; Brian Smith.

Clubs: Alexandra, Blenheim, Kapiti, Southland, Taieri, Upper Hutt.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

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

MATTERS ARISING:

- Player Transfer process. The form will be on the website soon. Transfers can be done at any time, but if the transferring player wants to play for their new Club at the Club Championships, the transfer must be completed by 31st December of the previous year.
- Venue for Club Championships. 2023 was supposed to be in Christchurch, but not possible due to redevelopment of Christchurch terrains/petanque area. The 2023 Singles and Doubles are scheduled to be in Christchurch, with (hopefully) the redevelopment due to be completed in the next few months. So 2024 Clubs may be in Christchurch.

REPORTS:

Executive (President's).

Previously distributed (and attached); taken as read. Moved for acceptance Bethne Gardner, seconded Barry Hunt. Accepted unanimously.

Financial Report.

The Financial Statements for the year ended December 2022 had been previously distributed. It was noted that there was no Treasurer's report.

Discussion:

- Who/what was Discretionary Grant \$1500 P9 item 5 for? Michael advised that it was to Rotorua Club for youth players travelling to Dunedin for the PNZ Youth Championships. He noted that the same amount will be paid to Dunedin Club this year, for youth players travelling to Rotorua.

- Umpire expenses – amounts on pages 3 (\$1313) & 9 (\$2118) do not tie up - are Workshop expenses (\$804) part of Umpire expenses or not? As Nicola was not present to clarify, Michael will take this up with her/Brian Smith.
- PNZ appears to have \$100,000 in its current account. Shouldn't some of it be in a term deposit, so we are earning some interest? Barbara replied that most of the money is in an interest-bearing savings account. Michael noted that PNZ does need a "contingency fund" for when we host the 2028 Oceania Championships, so we will likely put an amount into a term deposit for this purpose.

Barry Hunt moved that the Financial Statements be accepted subject to clarifications/amendments around Umpiring expenses as noted. Seconded Bethne Gardner. Accepted unanimously. The final Statements will be circulated and ratified at the 2024 AGM.

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE

Nominations:

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

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

Michael noted that the Executive can co-opt members, so if anyone wants to come on board, or knows someone who might be interested, let the Executive know.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Michael Rocks moved that the membership affiliation fee remain at \$20.00 per person for the 2024 financial year. Seconded Barbara Whittington.

Discussion:

Arnold Lander noted that the fee is inexpensive, and asked why the Executive had not proposed increasing it. Michael replied that an increase had been considered, but money is not a limiting factor for PNZ at the moment – people are. So there was no finical reason to increase fees.

Put to the vote and carried unanimously.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Service Awards

Awards were presented to:

- Jean Parley
- Lorraine Brock
- Stefany Frost
- Neville Frost

Michael read the citations, which detailed the huge amount of personal time and effort that these people have contributed to the sport of petanque in New Zealand

Michael noted that petanque does not really celebrate success enough; nominations can be made by anyone, and the forms are on the website.

2. Club Championships

Arnold Lander noted the lower number of entries in this year's Club Champs, and asked if it was time to change the format. Michael Rocks replied that the Executive would be looking at this. In particular, if there are fewer than 14 Clubs entered, it will be run as Doubles on one day and Triples the other; it was too late to do anything about it this year.

3. Other Competitions

Charles Deane wondered if it was an issue that you seemed to be playing against the same people all the time. He suggested that PNZ should have a "super senior" competition, with eligible age say 70 or 75.

Maryan said that to get more "working people" playing rather than retirees, there needs to be night events, and not many Clubs have lights to allow this.

4. Selection Process

Jean Parley noted that there had for many years only been one selection pool (by gender), but last year players had to choose between Open and Senior pools. What was the reason for this? Michael replied that the 2015 "decision" on pools was not formalised, and the restriction on entering selection pools was only for the Trans Tasman, because some senior players thought that being able to be in either pool was double-dipping. The general feeling of the meeting was that players should NOT have to specify on their application form whether they are applying for Senior or Open pool.

Claire Wilson asked if the selection process is going to change, based on Michael Emerson's proposed approach. Michael Rocks replied that PNZ is looking at this, but it will take some time to develop and implement a plan for team development, rather than just selection from a squad.

5. 2023 Women's and Junior World Championships

Christine Strichen asked what was happening with selection for the 2023 Women's and Junior World Champs, scheduled to be held in Thailand in November. Michael noted that while the ASPBC have re-posted information from Thailand, FIPJP have been silent – PNZ does not officially know anything, and NZ has not been invited to participate. However, if information is forthcoming, we will send a Women's team, and based on numbers in Rotorua last weekend, we would be able to, and would look at, sending a Youth team.

