

## **Minutes of WBPC Committee meeting 6 December 2024**

**Present:** Martin Hudson (Chair), Mal Jones (Treasurer), Ken Johnson, David Goodes, Phil Lear, Bob Houghton, Chris Houghton (Secretary)

### **Agenda:**

Changes to banking

Draft Finances 2025

Predicted Income:

Subscriptions payments

Socials

Pairs

Predicted Expenditure:

Rent

Contribution to CIC

Hosting

PE Membership

Maintenance

### **Payment statement on membership form**

#### **Welcome:**

Martin welcomed everyone to the meeting especially the new committee members, Mal, David and Bob

#### **Banking:**

Lloyds bank in Ross on Wye has now closed. Mal proposes to mainly manage the accounts on line. The Post Office is still available to pay cash and cheques into the account when necessary. Martin will update the original membership form to request payment by bank transfer or cheque. Members will need to include their surname as a reference.

### **Draft finances 2025**

#### **Income:**

Based on 60 renewals @ £40	£2400
2 BBQs	£ 600
1 Quiz	£ 160 (to be held at the sports club, Sept?)
2 Skittles	£ 360 (Spring & Nov?)
Pairs 16x2x15	£ 480
Misc extras	£ 150 (Walking club, Twinning Assoc. etc)

**Total** **£4150**

**Expenditure:**

Rent	£312
Contribution to CIC	£684
Petanque England	£250
Website	£ 63
Marches League	£ 25
League Hosting 7x30	£210
Friendly Hosting 5x30x£1.50	£225
Prizes	£ 85 (Pairs competition)
Maintenance	£600
Contingency	£500

**Total** **£2954**

From the discussions on the above **Mal** suggested an extra noticeboard in the shelters to inform members of up and coming events, the other one to be used to inform members of pairs/friendlies/league results. **Agreed. Bob** to source a suitable white board, which he said he would donate to the club.

**Phil** will request payment for Pairs competition upfront. The competition will commence in March. One round as last year. Cost will be £30 per pair, to be paid by bank transfer. Melee will continue to be paid by members on the day. It was agreed that £5 be paid to the winner of the melee.

**Mal** asked how much visiting organisations paid (Walking club, Twinning etc). Martin said it varied with some paying per head and others giving a donation to the club.

**Martin** said the rent for the pistes paid to the Cricket Club covered 2years, including back payment. In 2026 this should be paid off and the rent will then be £156.

The payment to Petanque England of £250 was the requirement for 6 members of the club to be members of PE in order that we get liability cover and enable the club to play in Petanque England tournaments. (George Tait had previously investigated liability cover and this turned out to be the best, and cheapest, way to do it.)

**Phil** reported that Bath Petanque Club are planning a tour and had requested a friendly match with us on May 9<sup>th</sup>. This would result in an additional, one off, cost for friendly hosting. **Agreed.**

Many clubs provide refreshments made by members who are not necessarily players. WBPC members could be asked to help with refreshments for visiting clubs.

The prize money for the Pairs competition was discussed and it was **agreed** to keep this at the current level. The Wooden spoon for this year's competition will be presented to Jack & Ann Utting at the Christmas Lunch. The Singles Knockout

competition will also continue with a “cup” provided by Martin and a bottle of wine for the winner.

**Ken** questioned whether we should have a first aid kit. This was discussed and decided that as this would then raise questions of liability, we would not provide one. Many members have first aid kits in their car.

Ken reported on maintenance. He proposed that the left hand side between the pistes and the fence should be covered with a membrane and gravel to level it off and reduce the number of weeds. Matthew Ralphs has offered to help and can get gravel at cost. **Mal** requested a practice piste for those playing in leagues and friendlies as most clubs have a greater depth of gravel and we are at a disadvantage when we play away matches. It was **Agreed** that the end piste nearest the back gate be given extra gravel, and a wooden edging to hold it in.

The mower was serviced last summer and should not need servicing until 2026. Ken plans to paint the shelters with preservative, which he already has, and to revarnish the bench.

**Martin** suggested that we have the grass surrounding the courts cut at the beginning of the season by someone with an all-terrain grass cutter at a cost of £85. **Agreed**

**Mal** raised the question of floodlighting. Ken has the current floodlights in his garage. At the end of the league/friendly season the lights were not quite bright enough. **Ken** is to look into cost of more lighting and possibly an extra set. To be discussed at the next meeting.

The £500 for contingency was **Agreed**.

**Martin** suggested that some of the club monies should be put into an interest account. **Mal** to look into this.

## **AOB**

**Phil** is waiting for Bath to firm up on their visit before he can go ahead and plan another trip next year. As Bath want to play in Ross during the beginning of May he may have to change our possible dates to later in the year. There were only 2 members interested in playing in Cornwall so he is now looking at Bath + one other, or Winchester & Bournemouth.

**Meeting closed**

