



Minutes of KPA & KPL Joint Annual General Meeting 2022
Thursday 17th November 8pm, at Lordswood Sports & Social Club

1. **Confirmation of the Date of Notice of the Meeting**

The date and place of the AGM has been published on the website since March. The call for nominations and resolutions went out to clubs and members on 4th October 2022 and the agenda was issued on 10th November 2022.

2. **Apologies for Absence**

Mags Yates, Ron Yates, Steve Wells, Alan Cregeen & New Ash Green PC. There were 79 members present.

3. **Approval of the minutes of the previous KPA AGM**

The 2021 AGM minutes were accepted and approved unanimously, proposed by Ray Keemer-Richards and seconded by David Nolan.

4. **KPA Chairman's Report**

Bob Gaywood:

"Good evening and welcome to the 2022 Annual General Meeting of the Kent Pétanque Association which again is being held in conjunction with the Kent Pétanque League.

As is my normal practice, I shall begin this evening by reporting on the year's notable achievements by Kent members at international and national levels.

International Notable Achievements & Honours

Becky Edwins & Alex Spillett represented England at the European Triples Championship in Spain.

Alex Spillett was runner up with a silver medal at the European Doubles Championship in Holland.

Sophie Rowley was runner up with a silver medal at the Junior European Triples Championship in Spain.

Jason White won a bronze medal in the Espoirs European Shooting Championships in Spain.

National Notable Achievements & Titles

Champion of Champions Triples Winners were **Dean Ashby, Scott Ashby, Jason White & Aston Monk.**

PE National Titles Results

Men's Singles Winner: **Marcus Hickman**

Men's Doubles Winner: **Jason White**

Mixed Doubles Winner: **Alex Spillett**

Kent Region

Now moving on to Kent Regional matters and activities within the region:

As usual, I will be presenting the trophies for our Regional Competitions champions later this evening and will announce the winners at that time.

For the record, 2022 KPA Competitions:

Singles Winner – Richard Wenban
Singles Runner up – Alex Spillett

Doubles Winners – Chris Watkins & Gary Atkinson
Doubles Runners up – Aston Monk & Jason White

Triples Winners – Aston Monk, Dean Ashby & Jason White
Triples Runners up – Beck Edwins, Tim Edwins & Steve Brown

Mixed Doubles Winners – Deborah Capelin & Mike Capelin
Mixed Doubles Runners up – Dean Ashby & Alex Spillett

Over 55s Winners – Deborah Capelin & Mike Capelin
Over 55s Runners up – Maria Hooper & Ian Heathcote

Chairman's Cup Winners – Jean-Louis Guiot, Trevor Glenn & Bob Gaywood
Chairman's Cup Runners up – Christine Menzies, Reg Dobson & Janet Dobson

Shooting Winner – Jason White
Shooting Runner up - Luke Ashford

Andy Mills Junior Player of the Year

There were two nominations for consideration, but the young player who came shining through, due to her consistent play and leadership throughout the year, and of course, her magnificent performance in the Junior European Championships in Spain, winning a Silver Medal for Runner up – **Sophie Rowley.**

It therefore gives me great pleasure, for the second consecutive year, to present **Sophie** with the Andy Mills Junior Player of the Year Award 2022.

Regional Qualifiers

A total of 28 teams entered the Qualifiers this year. Three more than 2021. My thanks go to the hosting clubs of Gravesend, Lordswood and Hartley.

The top qualifying team this year was **Aston Monk, Jason White, Dean Ashby and Scott Ashby**.

Inter-Regional Championships

2022 again saw a new venue, this time at Pakefield in Suffolk.

Kent again sent a total of 13 teams consisting of 8 for the Championship Division 1, 4 for the Challenge Division 1 and a junior team.

My grateful thanks again go to Duncan Brown for his usual hard work, flexibility, and strong resolve in organising the accommodation so effectively.

The results were as follows: -

Championship Division 1 Kent finished in 3rd place overall, with the top performing Kent team 5 of **Dave Hurren, Matt Horrigan, Richard Spillett and Rowland Jones** winning 10 games and the second best team in Championship Division 1.

My thanks to the Championship squad Manager **Carolyn Edwins**.

Challenge Division 1 Kent finished in 2nd place overall, with Kent team 2 of **Fay Golder, Steve Golder, Becky Edwins and Tim Edwins** also winning 10 games and finishing as second best team in Challenge Division 1.

My thanks to **Sheila King** for managing the Challenge 1 squad.

Juniors Division 1 Kent finished in a creditable 4th place, especially considering two out of our four players had never played together before as a team. My congratulations to 13-year-old **Tegan Finley** for captaining the team so competently and to the rest of the team, 14-year-old James Rudden, 11 year old **Zac Finley** and 8 year old **Toby Phillips**.

