



## **EXECUTIVE MEETING**

**Date:** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2009

**Time:** 07:00pm

**Venue:** Panteg House

**Present:** Tony Smith, Don Jenkins, John Legge, Peter Westall, Derek Jones, Graham Attfield.

**Apologies:** Scott Murray and Phil Bradshaw.

### **Matters Arising:**

- There has been no interest in the position of National Sponsorship Officer.
- We must consider advertising for the position of Competition Assistant.

### **President's Report:**

- In the last few months we have had no major issues.
- The uptake of European invitations has been disappointing.
- There has been no further communications from either the FIPJP or CEP.
- The European Junior Championship 2010 may be moved from Brittany to the Czech Republic.

### **Secretary:**

- We have received an electronic document relating to the upcoming changes in Child Protection legislation.

### **Vice-President (Playing):**

- We are aiming to have a draft playing calendar for 2010 prior to the AGM.
- Aspects of the competition rules will be addressed as they appear to members as unclear.
- Will have to address a proposal submitted by Abergavenny club relating to the Grand Prix qualifiers.

### **Umpire:**

- There was a proposal that every club must have a qualified coach and umpire to support the activities of the Association.



### **Publicity:**

- Jesse Lipitz-Robic had appeared in an S4C children's programme Mosgito.

### **2009 AGM:**

- The date for this had been set, Thursday 26 November, and it was proposed to hold it at Panteg House (subsequently the date was reset at Tuesday 24 November due to unavailability of the venue).
- All existing members of the Executive at the meeting, with the exception of Don Jenkins, would be standing for re-election to their posts.
- It was agreed that the post of Vice-President should be seen as a stepping stone towards the position of President.

### **Executive Officers Job Descriptions:**

- Each member of the Executive to draft a job description for their role.

### **Executive Communications:**

- The lines of communication within the Executive were not clear and there should be a hierarchy within the Executive to avoid duplication of effort.
- It may be possible to prepare a communications tree so that the President only needs to communicate with three of the Executive.

### **Affiliated Club Geographic's:**

- Secretary to write to Penarth club to ask them to clarify the situation with regards to its use of two locations for playing pétanque.

### **Complaint arising from the Cup Finals Day:**

- One aspect was swearing by a junior member whilst playing – Secretary to write to the relevant club secretary to invite them to take action.
- Another aspect was smoking during play after it had been specifically banned in the pre-match briefing – Vice-President (Playing) to emphasis conduct on the piste in the competition rules.

### **CHSOB Quins – Pétanque Development:**

- Discussion took place in respect to collaboration with CHSOB to establish a location at which all major WPA competitions could be held; no decision was taken.

### **Treasurer:**



- The current balance is about £5,800.

### **Financial position of the Association:**

- There was a discussion about the cost of sending the Junior team to the World Championships this year; we were unable to raise enough money in sponsorship and donations to cover the entirety of the costs.
- Any future junior team will have to undertake fund raising activities.
- This year the income is around £9,000 and expenditure around £12,000; this creates a deficit of around £3,000 and such losses, year on year, would see the Association with no funds in three years time.
- Whilst it has been the aim of the Executive to support teams playing in the Home Nations with subsidies this may not now be possible.
- It was suggested that, in addition to the usual competitions, we introduce a French style competition, commencing after lunch with a barrage style opening phase going into a knock-out, each team guaranteed three games in the competition.
- A general cut back on expenditure would also have to be looked at.
- An increase in fees was seen as possibly counter-productive and so all fees were to remain at the current levels.

The meeting closed at 10:30pm.