

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

held at Christchurch Petanque Club, Hagley Park, Christchurch
5.00pm Friday 19th April 2024.

PRESENT:

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

Club Representatives: As per attached list; 13 Clubs holding 54 votes, including proxies (43% of total available).

PNZ Members: As per attached list, plus Joanne Lippard, Michael Emerson, Ian Baker (apologies for lateness).

APOLOGIES: Executive: Nicola Brock.

Clubs: Wanganui East; Cromwell; Kennedy Park; Hibiscus Coast; Gisborne; Omanu.

Members: Maryon Beer; Warren McConnell.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

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

MATTERS ARISING: None

REPORTS:

Executive (President's).

Previously distributed (and attached); taken as read. Moved for acceptance Michael Rocks, seconded Maryan Kennedy. No discussion. Accepted unanimously.

Financial Report.

The Financial Statements for the year ended December 2023 had been previously distributed.

Discussion:

- Nadine Simpson noted that Umpiring expenses appear in 2 different places. Michael advised that this is because expenses associated with Umpires attending national tournaments are allocated to those tournaments, while general umpiring expenses such as the cost of holding workshops, are allocated to Umpiring. Nadine would like a report of Umpiring expenses for each national tournament; Michael will ask the Treasurer.
- Michael Emerson asked what the Selection process costs were. Michael Rocks said that he was pretty sure they were for the Senior selection process in Dunedin. He will check and confirm to Michael E.
- Barbara Whittington noted that while the accounts show a healthy surplus of funds, this needs to be seen alongside the loss of Sport NZ funding, and the

costs that PNZ will incur in hosting the Oceania Championships in 2027 (or 2029).

Michael Rocks moved that the Financial Statements be approved. Seconded Maryan Kennedy. Approved unanimously.

ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE

Nominations:

- Michael Rocks
- Nicola Brock
- Erik Ross
- Joanne Lippard
- Pamela Jenkins
- Christine Strichen

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

MEMBERSHIP FEES

Michael Rocks moved that the membership affiliation fee remain at \$20.00 per person for the 2025 financial year. Seconded Stefany Frost.

Discussion:

Jean Parley noted that fees should really be looked at, given the loss of Sport NZ funding for the next 4 years at least. Michael noted that despite this, there is no immediate financial reason to increase fees, especially with the level of resistance to even the present low levels of fees, and in the current economic environment.

Michael Emerson noted that the accounts show that income from affiliation fees had doubled in 2023, and asked whether membership has increased significantly? Michael R replied no, income in the previous 2 years had been lower than “normal”, because of the Covid rebates.

Joanne Lippard asked whether she could be given expenditure to date for 2024, to see how things are tracking. Michael R will ask the Treasurer.

Put to the vote and carried unanimously.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Award

Barbara Whittington, who is retiring as Secretary after 25 years, was awarded Life Membership of Petanque New Zealand for her outstanding contribution to petanque and Petanque New Zealand. Michael Rocks presented her with a plaque.

2. Constitution

There was discussion around the review of PNZ and Club constitutions to accord with the new Incorporated Societies Act.

- Michael Emerson asked how people will “agree” to become members of PNZ. Erik said this isn’t too much of an issue – he will get back to Michael to explain how it will work.

