



**EPA Management Committee Meeting
held at London Mathematical Society
57-58 Russell Square London WC1B 4HS
on 9th September 2017 commencing at 9.30 a.m**

Attendees

David Baxter (DB)	Ken Buchan (KB)
Cary Bush (CB)	Martin Eggleton (ME),
Martin Hughes (MH)	Ray Keemer-Richards (RK)
David Mason (DM)	Jim Marstin (JM)
Colin Roper (CR)	
Annette Eggleton (notes)	

Action

- 9.1 Apologies for absence, Alan Forse (AF), Alan Roden (AR), Bob Parker (BP)
- 9.2 The minutes of the previous meeting held 22nd July were accepted as a true record.

9.3 Action Points

7.3 Branding Agreed will be a soft launch at Hayling in the rolling screen on the Sunday. Need to talk to Webmaster.	ME
7.3 International Coordinator Seek data that has been collected.	DB
7.5 Womens Group. Developing rapidly, now called the Petanque Ambassadors for Women PAW. Producing a pack for Hayling. 1 st newsletter produced.	

9.4 Incorporation

September 2 nd Member meeting in Nottingham. One attendee.	DB
DM reported that the HoE committee had discussed and were supportive. KB reported that about a dozen written submissions have been received so far.	CB
Balloting. We are not able to address all members electronically so as we will have to write to all members in the post we have sought quotations for running a ballot from specialist companies. 3 quotations were sought and two were available at the meeting. It was agreed to accept the lower quote from UK-Engage. [Note: The third quotation was received after the meeting, its value was between the two already received so did not affect the decision.]	DB
AGM Date and location. Following a wide ranging discussion the meeting agreed to propose the Limited Company route not the CIO route so that we had control of the timelines and we would be able to proceed without waiting for Charity Commission approval. It was also agreed to push the AGM back to April 21 st to maximise the time to get every thing done after the ballot which is currently planned for a 2 week window starting the 2 nd week of January.	
It was agreed to seek a hotel location north or west of the M25.	DB
Further work is needed on the detailed timelines.	DB

9.5 Finance

Monthly accounts have been circulated – no queries.
It was agreed that outstanding bursaries for 2016 should be paid. MH to confirm names/qualifying event.
Minibus for Rouen is paid.

Insurance renewal negotiation is underway.

9.6 **Assembly Meeting October 14th**

The following Agenda items were agreed. DB

Introduction and review – MH

Incorporation Discussion/Feedback

Promoting membership - work of the PAW?

Playing – Ranking system and its development.

9.7 **Playing**

Bids for Titles Weekend

It was agreed to stay with the current weekend which ruled out Worthing. However there was much support for having other event(s) there at the early May BH.

The pros and cons of Gravesend and Hanbury were discussed and it was agreed to offer Gravesend a two year deal. DB

Triples Qualifier 23rd July

16 Mens and 10 womens teams at Arlesey went well.

Festival of Pétanque 29/30th July

Despite late start to promotional activity the event went well despite some inclement weather. Junior International was very successful. Agreed to record thanks to NYS team. Are they planning to repeat? The coaching marquee was popular with visits from members, public from a local U3A and visiting coaches. Suggested repeating this coaching at Titles weekend. DB

Results need publishing on the web DB

Home Nations 12-13th August.

Result England 71; Jersey 51; Wales 36; Scotland 28; Use of Mill Rythe was generally welcomed with a couple of vocal exceptions. The exclusion of top England teams had worked to the benefit of all. Enabled a wider pool of players to experience representation including a team of Junior players and one player with only 4% vision. The juniors (Ollie Zimmermann, Kai Sheffield, Daniel Raine and Jason White) playing at 2 were the top team in the event.

In the same weekend we had 12 Men and 8 Women from our National Squads at Maaseik and 2 young Espoirs teams at St Omer, France. Both trips were worthwhile and should be repeated.

Inter Regional 2017

All in hand. Van is booked to transport trophies and equipment. All teams are in some issues reconciling the accommodation list still to be resolved. Extra help Friday morning will be welcome.

Mens and Espoirs at St Pierre les Elbeuf, Normandy 21-24 September.

Self drive vehicle scheduled to arrive 6pm Weds. Men's team is R Jones, S Blakey, D Seville, D Plumhoff, manager M Eversden. Espoirs Men, Callum Lombard, Monty Quaia, Adam Barclay, Ollie Zimmerman, manager S Bird. Ladies Espoirs Aimee Colley, Samantha Thatcher, Kaylee Thatcher, Vicki Amphlett, manager P Lancaster. Invoicing of players to be completed. MH

Veterans European triples Championship, Denmark 6-8th October

Brian Stote to manage. Flights are booked and kit is ordered. Contribution received from 3 players, 1 to be invoiced. CB

Junior and Womens Worlds in China November 2-10th.

Team Selections were endorsed. Junior Kai Sheffield, Morgan Pry, Alex Spillett, Jason White. Manager Scott Ashby, HoD Colin Roper

Women Emma Longstaff, Kaylee Thatcher, Sammy Thatcher, Sarah Huntley. Manager M Hughes, HoD Colin Roper.

A letter of resignation from Matt Blyton NYS lead coach was tabled and discussed. Agreed to accept with regret.

Much to be done obtaining visa, vaccinations and finalising travel arrangements.

CEP Congress. Will include a vote on Nationality That all players must be nationals of the country they represent. Agreed to support 8 votes to 1.

9.8 **Membership**

New club map available on web site nearly complete. Then clubs will be asked to validate. JM

Membership is running ahead of last year by 32.

9.9 **Disciplinary**

From HoE Region. D Mason declared an interest and left the meeting.

Redacted has been charged with abusive language to an official. Waiting for his response to take sanction or contest at a disciplinary hearing. KB

9.10 **Any other Business**

A Club SGF has been received from Worthing for leisure Boule. Agreed out of scope – ask Glenn Floyd if the region can't assist. DB

A proposal has been floated to move Northamptonshire to the aegis of East Midlands. Agreed but impact on actual members needs to be understood. DB

Contact has been made with International School Sports Federation as Pétanque is on the programme for the next Gymnasiad in Morocco in 2018. The cost to send a team is estimated at £5000 plus £300 to join the ISF. Agreed not to organise a team. Agreed to look at joining ISF.

9.11 **Date of next MC meeting**, October 14th 9.30 am at Friends Meeting House, Euston Road. DB