

## Saxons Committee Meeting – 4:15pm Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025 at Jim's house

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

### Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Matters arising from the last meeting
3. Treasurer's report
4. Membership update
5. Eurocup entry
6. Competitions report
7. Wednesday evenings
8. Saxons competitions
9. Training and coaching
10. Charity donation
11. Social events
12. AOB
13. Date of next meeting

### Abbreviations

AOB – any other business  
CPL – Cotswold Petanque League  
CPC – Cricklade Petanque Club  
CTC – Cricklade Town Council  
GWR – Great Western Region  
IRQ – inter-regional qualifiers  
PE – Petanque England  
RWB – Royal Wootton Bassett  
tba – to be advised

### 1. Apologies for absence – Ian Savage

### 2. Matters arising from the last meeting

Item 6 – we were successful in our application for a grant from Cricklade Town Council and have received the £500. Our thanks go to the Town Council.

Item 11 – Accessibility - possible problems. Jim has not been at petanque recently so we have been unable to test the space available for his mobility scooter when the strings are out.

AOB – new grit. See AOB in these minutes.

AOB – as yet nobody has shown any interest in replacing Pete Chambers as Treasurer.

### 3. Treasurer's report

**Income** for the financial year 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024 to 30<sup>th</sup> July 2025 is **£3180.15**

Since the previous minutes income has been:

|          |  |   |
|----------|--|---|
| £ 100.00 | 4 adult members @ £25  |   |
| £ 18.00  | 3 x £6 entries for Saxons 3-ender (cancelled and refunded below) |   |
| £ 6.00   | Donation from Lynne Aman   |   |
| £ 12.00  | Pete C sale items  |   |
| £ 78.00  | 3 light blue hoodies @ £26 each                                  |   |
| £ 30.00  | 2 light blue polo shirts @ £15 each                              |   |
| £ 500.00 | Grant from Cricklade Town Council                                |   |
| £ 50.00  | Charity donation for John Osman's boules                         | } Total of £206 ring fenced for donation to charity (see item 10) |
| £ 66.00  | 22 entries for Saxons charity melee £30                          |   |
| £ 85.00  | Proceeds from raffle at Saxons charity melee                     |   |
| £ 5.00   | Donation at Saxons charity melee                                 |   |

**Expenditure** for the same period is **£2095.98**

Since the previous minutes expenditure has been:

|          |   |
|----------|---|
| £ 142.00 | Clothing order                              |
| £ 18.00  | Refund of 3 x £6 entries for Saxons 3-ender |
| £ 19.20  | Charity trophy prizes                       |
| £ 54.00  | New compound padlock keys cut               |
| £ 22.50  | CPL refreshments Warriors                   |
| £ 4.25   | Lloyds bank service charge May-June         |
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This gives a **surplus** for the period of **£1084.17** with a good bank balance of £3565.74 and £293 cash in hand. We hold a stock of clothing which at cost is about £277.00, making total assets of £4135.74.

Of the £500 CTC grant we have so far spent £151.18 on wood, £98.98 on paint and £7.20 on wood for boule holders making a total spend of £257.36 and leaving £242.64, most of which will go on 2 bulk bags of grit.

We have over £2500.00 of spare usable assets, allowing for match refreshment costs, prizes and engraving, website costs and any further piste maintenance.

For information: About £900 for the Spanish trip coach hire will be coming into the Saxons bank account and then be paid out to Ellisons Coaches. Pete will keep this ring-fenced for clarity.

#### **4. Membership update**

We now have 49 fully paid adult members including 4 who have joined us recently – Mary and Brian Jackson and Joy and Doug Kendall. Steve Forrester and Geoff Jones are also likely to join, so membership numbers are looking good. Mike Fidler would like to remain a club member, even though he is currently unable to play, and he is willing to pay a nominal fee for this. A few have not yet renewed: Sue Baker, Keith Dancer, Ron and Pam Poole. Pete will contact these people before removing them from the list of members.

#### **5. Eurocup entry**

Doug Kendall had emailed Pete C to see if Saxons were planning to enter the Eurocup for 2025-26 and Pete had replied to say that it would be discussed at this committee meeting. The committee agreed that Pete will enter one team and that, if Doug and Joy Kendall and Mike Wells choose to transfer their PE membership from CPC to Saxons, they would be considered for matches along with our existing PE members.

