



# Welsh Pétanque Association

## 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### MINUTES

**Date: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023**

**Time: 07:30 pm**

**Venue: Monkstone Petanque Club, Penylan Club, Marlborough Road, Cardiff.**

#### **Present:**

President -Tony Smith (TSS), Treasurer - Jean-Yves Robic (JYR) and Director of Development Roger Green (RG).

#### **Representatives from the following clubs:**

Caerleon RFC PC, Monkstone PC, Pontyclun PC, SWBRC PS, Wenvoe PC, Wheatsheaf PC.

Represented by:

Full Members (FM): 10 No.

League Members (LM): 12 No.

Associate Members (AM): -

#### **Preamble:**

The President welcomed all the members present at the 2023 Annual General Meeting of the WPA to review the Association's activities for 2022.

Before starting the AGM, the President confirmed that he had not received any nomination forms for the vacant Executive position.

The President also asked the members present if there were any other items for item 11 – Any Other Business. R Pugh raised one additional item.

#### **1. Confirmation of Date of Notice of Meeting:**

This was issued in accordance with the Constitution on Wednesday, 8th February 2023.

#### **2. Apologies for Absence:**

The following members gave their apologies: Gareth and Michelle Spencer. Roger Griffin, Linda Halloran, Britt Clee, Derek Lomas, Maggie Grayson, Jenny Washington. Jane Dunn, Ian Wheeler, Tanya Howard, Kon Tomczyk, Barbara Vaughan, Brian and Jenny Spooner, Chris Howard, and Lyn Babbage.

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## 3. Previous Minutes:

The President stated that the 2022 AGM minutes were published on the WPA website and made available to the membership on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

The President reminded the members of three historical outstanding actions from 2021/22.

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| <p>3. The Executive to consider and bring back proposals to a future AGM the whole issue of postal and/or electronic voting, whether voting should be restricted to those present at the meeting and whether meetings should be hybrid i.e. physical meetings with a video conference option.</p> | <p>In abeyance until the WPA has a full Executive Committee so that the subject can be debated appropriately and brought back to the membership.</p> |
| <p>4. The Executive consider, and bring back proposals to a future AGM or EGM, the issue of multiple members from the same club being on the Executive at the same time.</p>  | <p>In abeyance until the WPA has a full Executive Committee so that the subject can be debated appropriately and brought back to the membership.</p> |
| <p>5. Gareth Spencer raised the issue of a new app that had a directory of clubs, and the Welsh clubs should get on this, it was seen as a good idea, and Gareth was going to look into it.</p>   | <p>Gareth Spencer (SWBRC) – Resolved did not carry this action forward.</p>  |

No amendments to the text were required.

Proposed By: Ian Bailey

Seconded By: Bernard Adshead

The 2022 AGM Minutes were adopted.

## 4. President's Report:

The President gave a report covering the following topics for 2022:

- League
- League Cup/Plate
- National Championships
- Welsh Cup for Clubs
- Celtic Challenge and Home Nations
- Petanque England's Challenge Cup
- Membership

See Appendix 1 for a copy of the President's Report.

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## 5. Finance:

### a. Audit Report

Bernard Adshead confirmed that he had carried out a detailed audit of the accounts for 2022. He stated that based on the documents presented, he could confirm that income and expenditure accounts and the balance sheet show a true statement of the financial activity for 2022 and the financial position as of 31st December 2022.

See Appendix 2

### b. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer provided a summary sheet for the members to review (Appendix 3).

The summary accounts for 2021 and 2022 were summarised for comparison. The Treasurer stated that the 2022 financial year was nearly back to normal, but income from competitions was still not at pre-pandemic levels.

The Treasurer highlighted several differences between the two years:

Total income had increased from £6,509 in 2021 to £11,404 in 2022, an increase of £4,895 from Membership/Club Affiliation fees and competition entry fees.

The Treasurer stated that the income of £2,740 for International Representation was from members representing Wales for the advance payment (£2,760) to the host federation before the event.

Financial support to the players and officials representing Wales amounted to £1,690.

The Treasurer then reviewed the Bank Accounts, stating that as of 31/12/2021, there was £6,593.76 in the current account and £10,061.40 in the savings/reserve account.

At the close of the financial year (31/12/2022), the current account had increased to £8,525.99 (plus £1,932.23) and the savings/reserve account to £10,064.12 (plus £2.72).

The WPA is financially sound, having liquidity of £18,612.19.

