

## Minutes of Huddersfield Pétanque Club AGM Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017

### At 1200 in the Club Room Greenhead Park

Present: Paul, Roy, Sue & Robin (the Committee) and 23 members:- Maggie P, Martin G, Jane, Maureen, Sandra L, Maggie B, Michael N, Rita S, Christine K, Michael K, David W, Pauline, Daniel, David M, Sandie W, Yvonne, Phil, Geertje, Sandra B, Malcolm, Richard, Alasdair and Amanda

The chair welcomed everyone to the 4<sup>th</sup> AGM of the club.

1. Apologies for absence were received from Brendan, Marie, Roger and Jane.
2. The minutes of the 2016 AGM were accepted as a true record of the meeting. Proposed Jane. Seconded Rita S. All in favour.
3. Matters arising. Paul reported to the members on the many meetings that the Committee had with Kirklees Councillors and KMC staff and described progress to date. The Community Room is considered a stop gap measure but the Committee has decided that the club's longer term needs would be better served with a larger wooden building next to the terrain. Members were invited to comment now or very soon on this proposal. Several questions were asked from the floor. All comments made supported the Committee. The project needs a lot of funding (£15,000). An architect and project manager will be needed.
4. The Committee Report for the year is on the website and hard copies were provided to the meeting. The Chair highlighted several points from the Report. The club finished the year with 86 members, the highest number we have ever had. Our target for 2017 is to have 100! 5 members have joined the English Petanque Association (EPA). The club has also joined in the last few days – this should help our requests for funding (see 3). Members needing further information about the EPA should contact the Secretary. During the year many improvements have been made to the terrain and surrounding area. The playing surface of 3 lanes (8, 9 & 10) had been replaced with a different, technically more challenging, surface layer. The garden area had been improved and the approach to the original club house had been improved and now includes wheelchair access. It was clear that members playing skills have improved over the year. We have held coaching sessions with EPA coaches and plan further ones in the future. A very successful club trip to play Mansfield PC was held and they are due to play at Huddersfield on August 20<sup>th</sup>. A trip to Harrogate Montpellier PC will take place on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> April. It is planned to have further challenges in the future. We already have an invitation from Honiton PC and hope to progress our plans for a visit to play in France. 3 members, Brendan, Roy and Fred along with Aled Jones from Bridlington PC, have entered a team 'GoldBAR' in the Northern Qualifiers for the EPA inter Regional competition.

The West Yorkshire League was successful in 2016 and starts again in May 2017. The well-known West Yorkshire town of Harrogate has joined the league this year! It is hoped to repeat the Kirklees Autumn League later this year. The club entered a team, Sue, Robin and Roy, in the Harrogate Invitational Triples event. They were runners up in 2016 just losing to hosts Harrogate in the final. This team has entered again in May 2017 and we have been invited to enter a second team this year. The planned new clubhouse will take a lot of work this coming year and much help and finance will be needed. The Chair asked members to think about 'What next for the club?' and come forward with ideas

5. Approval of Accounts. A sheet detailing Budgets V Actuals 2016 and Budgets for 2017 was issued. The Chair informed the meeting that the club was in a strong financial position. The Chair thanked Phil for auditing the accounts. Acceptance of the Accounts was proposed by Michael N and seconded by Michael K
6. No motions had been submitted
7. £150 had been raised for our charity 'Simon on the Streets'
8. Two charities had been nominated for 2017. AGE UK's Befriending Service was nominated by Maggie B and CARERSTRUST Mid Yorkshire Crossroads Carer Service by Roy. After a brief outline of the work of both charities the meeting voted for CARERSTRUST to be our supported charity in 2017
9. Election of Officers. All the existing Officers had agreed to stand again. No further nominations had been received. The Chair proposed that the existing Officers be elected en-bloc. Passed unanimously by the meeting. Paul commented that a committee of 5 is really too small for a club of our size. Roy reported that he had attended the AGM of Heckmondwike PC the previous day. They are of a similar size to us but their AGM voted to increase the size of their committee from 9 to 12 and they had volunteers wanting to take up these extra positions. The Committee have the authority to co-opt suitable members to join the Committee. Members were encouraged to make it known if they were willing to be co-opted.
10. Date of next AGM – provisionally Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018

The Chair closed the meeting at 1249 and reminded members that Subscriptions for 2017 were now due.