

# 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 17<sup>th</sup> April 2026

## PRESENT:

**PNZ Executive:** Michael Rocks (President; Chair), Christine Strichen, Nicola Brock (Treasurer), Joanne Lippard (Secretary)

Pamela Jenkins – stood down in November 2025

**Club Representatives:** A Quorum for the AGM is the presence of delegates who have at least 25% of voting rights (total votes = 125 and 25% = 32 votes)

There were 12 Delegates and one proxy holder representing clubs holding 60 votes, 48% of voting rights

**PNZ Members:** As per attached list

**APOLOGIES: Executive:** None

**Clubs:** Kennedy Park, Northcote, Silverstream, Masterton, Ashburton

**Members:** none advised

## 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 Jacques Calvo, Jay Newton

**Motion Carried.**

Previously distributed minutes of SGM, held in September to approve the renewed Constitution.

Accepted by John Carter, seconded by Kevin M<sup>c</sup>Fadgen

**Motion Carried.**

## MATTERS ARISING:

None raised

## REPORTS:

President's Report – previously distributed; taken as read

### Comments

- Linda Inglis noted the thoroughness of the report.
- Bethne Gardner acknowledged the effort and work carried out by the Executive and President.
- The Exec acknowledged and thanked Michael for his huge efforts as President.

## Financial Report.

The Financial Statement for year ended December 2025 previously distributed to clubs and summarised by Nicola Brock, Treasurer

Discussion:

- It was acknowledged that National tournaments break even
- The Trans-Tasman (excluding the potential inaugural super 70s group) costs PNZ on average \$8k per year – 32% of budget \$25,000)

- International tournaments such as Oceania and Men's World championships is one year at an average cost of \$5-7k each and the alternate year is Mixed World Champs and Women's Triples World champs – again average cost \$5-7k
- This exec has made changes to costs, streamlined costs such as fewer trophies, uniform distribution for each event.
- This year we need to focus on securing some sponsorship or other income. The Exec asked attendees to consider offering any assistance with raising funds
- Motion moved to accept financial statement December 2025. Approved unanimously.

**Motion Carried.**

**ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE**

6 positions available

4 existing members of Exec have agreed to re-stand

No other nominations presented

**Existing Nominations:**

- Michael Rocks
- Nicola Brock
- Joanne Lippard
- Christine Strichen

Joanne Lippard (secretary) advised the meeting that the commitment and effort required for the Exec is challenging – there's the day-to-day activities, national and international events to organise as well as keeping up to date with policies etc. and then there is the complex navigation activities with Oceania and FIPJP as well to a lesser (and friendlier) extent Australia petanque. All this takes time and requires some communication and business skills.

- It is important that members consider getting involved to spread the load.

If members are not keen to get involved with the Exec, perhaps consider offering support and skills for:

Raising funds and sponsorship – per event or generally

- Assisting with event planning for 2027 NZ hosting of Trans-Tasman and potentially Oceania (TBC)
- Tournament support for:
  - Running the draw – swiss system format
  - Running the Live Stream including or, become a commentator for the Live Stream

President moved motion that the 4 existing members be appointed.

**Approved** by all

**Against:** none

**Motion carried**

**CONSTITUTION**

The President advised that the Constitution has been approved, renewed and lodged with the Incorporated Society. It is also on the PNZ web site.

## AFFILIATION FEES

President put forward a motion to keep affiliation fees at \$20 per person for anyone over 18 years and over. Motion to move this into effect from 31/12/2025 to 31/12/2026

### Motion Carried.

#### Comments:

- Affiliation fee should increase for competitive players who utilise the services of PNZ more. This is an imbalance
- The \$20 affiliation fee is much lower than other, similar sporting societies – no examples provided
- The \$20 fee is not value for money – this is a perception for many players who are not affiliated to PNZ
- The affiliation fee could be linked to CPI – although this would be impractical to implement every year.
- It is difficult to change fees annually because some areas have national affiliation and regional affiliation, other areas do not have regional affiliation fees – or a regional structure, and they all pay their fees at different times in the calendar. Trying to calculate all this at club level is onerous.

Members proposed that PNZ review the current affiliation fee structure, timing of payments and consider introducing a tiered affiliation system nationally that could be introduced regionally.