Finally, the Treasurer presented a Provisional Budget for 2023.

Income from Membership/Club Affiliation fees remains the same as in 2022.

There is an increase in expenditure for International Representation and Player Support to cover the 2023 European Championships Triples: Veterans and Men.

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Professional Services has been added to assist with running the Association as there is not a full Executive, and assistance may be required. There are other slight increases in expenditure to cover existing areas.

£1,000 has been budgeted for Development Grants to invest in new and existing clubs.

The provisional budget indicates a potential loss for the year of £550.

Derek Jones (Pontyclun PC) asked a question concerning the European Cup, asking if additional support was paid on top of the ring-fenced entry fees. The Treasurer provided an explanation to the satisfaction of D Jones and the meeting.

M Jones (Pontyclun PC) raised a point concerning the Welsh Cup for Clubs: it clashed with the King's Coronation in 2023 and suggested that it should be moved. This will be discussed by the Executive and moved if necessary.

A vote to adopt the Audit and Treasurer's Reports was not taken.

## **6. Rate of Club Affiliation and Membership Fees:**

The President confirmed that there are no proposed changes to the published Club Affiliation and Membership Fees for 2024.

## **7. Motions:**

The President confirmed that no formal motions were received to amend the Constitution and Rules.

## **8. Election of Officers:**

Nomination forms were received from the incumbents for the positions of President and Treasurer; no other nominations were received. The current position holders were elected for a further two years.

The members present were reminded that the positions of Secretary with a one-year mandate and the Director of Public Relations with a two-year mandate are vacant and that if any member is interested in any of the positions, they should come forward.

Please let one of us know even if you are interested in helping. The Association is not run alone; the current Executive needs your help.

Question from Sean Smith: Is the Secretary a one-year term?

The President confirmed that the position was for one-year.

Sean Smith offered to assist the Executive with support for the position of Secretary. The President thanked him for volunteering.

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### 9. Appointment of the Auditor:

Bernard Adshead confirmed he was happy to remain the auditor for another 12 months. When asked there were no volunteers from the membership present to assist in the auditing of the WPA accounts.

### 10. Arbitrators:

It was confirmed that the current arbitrators are Bernard Adshead, Gareth Spencer, Brian Spooner and Kon Tomczyk. The members present were invited to volunteer. There were no additions to the list.

Question from the floor – What exactly does an arbitrator do?

The President explained the remit of an arbitrator.

### 11. AoB:

*Item 1:*

The National Championships 2-year cycle is to be abolished and returned to yearly competitions, as proposed by Caerleon RFC PC.

A proposed competition format was presented and read out by the President, and the President explained each point. The President confirmed that all triple competitions have an open format but will remain a separate National Championship.

The President explained why the National Triples Championship would not be part of a qualification competition like the Home Nations Qualifier.

Finally, the President explained why the National Doubles Championship would not be reinstated annually.

The discussion was open to the floor. Comments were made by I Bailey, J Bailey, JY Robic and D Jones, and reference was made to the previous Grand Prix Qualifications process.

The President closed this item by asking if any member had further comments to communicate them to the Executive.

*Item 2:*

Welsh Clubs hosting the Celtic Challenge do not have representation in the competition unless one of their teams qualifies, as proposed by Pontclun PC.

D Jones proposed that if the Welsh Club hosting the Celtic Challenge does not have a team qualifying in the top eight, the host Club will be allowed to have a representative team in 8<sup>th</sup> position who would be in the B squad (Wales B4).

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The discussion was open to the floor. Members required clarification. Comments were raised by I Bailey, J Bailey, L Field, R Pugh, JY Robic, J Smith and S Smith concerning replacing a qualified team. Several members raised the point that having a strong B team is essential, and this proposal could weaken the squad.

The President closed this item by asking if any member had further comments to communicate them to the Executive.

*Item 3:*

R Pugh raised a point concerning the 2024 Celtic Challenge and the issuing of the questionnaire for clubs to complete to be considered the competition host.

The President confirmed that he could not find a document copy in the system. However, M Jones ( Pontyclun PC) confirmed they had a copy and would email it to the President.

The President confirmed that upon receipt, it would be checked and distributed to the clubs for completion.

The meeting closed at 8:45 pm.

WPA Executive  
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### 12. Appendices

#### Appendix 1 – President's Report

Firstly, I wish you all a happy St. David's Day.

Last year saw our sport return to what would be envisaged as a regular playing calendar. However, it soon became apparent that the shadow of the pandemic still hung over our sport.

