



The Marches Pétanque League

Chairman

Jens Bryan

Secretary

Douglas Like

Minutes of Team Representative Meeting @ The Seven Stars, Clehonger, at 7.30pm (Tuesday 24th March 2026)

These Minutes Remain Draft until signed off at the March 2026 Team Representative Committee Meeting

Meeting started at 7.30PM

Present: Helen Reeve, Scott Shaw, Chris Cooper, Mal Jones, Phil Lear, Marcus Farr, Paul Morgan, Paul Smith, Peter Dawson, Mark Jones, Ian Clark, Ken Davis, Michael Hewitt, Barbara Clarke, Gemma Allen, Melanie Williams, Anthony Griffiths, Jim Page, Peter Wigington, Gareth Smart, Rhys Stewart, Adrian Reeve (Competition Secretary), Andrew Roberts (Treasurer), Jens Bryan (Chairman) & Douglas Like (Secretary).

1. **Apologies:** Steve Bradley, Carol Bradley, Roger Marshall, Eric Acton, Stella Acton, Alan Turner, Barbara Turner, Ian Williams, Alan Watkins, Chris Complin & Ben Campbell.
2. **Any Items to be discussed in AOB:** Jens brought up two matters to be discussed at the end of the meeting regarding Etiquette concerns and updating of the Marches Website.
3. **Minutes Of Last Meeting:** The meeting confirmed that the minutes were a true representation of the Meeting which the Chairman signed.
4. **Matters Arising from Minutes of Last Meeting:** No matters arising.
5. **Minutes of Last AGM:** The meeting confirmed that the minutes were a true representation of the AGM. The Chairman signed the minutes.
6. **Matters Arising from Minutes of Last AGM:** No Matters arising from the AGM in October.

7. **Officers Reports:**

Jens Bryan (Chairman)

Marches competitions from last year had a good attendance with the weather being VERY dry and the numbers on all three events up. Summer league went OK with fairly smooth running, SLKO Cup had more entries than the year before, but even more entries would not be amiss for this year.

Steve Bradley is unable to attend due to illness, his work will be covered by the rest of Executive as was the case with Adrian last year. Adrian is a lot better and is taking up the mantle of running all The Marches Competitions (Triples, Pairs & Singles).

On the matter of 'postponed matches' you can only do so due to inclement weather or accident which are unforeseen circumstances. Rearrangements are only by agreement of **BOTH** Captains involved, Otherwise the Matrix will apply due to the shortage of players. The Matrix sets out the system and any game forfeited will be shown as a loss 13-7 where as if matches are not played the team not attending will be awarded a 0-6 0-78 Loss, so it is beneficial to play the Matrix which also gives the non-offending team a chance to play Boule on the correct night.



The Treasurer's Report is attached. The bank balance is £2,290.63 after 16 teams have paid their entry fee for the summer league. The 17th team will increase this by £25.

8. Club / Event Reports:

- **Brecon PC** reported that they have around 20 members with 8 fixed pistes with an extra 8 pistes available if needed. Brecon have TWO teams in The Marches Pétanque Summer League & ONE in The Marches Pétanque Winter League which have all gone very well. This year's Austin Jones Cup Competition is set to be on Sunday 23rd August 2026. Lots of Welsh Pétanque attended last year and a few from The Marches Pétanque. A number of Open days & Training days are booked for this year. Qualifiers for The Open Regionals.
- **Wilton Bridge PC** had a good year in 2025 winning The Marches Summer Pétanque League Division 2 which means they will be promoted to Division 1 in 2026. Membership Renewal is going very well in 2026 with only a few losses. Wilton Bridge are looking forward to the step up in Division 1.
- **WHPC** have four more pistes being installed hopefully in the next couple of months which will take the capacity to 12 pistes altogether. They have one team remaining in the Euro Cup. This year they have had 4 teams in the Marches Winter League, and they have entered 3 teams in this year's summer league with Two teams in Division 1 and 1 team in Division 2. They have also got 3 open competitions booked for this year with one competition booked in May. Dougie will be sending emails about all competitions.
- **HPC** Played & won Euro cup match in round 2 against Whitnash. Next round will be against Stockton on 19th April. An exciting development is the building of new pistes at Millenium Green, Eardisley. This was completed in time to host the Heart of England Winter Pairs. Further work including the building of a shed was completed in time for a second event. Many thanks to Jens and his team for their hard work. This also makes a club base away from a pub, which we hope will encourage Juniors for the future. There will be regular Melees to continue fundraising momentum **April – September** which everyone is more than welcome to attend, the dates are:

- - Sunday 3rd May**
 - Sunday 21st June**
 - Sunday 19th July**
 - Sunday 16th August**
 - Sunday 13th September**

- A fundraiser for the Millenium Green pistes will be a race night on Tuesday 12th May, tickets are available.

9. Items to be Voted on: NONE

10. **Winter League** : Douglas gave a short description of this year's winter league with a total of 12 teams entering which we put in to two groups with the Winner from Group 1 facing Runner Up in Group 2 and Winner of Group 2 Facing the Runner Up in Group 1 which means this year the semi-finals are set between **Strand & Deliver vs Strand Amalgamation** and the other being **Seven Star Rebels vs Stars on 45** which means it will be a very interesting games to go and watch with these games set on Sunday 5th April and the final will be on Sunday 12th April. And a big **thank you** to all teams for their results being sent so quickly which makes it a lot easier.



11. **Summer League:** This year's Marches Summer League will consist of 17 Teams:

Division One – 9 Teams + 1 Bye

Division Two – 8 Teams + 2 Byes

The start date will be Wednesday 22nd April 2026 with equal teams set up as Home & Away teams on same pistes.

12. **Wyestitch Cup / SLKO Cup:** Jens explained about SLKO Cup intermingling with the summer league with it being on a Wednesday night but every other 5th or 6th week with TWO qualifiers to set up a Knockout stage. We would like to see all teams entering but understand some teams use these Wednesdays as a break from playing. The Wyestitch Cup this year will be the same format as it has been for 2 years with it being for the team captains to choose which night they can play on. The entry fee to £10 per team.

13. **Marches Competitions:** Adrian's new post is undertaking control of all Marches Competitions. This year will be the same as normal with Triples and Couche Throwing being together, Pairs and Pointing together and Singles being with the Shooting Competitions. This year's competition dates will be

Triples – Sunday 17th May

Pairs – Sunday 28th June

Singles – Sunday 26th July

This means the three competitions are a lot more compacted, but not in the busy time of August when a lot of people go on holiday or are too busy to play. We are hoping for at least the same numbers, if not better, than last year, with the Triples having 10 entrants, Pairs having 16 entrants and the Singles having 24 entrants. We are also hoping to have venues confirmed soon, with Triples being held at Brecon Rugby Club, Pairs being held at The Seven Stars and the Singles will be at WHPC Hinton FC.

14. **AOB:**

Website: The Marches Executives are looking at updating our website, not necessarily changing the hosting, but we are looking for anyone that can help us, so that it can be updated and just generally made easier to use for the public. If anyone has experience of web sites or knows any web designers please contact Dougie.

Etiquette in the Marches Pétanque League: Jens has been made aware of a few complaints about people's etiquette in the league.

Yes, the Marches Pétanque league is a friendly league but should still be fair to all other players. Some behaviour (things being done or said wouldn't be allowed if playing in higher standard of Boules) is not acceptable. For instance: There should be 2 meters from you and anyone in the circle and realistically you should respect the person in the circle with no movement to disrupt them in any way. The observance of any rules which are not being followed, should be relayed via the Team Captains. We all need to be more helpful for other players and also be more mindful.

Meeting Finished 8.03PM