- Barbara Whittington noted that she has been re-writing PNZ's Constitution, and it is well advanced, but there are some things that cannot be done until the new Sport Integrity Commission is set up. This is expected by July 2024.
 - Margaret Penny noted that Clubs do not have to become incorporated societies, and asked whether PNZ will require this. Barbara Whittington replied no, the membership structure of PNZ will not change – the members of PNZ are individuals, not Clubs. Individuals become members of PNZ by joining an Affiliated Club. It was done this way precisely because some Clubs are not stand-alone groups – e.g. are adjuncts of Bowling Clubs or Cossie Clubs, and cannot easily be incorporated.
 - Michael Emerson asked about communication with Clubs on this issue. Michael Rocks said that it has been in the Newsletter. But maybe it is time to be more specific, put in some timelines, include Regional Bodies. The new Executive will look at this.
 - Michael Emerson noted that the timeframe is important – PNZ's new Constitution needs to be adopted at the 2025 AGM at the latest, if Clubs are to follow and be able to re-register before April 2026. Agreed
3. **Sport New Zealand funding.** Margaret Penny said that if the lack of youth members was a reason for the loss of funding, should PNZ look at aligning with "Kids Can" and encouraging Clubs to include and coach disabled kids. Michael Rocks replied that this is certainly something Clubs could be looking at, along with other ways a Club can engage with its community, but it is a Club decision and PNZ can only encourage it. Also, while Sport NZ may have said it's focus is on young people (under 18's) and PNZ doesn't have many, it's unlikely that this is really the main reason for cutting funding – more to do with general cost cutting in the public service. Barbara noted that PNZ will still have access to Sport NZ services and resources – just not money!
 4. **Over 85's** – Stefany asked whether thought had been given to waiving affiliation fees for this group. Michael replies that this is something for the new Executive to consider.
 5. Stefany raised the issue of new Clubs that choose not to affiliate to PNZ; there are several in the lower South Island. They mainly can't see any reason to join – what do they get for their \$20? Joanne asked what it is that these Clubs want/expect from PNZ. No-one really knew. Michael Rocks said how PNZ adds value to Clubs is an issue for the Executive to consider.
 6. Stefany noted that there has been a resurgence in interest in petanque over the last few months – Dunedin Clubs are getting more enquiries, more new members. Michael Emerson said this is also happening in Auckland, with more "social" members in particular.
 7. Marilyn Bunce thanked Michael Rocks for doing the PNZ Newsletter, which is really good and much appreciated.

8. Michael Rocks noted that PNZ is considering changing its logo, and handed out examples of possible new ones for feedback. He will also put it in the Newsletter.
9. Stefany proposed a vote of thanks to the outgoing Executive for all their hard work over the year.

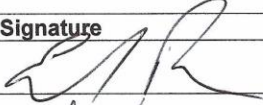

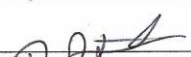
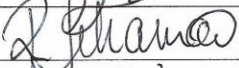
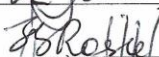
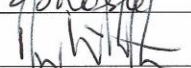
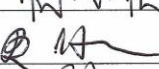
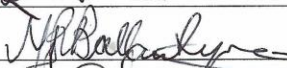
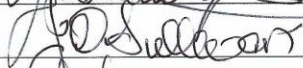
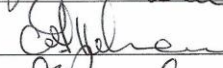
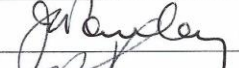

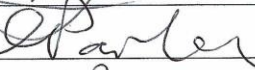
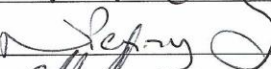
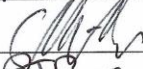

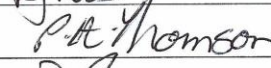
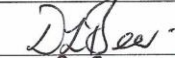

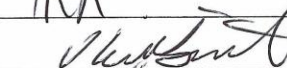
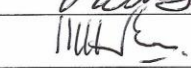
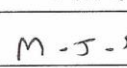
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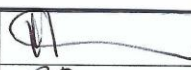
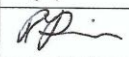
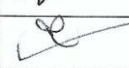
Barbara Whittington
Secretary
Petanque New Zealand

