

Rutland and District Petanque League AGM

Belton Village Hall on 8th November 2023 at 19.00

1. Apologies for Absence

- Carolyn Evans
- Carolyn Seabrook
- Jon Wells
- Steven Wilby
- Cathy Brewin

Present:

Hugh Neill	Belton Braces & Belton Bees
Stephen Knight	ORFC Forwards
Graham Storey	Old Black Horse B
Richard Miller	Old Black Horse A
R. Birch	Horse & Jockey
A Morriss	Horse & Jockey
George Cook	Fox & Hounds Originals
Hayden Vokes	Fox & Hounds Occassional
Ian Norman	Rockingham Petanque
T. Burbidge	Rockingham Petanque
M.K. Norman	Rockingham Petanque
C. Redecen-Davies	Belton Braces
Dave Smith	Rose & Crown Houghton
Jim Clarke	RAC Houghton
Christian Gossel	Greetham Vikings
David Wheatley	Ketton Euros
Richard Gregg	Wheaties
Mark Chapman	Wheaties
Ian Ryder	Whissendine Cobblers
Andrew Brown	Ashley Athletique
Steve Murkle	Ketton Euros
Steve Brewin	Rutland Agric. Soc,

2. The minutes of the 2022 AHM were read out by the Secretary.
Vote for the approval of the 2022 AGM Minutes

Proposer and Seconder

Hugh Neill
George Cook
Minutes were approved unanimously

3. Matters arising from the 2022 minutes
There were no matters arising

4. **Chairpersons Report**

In the absence of Jon Wells who is out of the country and will not be standing for re-election, there is no Chairpersons report.

5. Treasurers Report and Accounts

The Accounts were presented by the Treasurer who explained that he is not currently able to access the HSBC bank account as the previous Treasurer did not complete the necessary documents to enable this. It is hoped that this situation will be resolved after this meeting and the Treasurer said he will circulate amended accounts as soon as possible if necessary.

5.1 League Subscriptions for 2023

The Treasurer explained that if the membership decided that the individual trophies were not required then we could reduce the membership fee to £20 per team for the 2024 season

Proposed by Stephen Knight
Seconded by. Steve Brewin

6. Election of Officers

6.1 Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer

George Cook indicated that he was prepared to stand

Proposed by Graham Storey

Seconded by Hugh Neill

Elected unanimously

Secretary

Stephen Knight indicated that he was prepared to continue

Treasurer

Stephen Knight indicated that he was prepared to continue

Proposed by (for both positions) Hugh Neill

Seconded by Steve Brewin

Elected unanimously

Fixture Secretary

As no one had indicated they were willing to stand it was decided that the position be left vacant

6.2 Divisional Representatives

Premier Division – George Cook

First Division – Steven Wilby

Second Division – Mike Kingham

Third Division – Hugh Neill

All elected unanimously

7. Proposals

Proposed by Vincent Crump – Furrowers

“That the number of divisions be reduced to 3 if the total number of teams registered is 36 or less” This would mean an extra 4 weeks of fixtures compared to the current season with no byes.

After discussion the proposal was not carried with voting For 6 Against 11

Proposed by Ian Ryder – Whissendine Cobblers

“ That when a change of a match date or venue becomes necessary after publication of the League fixture list, the League Website should highlight the change. Also that the team needing the change should be required to send a reminder to the opposition 1 week ahead of affected matches in addition to any general notification sent as soon as the change became necessary.

After discussion it was agree to implement this change as far as possible.

Secretary to check with Webmaster what is possible.

Proposal carried unanimausly

8. Insurance

The Secretary stated that Jon Wells had previously arranged the insurance so was not able to comment on what the actual cover provided, but will find out and report back. Also will try to get a copy of the insurance document on the website.

9. Any other Business

- Clarification of the rules was required as teams are still playing local rules so there is no consistency throughout.

It was agreed to circulate the rules highlighting contentious issues with the application form for next season

- Better neutral venues required for Cup and Plate fixtures

It was agreed that this will be done together with publishing Cup and Plate fixtures on the website

- Food offering where applicable to be confirmed by the home team and away team to confirm numbers
- Andrew Brown explained the toilet facilities at Ashley Atheletiques and stated that they now have lights.

10. Presentation of Trophies

Some trophies have been “lost” since they were presented in 2019 ongoing attempts are being made to recover them. As a consequence no formal presentations were made but winners are

Prem. Div Champions Ketton Euros Runners-Up Fox & Hounds Originals

Div 1. Rose & Crown Houghton, Runners-Up Beach Boys of Barrowden

Div 2. ORFC Forwards Runners-Up Horse & Jockey

Div 3 Jolly Brewer Runners-Up The Crown Asfordby

Green King Cup The Wheaties Runners-Up ORFC Flankers

Turner Plate ORFC Wrinklies Runners-Up Belton Braces

The meeting was closed at 20.00

11. Business

Election of Chairperson

Jon Wells was

Proposed by: George Cook

Seconded by: Hugh Neill
And elected unopposed

All other positions elected unopposed.

Secretary and Treasurer – Stephen Knight
Proposed by: Jon Wells
Seconded by: George Cook

Fixture Secretary – Nigel Ashby
Proposed by: Jon Wells
Seconded by: George Cook

Treasurers Report and Accounts

In the absence of Steve Knight I have reviewed the accounts and verify them as correct. No subscriptions were charged for the 2022 season. The only items of expenditure were in respect of the league website and insurances on behalf of the league teams and players and committee to fulfil its role.

Treasurer's Report and Accounts approved

AOB –

George Cook proposal for cup comp approved for a season.
Ashley Athletiques to implement new policy for meeting teams prior to fixtures to ensure bathroom comfort breaks are provided.

Signed as a true record by:

Jonathan Wells (Chairperson)

Hugh Neill (acting Secretary)