The Exec advised that at the same time, we should look to tidy up the current structure and bring it into the modern world by:

1. Looking at a tiered fee structure – what does this look like and how is it managed?
2. Regional structure – this is a bit hit and miss in some areas. Regions is one important way to promote, support and convert the many non- affiliated players to advance through the system – **of course this is NOT mandatory and ‘regions’ would be a practical, rather than a constitutional measure.**
3. Calendar – this is not aligned across NZ.
  - This creates unpredictability for some players as they struggle to plan well in advance
  - It also means many clubs (and regions) pay affiliation or membership fees at different times, so clubs struggle to commit to hosting events – regionally or nationally.
  - It is a **simple fix** and allows all members to know when and where they can/want to commit to play well in advance.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Oceania – PNZ has written to the Oceania Committee seeking the minutes from the last meeting – where, we believe, it addressed the qualification process for all world tournaments – Male, Female and Mixed.
  - 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
2. President noted that there will be an in-person Exec meeting in May – any questions or offers, please send to [secretary@petanque.nz](mailto:secretary@petanque.nz)
3. Service Awards. It is three years since Service Awards were last presented. The nomination process is documented on the website and the Awards are given for service to Petanque in New Zealand, not necessarily Petanque New Zealand.

This year two Service Awards were presented.

- Murray Porter is a former Chairman of the PNZ Council (the precursor to the current Executive) and a former Editor of the PNZ magazine. As a player he has competed at both the World Championship and the Trans Tasman. However, he is probably best known for this work as the chair of the Senior Selection process. He's raised thousands of dollars for the game, organised goodwill tours and is always doing something to benefit and promote the game.
- Nadine Simpson has been the National Umpire Manager since 2020 and instrumental in running both the training and examination of Umpire candidates at Club, Regional and National levels. She has also overseen numerous online and in-person workshops for both Umpires and players wishing to brush up on their rules and etiquette.

Nadine has also been the NZ contact with the Oceania Umpire Commission and has organised several Trans Tasman Umpire meetings. Note: The presentation to Nadine was held over to Saturday morning due to the late arrival of her flight from Dunedin.

4. As a rule we don't celebrate achievement very well. The 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of PNZ saw the production of some anniversary shirts. For PNZ's 21st birthday, clubs were encouraged to celebrate the anniversary year (see the March 2015 Magazine for coverage). We missed the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of PNZ, so this year two thirtyish Achievement Awards were presented.
  - Sharon Cannon (Representative 45) has been a member of 6 World Championship, 3 Oceania Championship, 20 Trans Tasman, 1 Asian Championship and 2 Pan Pacific teams. This is a total of 32 national representative teams.
  - Georgio Vakauta has won the National Triples on 11 occasions, the National Doubles 11 times and the National Singles 9 times. This makes 31 national championship titles. In addition, Georgio has won the Shooting Competition 5 times and the Pointing Competition once. Georgio was not able to be present but was able to participate via a video link.

The meeting closed at 6.15pm.

Joanne Lippard  
Secretary  
Petanque New Zealand

**DELEGATES TO THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE NEW ZEALAND PETANQUE  
ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**

**held at the Tauranga BOP Petanque Club  
Friday, 17 April 2026**

**PRESENT:**

**PNZ Executive:** Michael Rocks (President; Chair), Nicola Brock, Pamela Jenkins, Joanne Lippard

**Club Representatives:**

<b>Club</b>	<b>Votes</b>	<b>Delegate</b>	<b>Proxy</b>
Alexandra	5		
Ashburton	7		Pat O'Shea
Bay View	1	Murray Porter	
Caversham	2		
Christchurch	7	Pat O'Shea	
Cromwell	4		
Dunedin City	6	Neville Frost	
Epsom	2	Harvey Brunt	
Excelsior	2		
Gisborne	1		
HBLTS	5	Robin Johnson	
Herne Bay	7	David Lippoard	
Hibiscus	7	Jay Newton	
Horowhenua	3		
Kapiti	7	Kevin McFadgen	
Kennedy Park	4		
Manawatu	3		
Masterton	3	Apology	
Naenae	4		
Northcote	3		
Omanu	1	Arnold Lander	
Otaki	3		
Panmure Pioneers	2		
Rotorua Academy	1	Nicola Brock	
Silverstream	2		
Southland	2		
St Kilda	3		
Stanley Bay	8		
Taieri	4		
Tauranga BOP	4	Linda Inglis	
Upper Hutt	5		
Waikouaiti	2		
Wanganui East	5	Kevin Simpson	
	<b>125</b>		

**Quorum**

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The current number of votes is 125 which is a Quorum of 32 votes.

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