My grateful thanks to **Jamie Finley** for managing the Juniors.

Chairman's Cup

The Chairman's Cup is in place for those teams who, for whatever reason, did not qualify to represent Kent in the Regional Championships. The current qualification for entering is that the player must have played in at least one regional qualifier.

This year's competition was again fairly well attended, and my thanks go to the hosting club of Hartley.

Membership

I am very pleased to report that the 2022 latest membership numbers for the Kent Region is 481 Adults and 10 Juniors.

This compares with 2021 at 359 Adult and 12 Juniors and represents an increase in adult membership of 34 percent.

Good news indeed, and certainly going in the right direction. I am confident that 2023 will see higher numbers still.

Thank You's

My sincere thanks as ever, to the 2022 KPA Management Committee for their continued commitment and hard work.

They are:

Mike Cubitt – Vice Chairman

Tim Edwins – Secretary

Sue Barnes - Treasurer

Carolyn Edwins – Playing Committee Chair

Tracy Spillett – Committee member

Averil Flack – Committee member, co-opted this year

Sheila King – Safeguarding Officer

Duncan Brown – Membership Officer

Alan Cregeen - Webmaster

Dan Rudden – Committee member

Jamie Finley – Youth Development Officer

Mike Cubitt, Sue Barnes and **Dan Rudden** have sadly decided to stand down this year, and I would take this opportunity to thank them from me personally, and on behalf of the KPA Management Committee and the Kent membership for all they have contributed to pétanque in general and to this Region in particular.

My grateful thanks also to Playing Committee members:

Carolyn Edwins, Keith Atkinson, Kevin Spillett, Sheila King & Duncan Brown

Taylor Award

Finally, we have arrived at that point in the proceedings when I announce and present the much-coveted Taylor Award. This is awarded by the KPA Chairman each year to those who have made a significant contribution to our sport in the Kent region.

The worthy recipient has, over the last several years, freely given countless hours to Kent Pétanque. He is a natural organiser and has consistently demonstrated his love for the sport. He certainly isn't a complainer and is a stickler for doing things right. He is considerate and generous. He has voluntarily organised and overseen the vast majority of official competitions in this region, and he is the only person I know who can answer a WhatsApp message almost before I send it!

It gives me the greatest of pleasure to announce to you the recipient of this year's Taylor Award is none other than the Secretary of the Kent Pétanque Association - **Tim Edwins**.

5. Treasurer's report:

Sue Barnes:

"Good evening everyone, hopefully you have received and seen the accounts (they were sent to your Secretaries asking them to distribute them) as in this day and age I do not believe in printing unnecessarily.

Well, this year has been somewhat more stable than the previous ones. Covid, although still with us, hasn't caused any disruption to the running of the KPA.

The subsidy that KPA normally supplies to players participating at the Regional Qualifiers was smaller than in previous years this was due partly to the fact that KPA decided it was time to renew the kit. The kit is distributed to players who represent Kent at the regionals and at other national competitions.

Although overall, we had a deficit in this year's income and expenditure I am pleased to say that going forward our accounts are looking very sound.

Lastly though I am sure most of you are aware the PE membership is now being collected through Sport 80 rather than LoveAdmin. It means that the KPA will now collect their precept as soon as our members pay their membership, rather than quarterly as it is now. Which hopefully will aid our day-to-day finances.

The junior fund received some donations, and the Juniors did some fund raising so the account now stands at £840.

I am standing down this year and wish my successor all the best."

6. Determination of the KPA membership fees:

The Kent Management Committee recommended no change to the current £10 regional precept. This was proposed by David Nolan, seconded by Brian King, and carried unanimously.

7. Election of KPA Officers:

Sue Barnes, Treasurer & Mike Cubitt, Vice Chairman both resigned. Bob announced one new nomination for KPA Treasurer and declared David Baxter elected unopposed. Existing officers remain in post.

8. Election of KPA Management Committee:

Dan Rudden resigned. Averil Flack was co-opted on to the committee during the past year, this was ratified. Bob announced one new nomination to join the committee, Mark Toulson, and he was declared unopposed. Existing members remain in post.

9. Handover of the Chair for KPL business:

Mike Cubitt, KPL President, took the chair and welcomed everyone.

10. Approval of the minutes of the previous KPL AGM:

The 2021 AGM minutes were proposed by David Nolan and seconded by Jamie Finley and unanimously approved.