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Attendance Sheet - Members

Name	Signature	Club
ERIK ROSS		DCP
Sheryl Clark		Southland
Jill Morton		Southland
Robbie Lhaman		Tairāwhiti
Toi Rosie		Tairāwhiti
Roger Hamilton		Alexandra
Bernice Hamilton		Alexandra
Yvonne Ballantyne		Excelsior
Jenny O'Sullivan		Excelsior
Colleen McEwen		Excelsior
Jean Parley		Stanley Bay
Nadine Simpson		DCP
Charles Parley		Stanley Bay
Margaret Penny		proxy for Northcote
Graeme Muller		Ashburton
Robyn Ross		Tairāwhiti
Trish Thomson		Tairāwhiti
David Beer		Christchurch
Ian Roberts		H.B.P.C.
Virginia Kirk-Smith		HBPC
Michael Emerson		HBPC
Matthew Scott	M-J-S	DCP
Jackson Gallagher		DCP

Mary Wilson		DCP
Robyn Hannes		DCP
Dianna Lindsay		DCP

President's Report

Looking back over the last year there is a mixture of satisfaction for things that have gone well and disappointment for those good intentions of 12 months ago that didn't progress.

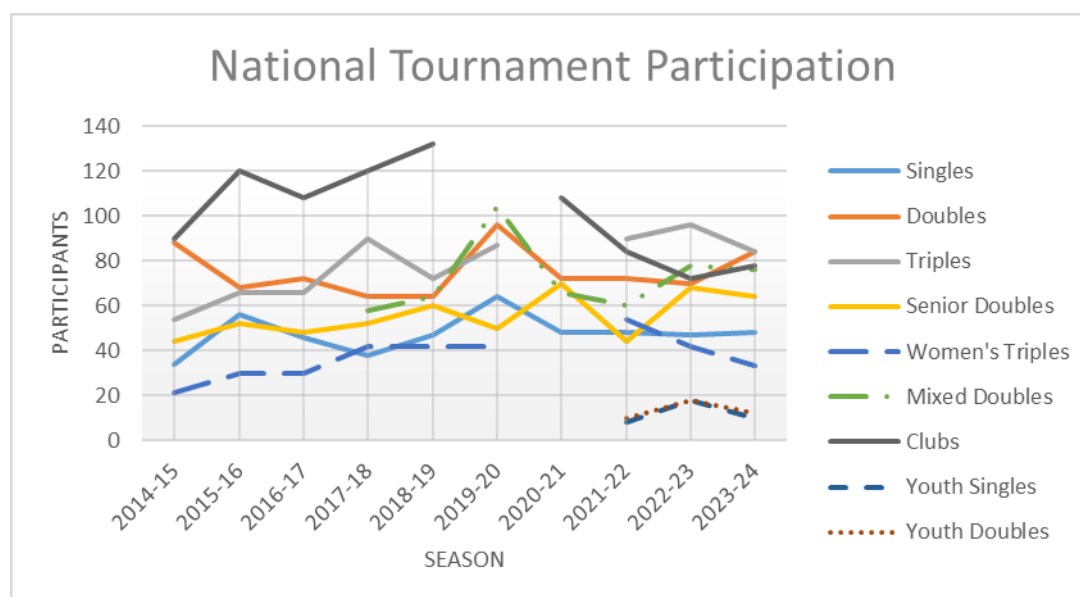
National Tournaments

I would like to thank the members of the Christchurch (Singles/Doubles and Club Championships), Dunedin City (Senior Doubles, Youth Singles/Doubles Championships), Herne Bay (Women's Triples/Triples Championships) and Horowhenua (Mixed Doubles Championship) for hosting our National Championships.

Hosting a national championship is no small undertaking and you have our appreciation for making the events a success.

In general, our ability to "run" a National Tournament is good. PNZ finds a host club, some Umpires, a Tournament Director, sends out entry forms and awards prizes. The results appear on the website, some photos are posted to Facebook and a video appears on the YouTube channel. Job done.

The below chart show tournament participation over the last 10 years. With the exception of the Women's Triples and the Club Championships, entry numbers have improved since the Covid lockdowns of 2019 and 2020.



Can we do better? I think so. From the Treasurer's report we can see that there is a shortfall between Tournament income and Expenditure. So at the very least this will form part of the review by the new Executive.

