

Saxons Committee Meeting – 4:15pm Thursday 13th February 2025 at Jim’s house

Present: Alan Shepherd (Chairman), Jenny Clabon (Secretary), Pete Chambers (Treasurer), Charles Faulkner, Chris Large, Jim Mitchell and Ian Savage

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Matters arising from the last meeting
3. Treasurer’s report
4. Membership update
5. Saxons bank account
6. Competitions report
7. Saxons competitions
8. Training and coaching
9. Banner
10. Constitution changes
11. Social events
12. AOB
13. Date of next meeting

Abbreviations

AOB – any other business
CPL – Cotswold Petanque League
CPC – Cricklade Petanque Club
DBS – Disclosure and Barring Service
GWR – Great Western Region
IRQ – inter-regional qualifiers
IWD – International Women’s Day
PE – Petanque England
RWB – Royal Wootton Bassett
tba – to be advised

Chris Large was welcomed to the Committee.

1. **Apologies for absence** – None
2. **Matters arising from the last meeting** – None
3. **Treasurer's report**

Income for the financial year 1st December 2024 to 12th February 2025 is **£1726.00**

Since the 1st December 2024 income has been:

£975.00 39 adult members @ £25
£678.50 23 Christmas meals Jan 2025 @ £29.50
£ 71.00 2 Christmas meals Jan 2025 @ £35.50
£ 1.50 3 donations of 50p

Expenditure for the same period is **£1010.96**

Since the 1st December 2024 income has been:

£ 90.00 coaching course refunds to Pete C, Charles and John
£749.50 Christmas meal Jan 2025: payment to White Hart
£100.77 website costs: SSL and 2yr domain renewal
£ 21.00 summer scores prizes: 3 x wine
£ 29.69 new clock
£ 20.00 meeting room hire for AGM

This gives a **surplus** for the period of **£715.04** with a good bank balance of £3289.61 and £200 cash in hand. We hold a stock of clothing which at cost is about £335.00, making total assets of £3824.61.

We have about £2000.00 of spare usable assets, allowing for match refreshment costs, prizes and engraving, PE club membership, CPL registration fee, further website costs and any piste maintenance.

4. Membership update

Pete informed the Committee that 39 people have renewed their Saxons Petanque Club membership with one person deciding not to rejoin. The following have not yet renewed: Sue Baker, Liz Cosham, Keith Dancer, Mike Fidler, Nigel Massey, Colin and Janet Missen, Ron and Pam Poole and David Wall.

5. Saxons bank account

Pete had previously informed the Committee that our current bank was going to start charging a monthly fee of £4.25 from January 2025. He has investigated other similar accounts with no fees, and Santander may do a suitable account but he has not yet managed to get hold of them to enquire. Pete has also prepared a letter of intent, which would be required for the application, and Pete (Treasurer) and Alan (Chairman) have both signed this. However, no fees have yet been charged so Pete will wait to see what happens before applying for a new account.

6. Competitions report by Pete Chambers

Please see our website for full match reports – www.saxonspetanque.co.uk

PE/GWR Report

PE Eurocup

We played Bath Premier Cru, on Saturday 1st February in Alice Park in Bath. The Saxons team was Alan Shepherd, Ian Savage, Jenny Clabon, Kath Satchell, Charles Faulkner and Pete Chambers. Unfortunately we lost all 5 games against very strong competition. We will now play at home against CPC 1st team in the first round of the plate competition, date yet to be fixed.

GWR upcoming events

Sunday 23 rd February	Winter doubles round 9 at RWB
Sunday 2 nd March	Winter doubles round 5 (postponed from 5 th January) at CPC
Sunday 9 th March	GWR IWD qualifiers at Larkhall, Bath
Sunday 13 th April	GWR IRQ 1 placeholder, venue tba
Sunday 27 th April	GWR IRQ 2 placeholder, venue tba
Sunday 1 st June	GWR singles and shooting competitions, venue tba
Sunday 22 nd June	GWR doubles, venue tba
Sunday 6 th July	GWR veterans' doubles, venue tba
Saturday 2 nd August	GWR IRQ 3 placeholder, venue tba
Sunday 7 th September	GWR triples, venue tba
Sat/Sun 13 th /14 th Sept	Inter-regional weekend, Weston-Super-Mare
Sunday 21 st September	GWR mixed doubles, venue tba