11. KPL President's report:

Mike Cubitt:

"Not the best of years for the KPL. Clubs that lost their venue in 2021 had to find alternative venues, then one, Meadow, having put in months of work were forced to abandon that due to a council planning ruling, before settling at Borstal. The Whitehouse under threat of losing their venue had a reprieve for 2022, and we hear that negotiations are well advanced for their new 9 piste venue.

When clubs entered their teams in 2022, it was a decision as to whether to bring them back in across the leagues or start them all at the lowest level, we chose to place where possible to where they left off, this gave us 48 teams in five leagues.

The latest update of the FIPJP rules were accepted for 2021 with full implementation for 2022, the implementation of which clearly caused differences with some teams/clubs. For this reason, the KPL Officers decided to suspend the rules and posted notice of this on line and to club secretaries. A decision made by the officers as per the constitution.

Most fixtures were played with few teams not playing all. With no gain or penalty, they no doubt found it easier than try to re-arrange. Teams continue to have the right to refuse to re-arrange to another date.

A problem over one venue led us to involve PE and the answer we received from them, confirmed our interpretation of the insurance status of the KPL officers. see below.

"The Insurance Broker place the Insurance Policies based on PE Policies and Procedures and claims experience. **To ensure compliance with the insurance requirements each location is required to complete a risk assessment to identify and minimise the risk.** The local officers will be expected to stand by their assessment and in the case of an accident the insurance company will probably require a copy of their assessment. **Should the Kent Pétanque league management decide that, after having completed their own risk assessment for that location and are in disagreement with the local officers then they, The Kent Pétanque League Management must make the decision whether or not to allow the club to enter their league.** You will need to retain a copy of the risk assessment, documentation as to why you are in disagreement with the local officers **If after having completed the risk assessment and you decide the site is unsafe you may well be liable should you continue to allow the club to play in your league."**

The KPL Officers are not prepared to accept liability for play at that venue, but to continue to allow the team to stay in the league, playing all their fixtures away. They may well be covered for other activities.

It is not strange that those that shout the loudest, protest and issue threats have not put one proposal for inclusion for the AGM tonight. I believe the saying is "Empty vessels make the most noise"

I have enjoyed the years I have worked with Kent and with Pétanque England, but, for various reasons sadly I am stepping down from both the KPL and the KPA, but ask that you support those persons you elect tonight."

12. **KPL Treasurer's report:**

Sue Barnes:

"Now it's back to report on the finances for the KPL.

As with the KPA, the accounts were forwarded to the Club Secretaries for distribution.

The expenditure this year was a slight deficit but again overall going forward the accounts are in a sound state.

I will be standing down and wish my successor all the best."

13. **Election of KPL Officers:**

Mike Cubitt, President and Sue Barnes, Treasurer both resigned. Alan Cregeen had been nominated to move from Secretary to President. New nominations were received from Mick Nash, Secretary and David Baxter, Treasurer. All were declared elected unopposed.

14. **KPL Resolutions notified in advance:**

PROPOSAL 1: Rule Change

Proposed by Mick Nash, Sidcup Pétanque Club

Current rule:

"7. The rules of play are as published in the Official International Rules of the Game of Pétanque as adopted by PE on 1st December 2017 and as amended from time to time.

Consistent with PE rules no smoking is allowed on the piste using either tobacco or electronic cigarettes."

Change to:

"7. The rules of play are as published in the Official International Rules of the Game of Pétanque as adopted by PE on 1st December 2017 and as amended from time to time **with the exception to Articles 5 and 9, where for matches played in the Kent Pétanque League, all string lines are dead ball lines.**

Consistent with PE rules no smoking is allowed on the piste using either tobacco or electronic cigarettes."

Carried by majority, with 4 votes against.

PROPOSAL 2: Rule Change

Proposed by David Baxter, Gravesend Rugby Football Pétanque Club

Current rule:

"2. LATE ARRIVALS

1. Games will normally be played on Wednesday evenings commencing at 8pm. At 8:05pm any triple or double which is absent from the pitch may be penalised one

point which is awarded to their opponents. After this they will forfeit one point for every two minutes continued absence. Any triple or double not present after a half hour (by 8:30pm) will forfeit their game. If no player from a team has arrived by 8:30pm the team may be penalised by having a 5-0 (65-0) result awarded to their opposition.

Either team may request an earlier start, which would have to be agreed by the other team. Without agreement, the default time would be 8pm. Only three players need to be present by an agreed earlier start time but all players who are going to be taking part in the match will need to be available by 8 pm subject to 2.1 above and 2.2 below.

2. Any incomplete team may start without waiting for their partner but may not use his/her boules. If after an end has started, the missing player arrives, he/she may not take part in that end, but is only allowed to participate as from the following end. If the missing player arrives more than one hour after the game has started he/she loses all right to participate in that game. He/she may take part in the following game."