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.

Thank you to all the tournament participants, be it players, umpires, tournament directors, club hosts and supporters. Without your support, there wouldn't be a tournament.

Umpiring

A big thank you to Nadine Simpson, National Umpire Manager, who has trained, encouraged and cajoled more players into Umpiring.

We now have 6 Umpires at Level 3 or above (National & Confederation) and another 12 at Level 2 (Regional). The aim is to have enough suitably qualified umpires in each of the four areas (Upper North, Lower North, Upper South and Lower South) to preside at the National events in their area.

Coaching

When most players think about coaching, they think of someone coaching them, rather than becoming a coach themselves. This is one area where we have not made similar progress as Umpiring.

I would like to thank Michael Emerson for stepping in first as a National Coach when international play resumed in late 2022 and then becoming National Coaching Manager. Unfortunately, Michael is unable to continue in that role and has resigned.

Tournament Directing

Stefany Frost completed her round of TD training in Auckland earlier in the year having previously run workshops in Wellington and the South Island. The focus will now be on developing Tournaments Directors to take on running National Championships.

Representation

The last 12 months has seen NZ teams competing at the Oceania Championship in New Caledonia with Naomi Paulo winning Gold in the Women's Pointing and Tom Paulo Silver in the Men's Pointing. Joanne Lippard and Tanel Vahk both finished fourth in the Shooting on countback. The Men's Triples also finished fourth.

The Trans Tasman was held at the Subiaco club in Perth. This was the first time the match has been held in Western Australia and the location definitely reduced the numbers available for the team selection. Despite a few hiccoughs, we managed to get 24 players on the terrain. While Australia won both matches, it is hoped that the experience will encourage the new players to develop their skills for the next match in Christchurch.

A major change to the representation process was unveiled in July with the Women's Triples, National Triples and Mixed Doubles being used to select teams for the Oceania and Women's and Men's World Championships.

The Trans Tasman team selection, at least for the Open team, is still a work in progress after the proposed inter Island match was cancelled.

Executive

The Executive held 8 online meetings and one in-person meeting during the year. I would like to thank the Executive for their work over the last year.

In particular, I would like to thank Barbara Whittington, who was elected Secretary at the 1999 AGM in Park Avenue. I very much doubt that she expected to be still in that role in 2024. Barbara is stepping down as Secretary, although she will still be available to help her replacement. This year, she finally be able to go on holiday without PNZ hanging over her shoulder.

It took much longer than expected, but Nicola Brock now has full rights to operate our bank account. Hopefully, the process to add new account operators will go more smoothly.

Maryan Kennedy is also finishing up on the Executive. I would like to thank her for her support and her alternative views. Thank you also to Erik Ross for providing a Southern voice.

Sport NZ Grant

In a move that is probably related to the Government's cost cutting drive, Sport NZ has advised that Petanque NZ will not receive a grant for the next 4-year Investment cycle (2024-2028). For the last few years the grant has been \$10,000 per annum. As a consequence, the new Executive will be taking a good look at both the Association's income and expenditure.

We have received two other grants in the last year, a one-off payment for Covid disruption and the final Sports Integrity grant. The new Integrity Sport and Recreation Commission is expected to up and running by 1 July 2024 and the grant is to help us to determine how to adopt the Sport Integrity Code.

From the Sport and Recreation Integrity Transition Programme website:

The code is intended to provide clarity for organisations and individuals as to what standards of behaviour are acceptable, what is not, and what must be done when potential integrity breaches occur.

The code is intended to form the cornerstone of the sector's integrity system. It will be designed to ensure participants (including athletes) are protected, and will be focussed on harm prevention. The code will set clear minimum standards for integrity that are founded on fundamental human rights. It is also intended to be a mechanism for holding individuals and organisations to account when they fail to meet those standards.

In Conclusion

Once again, I would like to thank 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 2024