

Marches Pétanque Committee Meeting Minutes

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Minutes of Committee Meeting held at The Nags Head, Peterchurch, Tuesday 26th March 2024
At 7.30pm.

Present: Tony Griffiths, Jim Page, Ian Clark, Ken Davis, Helen Reeve, Cynthia Huckle, Barbara Clarke, Peter Clarke, Peter Dennis, Phil Lear, Martin Hudson, Chris Cooper, Carol Bradley, Mark Jones, Ian Williams, Melanie Williams, Adrian Reeve, Andrew Roberts, Steve Bradley, Jens Bryan & Douglas Like

1. Apologies For Absence: Shirley Collins, Michael Hewitt, Roger Marshall, Gareth Smart, Russell Pugh, Alan Turner, Peter Allen & Roy Wilkes
2. Any Items to be Discussed in AOB: Melanie Williams brought up about Coaching which we discussed later.
3. Minutes of last meeting were all approved and signed as true record by the Chairman.

4. Officers Reports:

Chairman - Jens stated that from the last meeting there was no minutes saying that the winter league would be free so asked all the remaining teams to pay the £5, this shows the importance of reading minutes and making sure everything is right.

Vice Chairman – No report

Secretary – Not much to say just thank you for the 17 teams entering and all the emails I've had from the captains.

Treasurer – Andrew happy with finances, brings up winter league entries again as not in the minutes from last meeting. Income & Expenditure statement to 25th March 24 handed round. Balance when debtors of £225 pay will be £1857.18

Results secretary – Adrian confirmed that the Changes to the rules regarding deduction of points as agreed at the October AGM have been added to the website.

Ideally there should be contact details for the team captains accessible on the website for when teams need to rearrange. (The Chairman noted that there was the provision of the Matrix, also on the website, for when teams are unable to field a full team)

The website would benefit from any photos or other news that players wish to contribute to it, these should be sent to Adrian Reeve, whose email address is on all the score sheets.

5. Items to be voted on:

Proposal from Executive Committee:

- a) West Hereford Pétanque Club to get £100 for the benefit of the Marches Club.
Peter Clarke thanked the League for considering this and talked about the funding of the pistes so far, and whilst not specifically requesting funds he was

grateful to accept them, if agreed, and will give a report of what the money has been put towards. The vote was a unanimous yes from everyone.

Proposals from Executive Committee re 'Marches Rules'.

- b) Not having an Umpire at Games as this would not be practical.
This was voted on which resulted in a unanimous **no to having umpires for the Marches Leagues.**
- c) Accepting the use of Leisure Boules.
17 people voted to allow and 4 people voted not to allow,
so **Leisure boules will be allowed to play with.**
- d) Licenses are not to be required.
19 people voted not wanting Licenses and 2 voted for having licenses,
so **no licenses will be required in the league.**
- e) That all lines should be treated as dead boule lines.
17 people voted for and 4 voted against this,
which means **all lines will be dead boule lines.**
- f) That the throw of the Jack/coche must land 50cm from sides of all the lines.
14 people voted for this and 7 voted against this as they wanted no limit whilst throwing the Jack, accordingly
the rule will remain that **the Jack initially must be 50cm limit from sides.**
- g) That the marking the Jack when it lands or moves does not need to be marked.
12 people voted to mark the Jack and 9 votes were for not marking the Jack, so
you have to mark the Jack as it lands or moves.
- h) That there was no need to place the circle where the Jack has finished at the completion of an end, and for this to be where the circle is placed for the commencement of the next end.
13 people voted for the circle to be placed and 8 people voted on not having put circle on the Jack, so you now have to
put the circle over the finishing position of the Jack for the start of the next end.
- i) All were reminded that no smoking on piste and wearing respectable footwear is the ruling and all are asked to respect other players on the piste,
so **no smoking on the piste and sensible footwear is required.**

6. Winter League : Adrian talked about this year's Winter League and the final round. The bottom place is already decided but the winner of 2023/2024 Winter League is going all the way to the last game.

A point was brought up about it being preferential to have teams from the same pub/ club playing more at the beginning of the league instead of leaving them until the end of the season.

7. The Summer League has been organised and will be starting on 24th April 2024. At the moment The Marches Summer League will consist of 17 teams with deadline for entries being the 31st March 2024, and with this amount of numbers no format has been decided as of yet.

8. Summer League Knock Out Cup: With the SLKO the main wish is to get more entries than previous years but and then factor in the dates during the calendar year. Hopefully to be able to put some fixtures in with the Summer League. Same team as the League. Entry is Free.

The Beeline Trophy had very good entries last year with 14 teams entering. It will be run again this year. It was agreed to look at possible sponsorship. Can be different teams. Entry is £5 per team.

9. The individual Marches Competitions were talked about with dates already set. The Executive asked who wanted the opportunity to host any of the competitions provided the required amount of pistes are available. Provisionally it was agreed that:

The Triples will be on the 5th May hosted by Hinton FC TBC

The Pairs will be on 14th July hosted by Brecon TBC

The Singles will be on 18th August at Wilton Bridge, Ross On Wye. TBC

Entry is £3 per person per day, payable on the day.

An email at a later date will be sent to confirm.

10. AOB: Melanie informed us that a **Coaching Session which will be on Saturday 11th May** which will be open to everyone. This is good for new players and also for players with many years' experience. More details on this will be sent to all captains by the secretary.

Jens also informed us that on **August Bank Holiday Monday**, there will be a **Come and Try** session at the **Eardisley Show** hoping to attract new members to the sport of Pétanque. Help will be needed on the day and also for setting up which will require some effort.

Meeting adjourned at 8.53pm