

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

**held at Horowhenua Petanque Club, Levin,  
5.00pm Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2025.**

**PRESENT:**

**PNZ Executive:** Michael Rocks (President; Chair), Christine Strichen,  
Joanne Lippard (Secretary) and Pamela Jenkins – from 5.30pm.

**Club Representatives:** As per attached list; 12 Clubs present holding 50/122 votes,  
with proxies 62/122 votes (51% of total available).

**PNZ Members:** As per attached list

**APOLOGIES: Executive:** Nicola Brock, Treasurer

**Clubs:** Masterton Petanque, Northcote petanque, Stanley Bay,  
Gisborne

**Members:** Graeme Morris (Masterton), Murray Porter (Bay View)

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:**

Previously distributed; taken as read.

Motion moved to accept minutes as a true and accurate correct record of meeting by  
Michael Rocks, seconded Claire Bradburn.

**Motion Carried.**

**MATTERS ARISING:**

Item 4 – in general business – Affiliation fees over 85s

Item 5 – added value of coaching, rules

**REPORTS:**

**Financial Report.**

The Financial Statement for year ended December 2024 had been previously  
distributed to clubs.

Discussion:

- Claire Bradburn noted cost of affiliation fees for Oceania. President advised these fees are paid every 2<sup>nd</sup> year.
- No further discussion
- Motion moved to accept financial statement December 2024. Approved unanimously.

**Motion Carried.**

**Executive (President's).**

Previously distributed (and attached); taken as read.

Claire Bradburn – what is happening with Coaching and are there plans to work with Petanque Australia?

Michael Rocks advised that discussions resumed (after several years) around developing coaches across NZ and Australia.

No further discussion. Approved unanimously.

**Motion Carried.****ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE**

6 positions available

5 existing members of Exec have agreed to re-stand

No other nominations presented

**Existing Nominations:**

- Michael Rocks (President)
- Nicola Brock (Treasurer)
- Joanne Lippard (Secretary)
- Pamela Jenkins
- Christine Strichen
- Vacant

Michael Emerson – Herne Bay: Advised that the clubs must elect the President, secretary and Treasurer in accordance with the 7.2.2 of the constitution (page 10, April 2018)

President: Advised that this ruling was in a previous constitution, it now states that Exec. members shall be elected by the AGM under rule 7.3 (the process of election).

Stefany Frost – Dunedin City: Advised this was wrong and election of roles on the Executive shouldn't be in-house; members should vote.

Noted by other members present that the existing members have chosen to re-stand and their roles within the Exec are known. Should there be two or more people vying for the same role, then this is when the vote is brought to members at the AGM.

President noted that the constitution is being updated and either option can be put to all clubs to consider, then included in the updated constitution.

President moved motion that the 5 existing members be appointed. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robin Johnson

**Approved** by all, except,

**Against:** Herne Bay, Dunedin City and Christchurch clubs

**Motion carried**

## CONSTITUTION

PNZ has until March 2026 to re-write the constitution in accordance with requirements under the new Incorporated Societies Act 2022,

Barbara Whittington (then secretary) in 2023 re-wrote this and it is currently undergoing legal review.

The aim is to distribute this draft to clubs for consultation in May/June and then convene a special general meeting in September /October 2025 to adopt the constitution.

- Michael Emerson asked if regional electees (executives for regions) have been considered in the re-write?

President noted that regions under the constitution are not recognised. 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.

Stefany Frost asked if regional members should attend Executive meetings?

President noted that regions are not recognised in the constitution (and clubs affiliated)

## AFFILIATION FEES

Affiliation fees to remain at \$20 per person and includes everyone over 18 years and over. Motion to move this into effect from 31/12/2025

Motion moved to accept \$20 affiliation fees for 18years and older by Michael Emerson (Herne Bay), seconded Linda Ingles (Tauranga)

**Motion Carried.**

## GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Oceania – Mary-Ann Kennedy:

- a. What is the qualifying process for Oceania
- b. When and why does NZ host Oceania at a very high cost
- c. Could this funding commitment for Oceania be better used to financially support players representing NZ overseas?