#### **6. Competitions report by Pete Chambers**

Please see our website for full match reports – [www.saxonspetanque.co.uk](http://www.saxonspetanque.co.uk)

##### **PE/GWR Report**

###### PE Eurocup

Pete C will enter 1 team from Saxons for the 2025-26 Eurocup.

###### GWR upcoming events

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> September                | GWR triples, venue CPC                    |
| Sat/Sun 13 <sup>th</sup> /14 <sup>th</sup> Sept | Inter-regional weekend, Weston-Super-Mare |
| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> September               | GWR mixed doubles, venue RWB              |

###### GWR results

Pete C and Stephen R, and Jenny and Chris L entered the GWR doubles at RWB on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Both pairs won 1 game in the morning round robin, going through to the silver section in the afternoon knockout rounds where they both fell at the first hurdle.

Pete C and Stephen R also entered the GWR veterans' doubles at The Northey Arms, Box on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> July. They won 2 games in the morning round robin, progressing to the gold section of the afternoon knockout where they won their first game but then lost to the overall runners up.

### **Cotswold Petanque League**

|                                 |                                      |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June   | Saxons Warriors 1-4 CPC Magpies      |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June | CPC Woodpeckers 0-5 Saxons Crusaders |
| Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> Jul    | Gotherington 1-4 Saxons Warriors     |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July | Saxons Warriors 5-0 CPC Woodpeckers  |
| Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> July    | Upton Saints 5-0 Saxons Crusaders    |

### **Other competitions report**

#### The Western Challenge Knockout Cup

Saxons Wizards played away to Filton on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June in the plate competition. Despite some close games, the Wizards lost 1-4.

#### Sherston Boule Festival, Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July

There was no entry from Saxons but Saxons members Pete C and Liz C entered with Dave Wright as a team from Cirencester U3A. On a very hot day they lost in the first round and then got knocked out in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the plate.

### **Other upcoming events**

|                                 |   |
|---------------------------------|---|
| Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August   | Bath open triples, City of Bath PC          |
| Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> August  | CPC 3-ender competition (full), CPC         |
| Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> October | CRUK charity mixed doubles, City of Bath PC |

## **7. Wednesday evenings**

Our Wednesday evening club nights will continue until the end of August.

The committee rota for the remaining few weeks is:

6<sup>th</sup> August – Jenny, 13<sup>th</sup> August – Alan, 20<sup>th</sup> August – Charles, 27<sup>th</sup> August – Jenny (or Alan).

## **8. Saxons competitions**

The summer scores competitions continue until the end of October and the summer singles ladder runs until the end of September when it will be turned upside-down.

Unfortunately the 3-ender competition scheduled for 29<sup>th</sup> June was cancelled due to lack of entries. When asked if he could reschedule it, Pete agreed to see if he could find a suitable date.

The new Charity Trophy Melee competition was held on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> July. There were 22 entries and a lot of donated raffle prizes. Stephen Roberts won the men's trophy and Angela Gwilt won the ladies' trophy whilst Kelvin Gwilt won a prize for being the friendliest player. We raised £66 in entry fees and £85 on the raffle plus a £5 donation, making a total of £156 for charity. Our thanks go to all those who joined in and contributed to an enjoyable morning and especially to Cliff for providing cakes and to Pete C for organising the event.

## **9. Training and coaching**

The three Saxons coaches will arrange a new date and Pete C will discuss with Doug Kendall if he is willing to use his coaching ability at Saxons.

## **10. Charity donation**

As noted above, our new Charity Trophy Melee competition raised £156 and this will be added to the £50 raised from the sale of John Osman's donated boules, making a total of £206. The committee agreed that this will be split between two local organisations, The Cricklade Bloomers and the Cricklade Memory Café. Pete will organise these donations.

## **11. Social events**

Jenny is arranging another 10-pin bowling evening at 7:45pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> September at Tenpin in Swindon. The cost will be £10 for 2 games of bowling and a drink. Please see our notice board in the Leisure Centre for more information. Closing date for entries is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August to allow time to make the booking.

There will probably be another skittles evening arranged for later in the year.

## **12. AOB**

- Our thanks to Sue P who has donated a better-quality folding table to the club.
- Now that we have received the grant from CTC, Pete C will order a bulk bag of 2-4mm grit. Once this has been dealt with he will order a bag of 6-8mm grit.
- Pete Chambers had forwarded an email from Cricklade Beaver Scouts to Charles F and John Z on 29<sup>th</sup> April. Charles is liaising with Laura Weeks to arrange something for September.

## **13. Date of next meeting – 4:15pm on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September venue tba.**

Meeting closed at 5.05 pm