GWR Winter Doubles results

Oh Coche squad: Pete Chambers, Charles Faulkner, Alan Shepherd, John Zarola
Round 4, Larkhall, 15th December '24. Oh Coche lost 2 games and won 1.
Round 5 was postponed due to bad weather and will be played on Sunday 2nd March at CPC.
Round 7, CPC, 26th January '25. Oh Coche lost all 3 games.
Round 8, Larkhall, 9th February. Oh Coche won 2 games and lost 1.
After playing 7 rounds Oh Coche are 25th out of 27 teams.

Cotswold Petanque League

We are awaiting the CPL AGM to sort out next year's divisions.

Other upcoming events

Sunday 16 th March	Grand Prix over 50s event at RWB
Saturday 17 th May	EU25 over 55s open at RWB
Saturday 12 th July	Sherston Boules Festival in Sherston village centre
Sunday 3 rd August	Bath open triples, City of Bath
Sunday 12 th October	CRUK charity mixed doubles, City of Bath

7. Saxons competitions

The Winter Scores competition started on Saturday 2nd November and runs until the end of March. The Summer Scores competition will start on Tuesday 1st April. The summer singles ladder will also restart on Tuesday 1st April.

It was agreed that we will hold a 3-ender competition, just for Saxons club members on this occasion, in May or June. Pete C will find a suitable date and organise this.

The Committee decided to replace the Eileen Mitchell competition with a similar charity event in July, splitting the proceeds between Saxons and a local charity, possibly the Cricklade Memory Cafe this year. Pete C will find a suitable date and organise this.

8. Training and coaching

Pete Chambers, Charles Faulkner and John Zarola are now fully qualified coaches and have their licences and polo-shirts. As previously agreed, Saxons have reimbursed each of them with the £30 course fee. Bob Rumble, chair of GWR, said that the region would only reimburse the £20 per person DBS check if the 3 coaches did some regional coaching. Pete, Charles and John were not prepared to do that and have paid this amount themselves.

The 3 coaches will organise an action plan and start date for coaching sessions, possibly to include members from other local clubs, e.g. Cirencester U3A.

9. Banner

Cliff and his wife have very generously supplied a new banner which has been hung on the skate park fence with the old one behind it to act as extra advertising and a windbreak. The Committee agreed that it would be a good idea to have a bigger banner on the car park fence advertising Saxons Petanque Club and inviting people to come and have a go. Pete will investigate sizes, cost and wording and report back.

10. Constitution changes

Pete presented the Committee with a proposal for a discipline section to be added to our Constitution as agreed at the AGM. This was approved by the Committee and will be taken to the next AGM for agreement.

11. Social events

Jenny will organise a skittles evening at The White Hart sometime in the next couple of months.

12. AOB

- We have been approached by the Town Council about providing something for the May window display at the Cricklade information office. Charles is going to ask what sort of thing they are looking for and provide a draft for the Committee's approval.
- There was discussion about replacing the rotting wood along the Leisure Centre edge of the piste surround. Alan will check the prices of wood at a place on the Chelworth Industrial Estate, as suggested by Jamie, and these will be compared to other prices already obtained. In the meantime, Alan and Pete will fill in the paperwork to apply for a grant from the Town Council to cover this maintenance work.
- Alan has again queried payment with the Octagon Group, who hired our pistes in September. They insist that they have paid, although Pete says we still haven't received any money from them. Since there was no actual cost to Saxons, it was agreed that the £30 would be written off.
- Pete informed the Committee that he is now an official member of the CPC committee.
- As agreed at the AGM, Jenny has prepared some basic guidelines for our club sessions and the Weekly Scores competitions. These can now be found on the front page of our website - see www.saxonspetanque.co.uk and "Basic club information [HERE](#)"

13. **Date of next meeting** – 4:15pm on Thursday 3rd April 2025 at Jim's house.

Meeting closed at 5.10pm