The meeting closed at 6.20 pm

Barbara Whittington
Secretary
Petanque New Zealand

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Attendance sheet - Club representatives

Club	Name	Proxy
Bayview	Murray Porter	
Blenheim	(Chair)	Proxy
Christchurch	Pat O'Shea	
Dunedin City	Neville Frost	
Hawkes Bay LT	Barry Hunt	
Hibiscus Coast	Lynnette Gibbs	
Kapiti	Christine Strichen	Proxy
Kennedy Park	Barb Parnell	
NaeNae	Barbara Whittington	
Omanu	Arnold Lander	
Southland	Chair	Proxy
Stanley Bay	Jean Parley	
St Kilda	Merv Wilson	
Rotorua Petanque Academy	Ian Baker	
Taieri	Chair	Proxy
Tauranga BoP	Bruce Inglis	
Whanganui	Claire Wilson	

President's Report

Welcome to the 2023 Petanque NZ Annual General Meeting. It is with some trepidation that I present my report for 2022-23.

After three Covid impacted years, the last few months have felt that we now in the sunlight after a very long time hunkered down in our respective bubbles.

Tournaments

I would like to thank the members of the Horowhenua (Mixed Doubles), Panmure Pioneers (Singles/Doubles), Kapiti (Senior Doubles), Dunedin City (Women's Triples/Triples), Rotorua Academy (Youth Singles/Doubles) and Tauranga (Club) clubs for hosting national tournaments over the last year.

I would also like to thank Herne Bay for hosting the Trans Tasman.

For each of these events, a considerable amount of work goes on in the background and it is testament to the members of the above clubs that everything just magically happens and the players and officials can just concentrate on the tournament.

After a hiatus, the practice of awarding a Championship shirt has been revived and the catch up for those players who missed out is almost complete.

Congratulations to all the championship winners. The results can be found on the website and the video of the championship finals can be found on the PNZ YouTube channel.

Umpiring

A big thank you to Nadine Simpson who took up the challenge to recruit and certify more umpires. Congratulations to all the new umpires and I hope that you are given plenty of opportunities to improve your skills.

Sports Practice Managers

Thank you to Michael Emerson and Stefany Frost who have taken up the Coaching and Tournament Practice Manager roles respectively. Their challenge will be to develop the next generation of coaches and tournament directors.

National Representation

The opening up of the national borders meant that international competition was able to resume.

The lack of international competition and the travel disruption probably meant that the Oceania Championship players felt a little under-prepared. However, as a group they finished second behind Tahiti with two silver medals.

The Trans Tasman team had a slightly longer period of preparation and NZ won both the Open and Senior sections for the first time since 2016.

The representation process is under review with the focus moving from “selecting the next team” to developing teams. Time constraints mean that it won’t happen immediately, but it is hoped to be in place for next year’s Trans Tasman.

Communications

An interim website (www.petanque.nz) has replaced the petanquenz.com website. Over the next few months we hope to cutover to the new Sporty hosted website which offers additional functionality.

Nine newsletters were sent out during the year. Initially labelling them by month was probably a mistake as there is a slight feeling of failure that one couldn't be sent out each month.

Facebook is still used for announcements and photos. With the changes at Twitter, it is likely that the account will be closed. Access to the Instagram account has been lost and so it hasn't been used for several years.

This is one area that the Executive will be looking for help with over the next year.

Executive

First up I would like to thank Nicola Brock for agreeing to stand for the Executive and take over as Treasurer. The rather officious and onerous processes imposed by our bank meant that that transfer from Brian to Nicola took considerably longer than expected. Hopefully, this is now all behind us.

Thank you to Barbara Whittington who continues as Secretary. Next year I think we will have to insist that her holiday breaks are much shorter as it became obvious just how little the Executive knew about various procedures and processes when Barbara wasn't available to answer our questions.

Thank you to Erik Ross for helping out with the Tournaments and providing useful advice and Maryan Kennedy who is trying to revive the club liaison role that used to be done many years ago by Diane Findlay

I would like to thank Brian Smith for all the work that he has done over many years for PNZ. At various times he has been President, Tournament Director, pamphlet and "How to" booklet creator, Ratings Officer, Website Manager and Treasurer.

We wish you all the best in your "retirement" and hope that you will continue to have many more enjoyable games on the petanque terrain.

Finally, thank you to all the players, clubs, officials and members of the New Zealand Petanque fraternity who have provided suggestions, advice, criticism, headaches, friendship and support over the last twelve months.

Michael Rocks
April 2023