

Pétanque England Board Meeting on April 24 2023

Present: CR, CB, TW, MH, JE

Minutes of last meeting on February 11th 2023

It was agreed that future minutes should follow the same format and not be abridged, or a summary sent out.

Matters arising

1. Meeting of group looking at multi-tiered membership to present proposal
2. AJ resignation for personal reasons, news to go on website.

Minutes approved.

Financials

CB presented Financials up to March 23

Audit being undertaken for last financial year.

Run through of expenses including competitions, travel and insurance.

To date 2100 members for 23/24. Same club level as last year.

Still one outstanding bill from an individual player to be pursued and other monies owing to be pursued by CR

Budget for the year to be established within the strategic plan.

Draft budget by end of May CB

TW Vice President Report

Working on old policies and identifying issues which are causing problems.

Policy for social media is inadequate and out of date. Need for a social media strategy which sees PE as the generator promoting PE and Pétanque in a positive way.

Suggested the use of a social media expert.

CR asked about terms of reference.

TW said there is a need to review all policies and see they are agreed and fit for purpose.

This includes non-disclosure agreements.

Executive committee document circulated and will be looked at in time to consider its relevance.

An individual concern was raised about decision making on the board. Whilst the executive meet regularly to discuss issues, major decisions are taken to the full board.

Need for a secretary who will be the first approach was expressed. MH

JE events

Home nations 25 entries

IOW meeting took place and minutes to be circulated.

Inter-regional - rules adjusted. A penalty will be imposed on teams without non playing managers.

Qualifiers moved within Nottingham to site near Mansfield

SSE 1 and 2 Leicester

Championships at Ferndown with open shooting comp

Discussion regarding prize monies and equality between men's and women's matches. JE to make decision.

TW raised the issue of the need for sponsorship to help lift prize money.

MH felt that Benin was not a viable option for many reasons including lack of facilities, safety and timing. This was agreed.

Albertville France men's and veterans and Thailand women's prioritised

Need to investigate alternatives to Benin and get costings.

Resolutions

KM not present so resolutions item deferred.

Other

Members discussed the need for a policy on movement between regions.

Need for a policy on money owing, payment plans or sanctions. Sport 80 has no way to flag up debts but can flag up transfers with new software.

CR raised the issue of umpires and coaches and the rule awareness course which presently has 17 applications. Need to attract new umpires. Umpire course at the end of this year a possibility.

Coaching committee meeting, notes to be distributed shortly.

Juniors

Several clubs now have a junior section, and more are coming on board. There is a need for someone to act as overall manager. It was suggested using multi centres to avoid long travel times.

AOB

Discussion regarding the London International Championships coming up.

They are asking for financial support of £3000 from PE plus a couple of umpires. The board felt that whilst they are supportive of the initiative, it was too late in the day to allocate funds from the set budget. It was agreed that PE would pick up the expenses of two umpires and that they would consider an application next year should the event continue.

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Next meeting June 17 CB to arrange.