The qualifying process for Oceania is documented on the website as the top 4 ranked triples teams at the previous National triples are invited to attend Oceania in rank order. A letter to these ranked teams for 2025 Oceania in Wallis and Fortuna has gone out.

The male team have a world championship qualifying play off, run in parallel with Oceania – There are two places in Oceania for men's world champs (plus automatic qualification for any male team that finishes in the top 24 of the previous world champs) – unfortunately none of the Oceania nations finished in the top 24.

Currently, there is no qualification for the women's or youth world championships

The current selection process in NZ states that should the male team qualify to attend the world championships in the play offs (at Oceania) the same team automatically get first refusal to attend the mens world champs in the next year.

Should this team decline this offer, then it is the highest ranked male triples team at the national triples in the same year as the worlds (i.e. 2026)

Hosting Oceania in NZ occurs per the agreed 12year rotation cycle. NZ is scheduled to host Oceania in 2027 (if Vanuatu decline to) or 2029

An estimated budget of \$70k is currently earmarked by PNZ to cover hosting Oceania. In previous host years, PNZ and the host club has successfully secured sponsorship to off set some costs. We will be doing the same next time.

Funding players to represent NZ - Joanne Lippard (secretary) advised that a review of costs for international representation, including player contributions, uniforms and disbursements identified an average total cost to PNZ of \$10-15k per event.

The income amount to PNZ is around \$30k per annum. Therefore multiple international events such as trans-Tasman (in Australia), Oceania and world championships all falling in the same year is not financially sustainable for PNZ.

The Exec is looking into this for future years.

2. Linda Ingles – the current selection process whereby camps on Mondays after a weekend tournament are costly and not ideal, given players are fatigued, and selection seems to rely on this one-day performance.
  - a. Could PNZ re-look at this and consider selectors again or use the ranking system instead?

It was noted that anyone keen to trial to represent NZ should be prepared to commit to the process.

And noted that a one-day event does not achieve the desired goal of achieving consistently high performing and in-form players representing NZ.

President noted that the Exec is meeting in May to look at a strategic plan for PNZ – coaching and selection will form part of this plan.

3. Claire Bradburn – Why did we not send youth players to the world championships?
  - a. President corrected the view that youth is 16 years and younger (some thought it was 18 years, and NZ didn't have an eligible team.
4. President – do we consider moving the AGM to the Saturday after play at the National Triples instead of the club championships?
  - a. PNZ to send out survey vote to clubs on this

Stefany noted that there has been a resurgence in interest in petanque over the last few months – Dunedin Clubs have a group of youth players very committed to playing.

The meeting closed at 6.15pm.

Joanne Lippard  
Secretary  
Petanque New Zealand

## Petanque New Zealand AGM 2024

### Attendance sheet - Club representatives

Name	Club	Proxy for (Club)
Michael Rocks	Chair/Bayview	Gisborne, Naenae, Northcote
Christine Strichen	Whanganui	
Maryan Kennedy-Vigus	Herne Bay	
Ian Baker	Herne Bay	
Michael Emerson	Herne Bay	Club Rep
Sharon Cannon	Bay View	Club Rep
Shirley Macdonald	Otaki	Club Rep
Linley Wistrand	Otaki	
Claire Wilson	Whanganui	Club Rep
Denise Bramwell	Horowhenua	
John Galbraith	Horowhenua	
Denys Aston	Horowhenua	Club Rep
Gavin Jones	Horowhenua	
Marie Jones	Horowhenua	
Nadine Simpson	Dunedin City	
Stefany Frost	Dunedin City	Club Rep
Neville Frost	Dunedin City	
Robin Johnson	HBLTS	Club Rep
Barbara Ward	HBLTS	
Christine Daykin	Manawhatu	Club Rep
Judith Smith	Manawhatu	

Kevin McFadgen	Kapiti	Club Rep
Linda Inglis	Tauranga/BOP	
Lynne Morrison	Tauranga/BOP	
Bruce Inglis	Tauranga/BOP	Club Rep
Mervyn Wilson	Dunedin City	
Claire Bradburn	Silverstream	Club Rep and proxy for Masterton
Apologies		
	Ashburton	
	Christchurch	
	Masterton	
	Northcote	
	Gisborne	
	Naenae	