



Anglia Pétanque Association



Minutes of the 2024 Anglia Annual General Meeting held at Great Ellingham Village Hall, Great Ellingham recreation Ground, Watton Road, NR17 1HZ, Tuesday 17th November 2024 at 7:30pm

Present: P. Astle (Chairperson), S. Picton (Secretary), K. Moss (Treasurer), G. Beales (Playing Officer), P. Boarder (Regional Coach), S & D. Thorndyke (Norwich), N. Sayer (BCCPC) L. Shilling (Diss), BCCPC S. Raja (Burwell ex-service), M. Whymer (Burwell ex-service), T & C. Morgan (51), S. Welford (BSSSPC) & D. Wright (BCCPC)

1. Apologies for Absence

Simon Doble, Dan Cooper, Steve Harris, John Ward and Pete Hardy

2. Confirmation and adoption of the minutes of the 2023 AGM

The minutes of the 2023 AGM were confirmed.

Proposed by Sharon Thorndyke and Seconded by Les Shillings

No matters arising not covered by the agenda

3. The Chairman's Report

It has been another good season, and my thanks go to the Officers & the Committee for their work and support in making this happen.

Congratulations to all the Winners & Runners-up in our Championships and Competitions. This year saw the introduction of a stand-alone Shooting Championship which proved to be successful and will be included in the 2025 Playing Calendar. Thank you to all of our Clubs who hosted our Championships and Competitions.

Unfortunately, we didn't have a full representation in all of the Petanque England Champion of Champion Competitions, but we were represented in all of them and congratulations to Cheryl & Tony who reached the semi-finals of the Gold in the Pairs.

The PE Interregional were held at Pakefield for the third and last time this year and I am very proud to report that we had a very successful time. Our Championship team came third in Division 1 breaking into the top 3 for the first time since the Championships were split into 2 Divisions and our Challenge Team fought hard and retained Division 1 status in a very competitive Challenge Competition. Well done to all the players who represented us and a big thank you to our team managers Luisa & Teresa who did an excellent job. If the rumour mill is correct (and it usually is) next year's Interregional will be in Weston-Super-Mare so it will be back to the 4 hour drives once again.

Finally, the split of the Region was approved by the Petanque England Board and went ahead on the 1st of April and the Suffolk Coastal Region was formed. It does not seem to have had the drastic effect on us that it was feared it might have, and we didn't lose too many members with our current membership standing at 91 members. Only one of our members is a junior and we should make it our target to encourage more junior membership in 2025.

4. Treasurers Report

This has been my first year as Treasurer, I finally received the Audited Accounts for 2022/3 from Martin Ingliss around the end of December. These accounts were a signed bank statement with handwritten notes. I asked for any budget/ forecast files, there wasn't much at all.

The other urgent issue we faced as a region was the bank account, to make any payments or deposits this had to be done in Branch in North Norfolk. So as a Committee we changed this to a Lloyds Treasurers account, we also agreed that all transactions needed to be auditable and therefore needed to be online or via Cheque. In my opinion far too much cash was handled and could potentially leave anyone involved in a difficult position if anything went wrong.

Using the notes we did get, I set up a budget for 2023/24, which was agreed by the Committee in Jan 2024. This is the first document in the pack, we made some assumptions that Membership and entries would drop by 25% due to the breakaway of Suffolk Coastal Petanque Region. Although Membership was down, Competition entries were UP!

The accounts now also show, in a separate line the money held for the Junior Development Fund for Anglia.

The Region also didn't have to purchase any new regional kit, so we have set aside £500 in a separate account line for kit renewal in the future.

I would like to thank John Monk for auditing the accounts, his main observation was that the budget file was out on entries and expenditure, which now I have a years worth of data I'm planning on doing.

Any Questions.....

SW – Asked why Zoom was being used when there were programs available that were free. SP to review and move forward to Microsoft TEAMS for all future Committee meeting.

PA & SP Thanked KM for the presentation and the budgetary format .

5. To determine the rates for 2025

K. Moss had made a proposal, see item 8

6. Election of Officers

The Secretary had received no Nominations, it was put to the floor that all positions be retained and the Secretary will be better prepared to ensure all positions have nominations prior to 2025 AGM. proposed and seconded for all the following APA Members in the following positions.

Chairman - Peter Astle
Secretary - Stuart Picton
Treasurer – Kevin Moss
Playing Officer - Graham Beales
Regional Umpire – Vacant position
Regional Coach - Phil Boarder
Safeguarding Officer – Tracey Bitters
Committee Member - Dan Cooper
Committee Member - Simon Doble
Committee Member - Vacant position
Committee Member – Daniel Shevlin

7. To appoint an auditor for 2025

Two nominations were received for auditor this year. John Monk was successful in retaining the position. Proposed by K. Moss and Seconded by S. Picton, all in favour.

8. Proposals to consider such other business that the Presiding Officer may admit, no vote may be taken.

a) Anglia Regional Precept to remain as per 2024

Proposed by K. Moss, Seconded by L. Shilling – Unanimous

b) Travel Expenses

to be paid to Regional Officers undertaking Official Regional Business to include

- ☐ Umpire and Playing Officer (if 2 people then where possible they need to travel together) for Regional Events
 - ☐ Regional Coaching Events
 - ☐ Any official meeting (for example Training), not covered by the host of the meeting
- Travel expenses will be paid at 20p per mile and will need to be supported with the Anglia Travel Claim form which will be available on request from the Treasurer

Proposed K. Moss, Seconded by M. Whymer – Unanimous

AOB

LS – The inter-Regional Programme is incorrect. 2022 Anglia won the Challenge Div 1. In 2019 Anglia Won Div 2 in the Championship. **SP to email John Edmondson and Di Harrington.**

Champion of Champion representation, unfortunately 2024 representation at Champion of Champions was poor due to availability. **PB** suggested that the C of C event be published with the corresponding event to ensure all are aware if they are available. The Committee hope the players have a drive and an expectation that if they qualify for the Champion of Champions they will attend.

SR – Highlighted the byes during the 2024 Regional Qualifiers and the poor use of them as some teams had received 2 byes. Various options were discussed and the Committee confirmed it wanted to and would improve the current system that had been successful since it began with continuing tweaks to improve the outcome. KM would create a standardisation of the IRQ & APA Competition rules for publishing for total transparency.

SP- The website is in work and this is where details will be found and Facebook but the creator is a friend and completing the project in quiet times only.

The AGM Closed at 8:52pm