Let us hope 2023 will be a better year for participation, not only within our clubs but between clubs and competitions.

I would like to again thank Bernard Adshead for assisting the current Executive as membership Secretary ensuring an efficient renewal of annual fees and club affiliations.

I would also like to thank Gareth Spencer for his assistance during his short tenure as Director of Public Relations.

It goes without saying, but I will; my thanks go to Jean-Yves and Roger for helping me keep the WPA functioning over the past 12 months.

#### League:

Last year we had 14 teams register for the League, two more than in 2021. These were divided into two equal divisions.

I congratulate the SWBRC Sea Hawks on winning Division 1 and Isca Romans on coming a close second for the second year running.

Also, I would like to congratulate the Wheatsheaf on winning Division 2 and Monkstone Marauders on taking second place.

#### League Cup/Plate:

All 14 teams in the League entered the League Cup/Plate competition. Last year there were two pools of 4 teams and two pools of 3 teams drawn randomly. The teams in each Pool played each other to identify the top team.

The four clubs were:

Isca Romans, Monkstone Minotaurs, Pontyclun Badgers and SWBRC Seagulls.

The Plate was played between the Pontyclun Badgers and Monkstone Minotaurs, with the Pontyclun Badgers taking the prize.

As ever, a big thank you goes to Vicki Adshead for the efficient running of the League, League Cup and Plate competitions.

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### **Nationals:**

My congratulations go to the following members who won the following National Titles in 2022:

- Doubles: Mixed – Gemma Foster and Steve Snudden
- Doubles: Men – Steve Snudden and Sean Smith
- Singles: Men – Kon Tomczyk
- Precision Shooting: Mixed – Len Field

The remaining Championships saw very little interest and were regrettably cancelled.

### **Welsh Cup for Clubs:**

Five clubs entered the competition to see which club is the best. I want to congratulate SWBRC PS on winning the Welsh Cup for Clubs title in 2022.

SWBRC PS accepted the WPA's invitation to represent Wales in the European Cup for Clubs in early November.

After qualification SWBRC PC played in the FedCup, winning against Austria to secure a 1/4 final place. Unfortunately, their quarter-final game was against a solid Polish team, which they could not overcome.

Congratulations on getting to the quarter-final.

### **Celtic Challenge**

Scotland hosted the 2022 Celtic Challenge at the Glasgow Petanque Club at the very end of April.

Four Welsh teams (you know who you are) travelled north of the border and brought the Celtic Challenge Trophy back to Wales.

With an impressive 33 wins, Wales has succeeded in stopping Scotland from making it a record 7th win. The Welsh Squad won 69% of their encounters compared to Scotland A's 52%, Ireland's 50% and Scotland B's 29%.

A good job, well done.

### **Home Nations Championship:**

In August, Scotland again hosted a major championship, the 2022 Home Nations Championship, at the Troon Petanque Club.

Unfortunately, the English juggernaut could not be stopped, and again they retained the trophy. However, the battle for the second position ensued, and a close-fault contest occurred between the remaining three associations. Unfortunately for Wales, who finished on the same number of wins as Jersey, was pipped at the post into third place due to a points difference.

### **Petanque England's Challenge Cup:**

Four teams representing the WPA travelled to the far eastern extremities of England to compete in the Petanque England's Challenge Cup. The results from the weekend clearly showed a difference between the two days, but overall the squad finished 4th an excellent result.

Congratulations to the squad, especially Jayne Dunn, who travelled as Team Manager.





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### Membership:

We currently have:

- Associate Member: 84
  - League Member: 103
  - Full Member: 26
  - Junior Member: 4
  - Honorary member: 1
- Total: 218 members (2021: 279 members)**

I want to welcome Colwinston PC to the WPA. We have already provided much help and support in the early phases, and it will not stop there, but I hope all our affiliated clubs will also support them.



Unfortunately, Monmouth Petanque Club voted not to re-affiliate to the WPA at their recent AGM.

Finally, it has come to our attention relatively late that Julie Beresford (wife of Peter Beresford), a past member, passed away in December. We have passed on our condolences to Peter at his loss.