Change to:

"2. LATE ARRIVALS

1. Games will normally be played on Wednesday evenings commencing at **7.30pm**. At **7:35pm** any triple or double which is absent from the pitch may be penalised one point which is awarded to their opponents. After this they will forfeit one point for every two minutes continued absence. Any triple or double not present after a half hour (by **8:00pm**) will forfeit their game. If no player from a team has arrived by **8:00pm** the team may be penalised by having a 5-0 (65-0) result awarded to their opposition.

Either team may request **a different** start, which would have to be agreed by the other team. Without agreement, the default time would be **7.30pm**. Only three players need to be present by an agreed earlier start time but all players who are going to be taking part in the match will need to be available **within 30 minutes of the agreed start time** subject to 2.1 above and 2.2 below.

2. Any incomplete team may start without waiting for their partner but may not use his/her boules. If after an end has started, the missing player arrives, he/she may not take part in that end, but is only allowed to participate as from the following end. If the missing player arrives more than one hour after the game has started he/she loses all right to participate in that game. He/she may take part in the following game."

Failed by majority, with 6 votes in favour.

15. **Any other KPL business (upon which no binding vote is to be taken):**

Mike Cubitt read out a letter from the White House PC dissenting against the decision to suspend KPL playing rules during the season. Mike said that the team played every league match and every cup and plate match during the 2022 season and did not raise the issue with the KPL at the time the suspension was announced.

Ray Keemer-Richards asked why the KPL removed local rules. Mike confirmed that local rules cannot override international rules.

Duncan Brown announced there have been issues this season, they are now in the past and we have a new KPL committee going forward.

16. Presentation of KPL awards:

The trophies were presented to the League and Cup competitions winners and runners up by incoming KPL Treasurer David Baxter.

Division 5	Runners Up	
	Winners	
Division 4	Runners Up	
	Winners	
Division 3	Runners Up	
	Winners	
Division 2	Runners Up	
	Winners	
Division 1	Runners Up	
	Winners	
Knockout Plate	Runners Up	
	Winners	
Knockout Cup	Runners Up	
	Winners	

17. Presentation of KPA awards:

The trophies were presented to KPA Winners and Runners Up by Chairman Bob Gaywood.

Singles	Runner Up	Alex Spillett
	Winner	Richard Wenban
Shooting	Runner Up	Luke Ashford
	Winner	Jason White
Doubles	Runners Up	Aston Monk & Jason White
	Winners	Chris Watkins & Gary Atkinson
Triples	Runners Up	Becky Edwins, Tim Edwins & Steve Brown
	Winners	Aston Monk, Dean Ashby & Jason White
Mixed Doubles	Runners Up	Alex Spillett & Dean Ashby
	Winners	Deborah Capelin & Mike Capelin
Over 50s Doubles	Runners Up	Maria Hooper & Ian Heathcote
	Winners	Deborah Capelin & Mike Capelin
Chairman's Cup	Winners	Jean-Louis Guiot, Bob Gaywood & Trevor Glenn
The Andy Mills Junior Player of the Year	Winner	Sophie Rowley

18. **KPA Resolutions notified in advance:**

PROPOSAL 1: Constitution Change

Proposed by The KPA Management Committee

Current item:

“6.2 Clubs – Any club located in Kent or playing in a league affiliated to the association, and which satisfies the eligibility criteria for affiliation to PE shall be eligible for affiliation upon payment of the relevant fees. Affiliation to the Association by clubs from neighbouring areas outside Kent which satisfy the affiliation criteria of PE will also be permitted with the approval of the Management Committee.”

Change to:

“6.2 Clubs – Any club located in Kent or playing in a league affiliated to the association, and which satisfies the eligibility criteria for affiliation to PE shall be eligible for affiliation upon payment of the relevant fees. Affiliation to the Association by clubs from neighbouring areas outside Kent which satisfy the affiliation criteria of PE will also be permitted with the approval of the Management Committee. **All affiliated clubs must have an up-to-date risk assessment on file with the association.**”

Carried unanimously.

PROPOSAL 2: Regional Qualifier Rules Change

Proposed by Whitstable Grattons Pétanque Club

New rule:

“All matches will be timed games of 1 hour 15 minutes, plus 2 ends. If the scores are level, then a further end will be played where the jack cannot go dead. If the jack leaves the playing area, it is replaced where it was last marked, and play continues.”

Failed by majority, with 1 vote in favour.

19. **Appointment of auditors:**

Current auditor Glynis Johnston was proposed by Bob Gaywood and seconded by Tim Edwins, and unanimously agreed.

20. **Any other KPA business (upon which no binding vote is to be taken):**

None

Meeting closed 22:05