

## The Marches Petanque

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Minutes of Committee Meeting held at New Strand, Eardisley

Present: Ian Williams (chair), Adrian Reeve (website manager), Tracy Adams (treasurer), Michael Hewitt, Helen Reeve, Alan Turner, Christine Starnes, Ian Clark, Peter Allen, Chris Starnes, Ken Davis, Phil Lear, Jens Bryan, Andrew Roberts, Stella Acton, Alan Watkins, Melanie Williams (secretary).

Apologies: Steve Bradley, Roger Marshall, Barbara Turner, Eric Acton, Barbara Clarke.

Minutes of last meeting were agreed and signed as a true record.

Matters arising from the minutes – Chris Starnes' rule amendment proposal from AGM to be discussed as a separate agenda item.

Items to discuss in AOB – Open Days as potential recruitment events.

Reports: Treasurer reported a healthy bank balance which was questioned; a proposal was made to discuss financial matters at the AGM including but not limited to league entry fees, the possibility of not charging entry for competitions and paying prizes from bank. Jens explained that much of these funds had been raised historically from 100 Club and Chairman's Ball.

**Note:** after the meeting it was also noted that there had been a substantial sum paid into the account as a result of closing the Hereford Open account. It had been agreed that sum would be ring-fenced as seed money should the Hereford Open be resurrected.

Website Manager requested petanque photos for the website please.

Summer Arrangements: venues for three teams are not yet fixed; Stable Door, and two WHPC teams, Chris Starnes will be checking with the New Inn and Michael Hewitt reported there were two options for WHPC. Both agreed to inform Secretary asap in order that team contacts and venues can be sent out and venues published on the website.

Dates for competitions – all to be held at Seven Stars, Clehonger.

Triples and Coche Throwing Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Pairs and Pointing Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June

Singles and Shooting Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September

Summer League details are on the website, with play beginning on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April. There are 3 spare weeks with the last date of Summer League being 16<sup>th</sup> August, giving time for Beeline to begin on 23<sup>rd</sup> August.

SLKO can be offered as an optional extra for those teams who are interested, possibly as a 'play by' date for each round to allow some flexibility.

Rules amendment proposal from Chris Starnes: 'that the Summer League adopt the Winter League format of a minimum of 4 players but no maximum; further amended to reflect that this may be on a limited number of occasions.' There was a great deal of discussion around this issue, with the use of the matrix (as published on the website) being deemed to cover eventualities whereby there are insufficient members of a team present. It was mooted that it could be trialled in Division 2 and it will be put on the agenda for the next AGM for further discussion. Hopefully, there would be more Division 2 teams represented at that meeting.

Any Other Business – Open Days: Adrian would like to explore the idea of holding such days to try to recruit new players; perhaps holding a series of Open Days on a Saturday. It was agreed that publicity in the right places and good weather will be keys to success. A melee type event where novices are paired with a more experienced player was suggested. Adrian will take responsibility for getting first one organised at the Strand.

The meeting closed at 20:28