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## Appendix 2 – Audit Report – 2022 Financial Year

WELSH PÉTANQUE ASSOCIATION – AGM 2023			
<b>AUDIT REPORT</b>			
I have carried out a detailed audit of the accounts of the Welsh Pétanque Association for the year 2022. The summary of the accounts can be represented as:			
<b>CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET for the year ended 31 DECEMBER 2022</b>			
<b>CURRENT ASSETS:</b>			<b>2022 £</b>
Balance at Bank (Current A/c)	31-Dec-22	8,525.99	
Balance at Bank (Savings A/c)	31-Dec-22	10,064.12	
Balance at Bank (MoneyCorp)	31-Dec-22	22.08	
Deferred 2023 Income		(1,176.00)	
Debtors		60.00	
Value of Inventory		1,106.22	
			<b>£ 18,602.41</b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY :</b>			
<b>General Reserve Fund</b>			<b>2022 £</b>
Balances Brought Forward:			
Balance at Bank (Current A/c)	31-Dec-21	6,593.76	
Balance at Bank (Savings A/c)	31-Dec-21	10,061.40	
Balance at Bank (MoneyCorp)	31-Dec-21	22.08	
Petty Cash		(1.42)	
Value of Inventory		1,551.80	
			<b>18,227.62</b>
Surplus / Shortfall of Income over Expenditure		820.37	
Reduction in Value of Inventory (2022)		(445.58)	
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>			<b>18,602.41</b>
On the basis of the documents presented to me, I confirm that the Income and Expenditure Account and the Balance Sheet present a true statement of the financial activity for the year 2022 and the financial position as 31 December 2022.			
Signed:			
	Bernard Adshead Honorary Auditor Monkstone Pétanque Club		

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## Appendix 3 – Treasurer's Report – 2022 Financial Year

### INCOME 2021

CATEGORY	£s
MEMBERSHIP	3,747
COMPETITIONS	1,033
SALES	20
INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION	1,563
SPONSORSHIP	-
OTHER INCOME	147
<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>6,509</b>

### EXPENDITURE 2021

CATEGORY	£s
ADMINISTRATION	2,452
MARKETING	216
TRAINING	-
COMPETITIONS	513
PLAYING KIT	414
PRIZES, TROPHIES & GIFTS	97
INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION	2,403
<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>6,094</b>
INTERNAL ACCOUNT TRANSFER TO RESERVE ACCOUNT	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,094</b>

### 2022 BANK RECONCILIATION

Bank		
Income	£	11,404.00
Expenditure	£	9,471.77
<b>Income over Expenditure:</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>1,932.23</b>
Account Reconciliation		
As at 01/01/2022:	£	6,593.76
Income over Expenditure:	£	1,932.23
<b>Total Ledger:</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>8,525.99</b>
At bank on 31/12/2022	£	8,525.99
<b>Difference:</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>-</b>
Liquidity		
Bank:	£	8,525.99
Savings Account:	£	10,064.12
Petty Cash:	£	-
Moneycorp Acc:	£	22.08
Outstanding Payments:	£	-
<b>Liquidity:</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>18,612.19</b>

### INCOME 2022

CATEGORY	£s
MEMBERSHIP 2022	5,155
MEMBERSHIP 2023	1,176
COMPETITIONS	2,037
SALES (Pins, kit)	96
Sales (Services)	200
INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION	2,740
SPONSORSHIP	-
OTHER INCOME	-
<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>11,404</b>

### EXPENDITURE 2022

CATEGORY	£s
ADMINISTRATION	2,745
MARKETING	525
DEVELOPMENT	395
COMPETITIONS	147
PLAYING KIT	180
PRIZES, TROPHIES, PINS & GIFTS	1,029
INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION	2,760
INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION BURSARY	1,690
<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>9,472</b>
INTERNAL ACCOUNT TRANSFER TO RESERVE ACCOUNT	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,472</b>

### PROVISIONAL BUDGET 2023

#### INCOME 2023

CATEGORY	£s
MEMBERSHIP	5,000
COMPETITIONS	1,500
COACHING	600
INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION	4,700
SPONSORSHIP	500
SALE OF SERVICES	400
OTHER INCOME	300
<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>13,000</b>

#### EXPENDITURE 2023

CATEGORY	£s
ADMINISTRATION	2,800
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES	500
MARKETING	600
DEVELOPMENT/COACHING EQUIP	400
COMPETITIONS (E CUP)	150
PLAYING KIT	400
INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION	4,700
INTERNATIONAL REPRESENTATION BURSARY	3,000
DEVELOPMENT GRANTS	1,000
<b>EXPENDITURE TOTAL</b>	<b>13,550</b>