

Pétanque England



Annual General Meeting to be held on
Saturday 10th February 2024 at 1.00 p.m.
at the Holiday Inn, Reading South, Berks RG2 0SL

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 10th December 2022
3. Directors' Report
4. Approval of the Accounts for the 12 month period to 31 March 2023
5. Appointment of Directors

The following nominations have been received;

Chris Chubb
Richard Stevens

6. Determination of the membership fees for 2024
 - a) The Board proposes that the adult membership remains unchanged at £25
 - b) The Board proposes that the junior membership fee remains unchanged at £5
 - c) The Board proposes that Multi-tiered membership continues as advertised in 2023

Amendment to 6c proposed by David Baxter

“It is proposed that the Club Player level of membership introduced by the board on 1st July 2023 is approved and is now made available to new and existing members as an adult member under rule 2.1.3* with a fee structure similar to that of the Competitor membership, i.e. a national fee + a regional precept.”

“It is proposed that the Club Player National Fees for 2024 are £9 and that the regional precepts are set by each region.”

*Rule 2.1.3 The categories of Voting Members shall be:

- Adult members who shall be aged 18 or over on 31st December of the current year.
- Junior members who shall be aged under 18 on 31st December of the current year.
- Honorary life members who shall be appointed as such by the Board.

7. Resolutions proposed by Members

7.1 Matt Blyton

It is proposed that Pétanque England stops using selection in determining team composition for representation at International **adult** tournaments, except for the fourth player in triples events, until a full review of this has been undertaken with the Membership. For this year, the top two players in a SSE Doubles series should automatically become the representative players for the 2025 World singles, doubles and mixed doubles championships.

7.2 Simon Adamsdale

Recently, PE players including one from London were selected for the 2024 European Championships. Clear and unequivocal guidelines make this process an easy and transparent one.

Rule 2.9: "the players ranked 1 to 4 will form the squad" so the men should have been chosen from this list.

1. Mokhtar Benarab -- 108 points
2. Hakim Dahmani -- 82 points
3. Dean Ashby -- 70 points
4. Scott Ashby --- 66 points

One player was chosen from the list, yet a 5th player was selected not on the list, a clear breach of the guidelines. (The rules make no provision for substitutions.)

Members of the London region (with we believe significant support from other regions) request that PE management review this decision – and using the existing guidelines make the proper selection.

7.3 Monty Quaia

It's proposed that PE promote pétanque by financially supporting prestige events, as the BPA did in the past with the Rochester Classic, that raise the profile of the game by having the participation of invitation teams and recent World Champions.

The objectives being to;

- a) bring enhanced playing opportunities to PE members on home soil, without the obligation to travel internationally.
- b) to widen the game's appeal, attract new PE members and generate media interest.
- c) to bring new energy, to help revitalise and to encourage regions to organise big open events.
- d) support PE's stated goals to "organise events, open days, and friendly competitions to showcase the thrill and inclusivity of this wonderful sport."

Eligible events for such PE marketing money must have invitation players willing to attend and the suggested support rate is £500 per world champion up to a maximum support of £3000 for a single event.

7.4 David Baxter

Resolution to alter the Pétanque England Articles of Association to allow for virtual or

hybrid annual general meetings. The wording is based on guidance issued by the Chartered Governance Institute in February 2021 in “Virtual and Hybrid AGMs: A guide for charities.”

Add to Article 17a a new clause iii.

iii. The board may decide to call any annual general meeting as an electronic meeting in accordance with this Article and if so, shall designate the meeting as such. An annual general meeting that has been so designated shall be referred to as an electronic AGM.

Add to Article 18 a new clause h.

h. The notice calling an annual general meeting as an electronic AGM shall state that it is an electronic AGM and shall specify

(i) any place at which a member may attend the meeting in person or that there is no place at which a member may attend the meeting in person;

(ii) the electronic or other means by which the meeting will be held and the means by which a member may participate;

(iii) the electronic or other means by which votes may be cast at the meeting.

8. Any Other Business that the Chair may admit (no binding vote to be taken)

You have the right to appoint a proxy, please use it. On our AGM webpage you will find information on the candidates and the resolutions to help you with your voting decisions.

<https://www.petanque-england.uk/agm-information-and-notice-2024/>

“All voting members are entitled to appoint another person as their proxy to exercise all or any of their rights to attend and to speak and vote at the Annual General Meeting”

A proxy form is attached and can be downloaded from the website

<https://www.petanque-england.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Proxy-Form.pdf>

Proxies must be submitted online or received by the company admin by
2.00 p.m. on Thursday 8th February 2024

David Baxter

30th January 2024