

Saxons Committee Meeting – 4:30pm Thursday 25th January 2024 at Jim's house

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

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Matters arising from the last meeting
3. Treasurer's report
4. AGM move from December to January
5. Cotswold Petanque League entry for 2024
6. Competitions report
7. Social events - next skittles evening
8. AOB
9. Date of next meeting

1. Apologies for absence –lan Savage

2. Matters arising from the previous meeting

- **Item 2, Matters arising** – Pete has purchased extra grit for pistes 4-7 and these pistes have been topped up by a working party. Thank you!

3. Treasurer's report

Income for the period 1st December 2023 up until 24th January 2024 is **£928.00**

Income so far this financial year has been:

£ 800.00 40 adult member subscriptions @£20

£ 60.00 2 payments for 2023 Christmas meal @ £30

£ 22.00 Profit from Christmas raffle after taking out the tip for The White Hart

£ 46.00 2 club fleeces

Expenditure for the same period **£1001.00**

Expenditure so far this financial year has been:

£ 649.00 White Hart Christmas meal

£ 15.00 Hire of meeting room for AGM

£ 160.00 2022/23 Leisure Centre fees

£ 14.39 Website domain renewal

£ 14.95 Engraving for scores competition

£ 42.00 Clothing order of 2 club fleeces

£ 105.66 Bulk bag of 2-4mm grit

This gives a **deficit** for the period of **£73.00** resulting in a good bank balance of **£2467.46** with **£343** cash in hand. We hold a stock of clothing which at cost is about **£292.00**, making total assets of **£3102.46**.

We have about **£1900.00** of spare usable assets, with further website costs, PE Club registration, CPL refreshments, Public Liability Insurance and piste maintenance all due at some point.

4. AGM move from December to January

Since the AGM Pete has had time to consider the implications of moving the AGM to January. He said that this should have been discussed first at an ordinary committee meeting before being raised at the AGM, and the committee apologised for not doing so.

Pete put forward a new proposal that, starting in 2026, the end of the financial year should be moved from to January 31st with the AGM following sometime between mid-February and the end of March and the membership year running from 1st April to 31st March. If necessary there would be a committee meeting between the end of the financial year and the AGM. This was agreed by all present. Pete will produce the necessary paperwork for consideration at the next committee meeting.

So, the next AGM will be in January 2025 and then, from 2026, it will be in February or March.

5. Cotswold Petanque League (CPL) entry for 2024

So far we have about 21 members interested in playing in the CPL this year so it was agreed that we would enter 2 squads of around 10 players each. Charles will notify Bob Rumble.

Keith Dancer is happy to continue as Team Captain for the 1st team with Tony Milner as his Vice Captain. Charles volunteered to be 2nd Team Captain with John Zarola as his Vice Captain.

Members are only allowed to play for one of the squads and it was agreed that the Team Captains would liaise to sort this out and to arrange playing dates.

6. Competitions report

Petanque England/Great Western Region (PE/GWR) report, by Pete Chambers

GWR AGM report

This was held at Royal Wootton Bassett sports facility on Tuesday 23rd January at 7pm and Pete attended on behalf of Saxons. He was disappointed that no other PE registered members from Saxons were present, as other clubs were well represented.

There was a lot of discussion about the poor state of the accommodation at Pakefield, the location of the Inter Regional finals, and there has been no response from PE to an outstanding GWR query on this matter.

There was a short discussion on the GWR constitution not ever being ratified. The GWR committee will look at the constitution and hopefully ratify it.

There was a short discussion on finances with people not putting a reference on monies paid into the GWR bank account. Cary Bush tries his best to sort it out. The finances are good at present.

There are 258 PE GWR members and 13 PE GWR clubs registered at present.

There was a lengthy discussion about Nomades individual members being transferred in 2021 to GWR by PE without PE following the correct process of asking the leaving and receiving regions. It is too late to rectify the error, and PE probably wouldn't anyway. Nomades were not kicked out of their region but were fined for playing during Covid restrictions and they volunteered to move.

The GWR committee were all re-elected unanimously.

Three motions were discussed at length all to do with the GWR constitution:

- The first 9.1 temporary change the term of office length was defeated.
- The second 9.2 to amend the date range when the GWR AGM should be held was unanimously passed.
- The third 9.3 about the procedure for other regions members moving into the GWR region went round in circles for ages. In the end a vote was taken and it was defeated by one vote.

Then followed the presentation of cups and medals.

In AOB, Malcolm Brookes proposed to try and get more club members to qualify as coaches.

The PE Eurocup is up and running and, as reported at the AGM, despite playing well in round one, Saxons lost 5-0 to Nomades Berbers in Kenilworth. We are awaiting the draw for the Plate competition which is to be played by 17th March 2024.

The GWR Winter Doubles has been running since early November and Massif Boules have won 10 and lost 8 matches putting them in 12th place out of 28 teams.

Cotswold Petanque League (CPL) report, by Pete Chambers on behalf of Keith Dancer

The CPL AGM is likely to be held on 5th February, location unknown at this time. This means that the number of teams and division structure are still unknown. Charles agreed to attend the AGM.

Other competitions report, by Pete Chambers

The date for the Sherston Festival of Boules has been set as Saturday 13th July 2024 and entries are usually submitted in April. Let's try to enter a couple of teams this year.

The second running of the singles challenge ladder started on Saturday 1st October 2023 with the slight rule changes previously noted. So far only one match has been played, probably due to the dark evenings and the weather.

7. Social events – next skittles evening

We have booked another skittles evening at The White Hart in Cricklade for Monday 4th March. Please put the date in your diary and look out for a sign up sheet sometime in February.

It is also hoped that a meal will be arranged at Jicsaw, the Thai restaurant in Cricklade, but this will have to wait until they have reopened in February.

8. AOB

- **Saxons business cards** – Pete noted that the stock of cards with club details on was running low and it was agreed that he will order some more.
- **Membership numbers** – Unfortunately, for various reasons, we have lost a few members this year so we all need to try to recruit some new players.

9. Date of next meeting – 4.15pm on Thursday 7th March at Jim's house.

Meeting closed at 5.10pm