



Annual General Meeting

at
Bordon & Oakhanger Sports Club
Bolley Avenue, Bordon. GU35 9HG
on
20th November 2010 – Commencing at 11:00am

The meeting opened with one minutes silence to pay our respects to those members who have passed away over the last 12 months.

1. *To confirm the date of notice of the meeting.*

The date of notice of the meeting was confirmed as 27th September 2010.
Accepted.

2. *To receive apologies for absence.*

Apologies were received from the following:

Alan Ranger and the Cuckmere Valley PC
Eric Brown and the Bancroft Park PC
Graham Kirkham and the Cornwall Region
Flight Refuelling PC
David and Margaret Baker
Julie and Simon Bird
Angela and John Gaughan
Kath and Mike Knight
Dave, Kath, Paul and Clare Brooks

3. *To approve the minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting.*

Mike apologised for the late issuing of the minutes which was in part due to the recent resignation of the EPA National Secretary.

Seconded by B Miles. Accepted

4. *To receive the National Presidents Report.*

Attached as Appendix 1

Q&A

Q. The response to the Adult survey was very poor, how was it communicated to members?

A. A mail-shot was sent to every club; it was available on-line at the EPA website and was distributed at a number of events including the Inter-regional tournament.

Q. Why wasn't the survey sent out by email?

A. Substantial amounts of email addresses are incorrect and out of date and consequently it makes this method of communication unlikely to be successful. Sending these surveys by post would have been very expensive and not financially viable.

Q. Who keeps the data for the new membership database?

A. The data will be kept by IMG on secure servers, however all the data remains the property of the EPA and cannot be used by IMG for any purpose.

Q. Will the online membership payments include the regional precepts?

A. Yes and all regions have been contacted to get these figures.

Q. Why weren't the minutes put on the website to download prior to the meeting?

A. This is an option, but the size of the file was too great.

Q. You are standing down at the end of this year; will you be continuing in your roles outside of the EPA?

A. I will continue with my positions both on the C.E.P and F.I.P.J.P committees which are not reliant on EPA nomination.

5. *To receive and, if so resolved, adopted the Association's accounts, Auditors and Financial reports (for the financial year ending 28th February 2011).*

Adrian advised that this was the first full year accounts for his term of office

Bingo Lotto was for 2008/09 only and did not continue

Credit card income relates to the MBNA Credit card scheme

Interest noted reflects the very low interest currently on offer

Expenses are generally in line with previous years, but include a large sum for the elections which were due to take place last year but were cancelled due to the candidates withdrawing their nominations

Disciplinary expenses are for the hire of a venue and expenses for all parties involved to attend.

A laptop has been purchased for use by the membership secretary

Expenses for International representation are below expectations due to the withdrawal of the Women's team from the World Championships

The income and expenses of the EPA fall into 6 categories:

Administration, Playing, Umpiring, Promotions, Marketing, Coaching

There was a breakdown of Nett Income or Expenditure by category

Membership – Nett Income £36,108

Playing – Nett Expenditure £11,982

Umpiring – Nett Expenditure £1,911

Administration – Nett Expenditure £15,186

Coaching – Nett Expenditure £1,133

Playing has a more detailed breakdown to identify what each event has brought in as entry fees and has cost in expenses for trophies, shirts, umpiring and organiser expenses.

Q&A

Q. Is it correct that the national events bring in £6,000 less this year than the previous year?

A. Yes, this is in part due to the lack of support for the Premier and Open leagues. We are also creating a reserve for future large scale competitions such as another International Open.

Q. Why are the accounts only until 28th February 2010.

A. Initially set up to fit in with Sports Council requirements, but also if they were to include figures from this years event there would be insufficient time to audit accounts after the end of the season and the AGM.

Q. How much is Pétanque Promotions Ltd (PP Ltd) value to the EPA?

A. PP Ltd is very much a profitable business and continues to put the profits back into our sport. The directors of PP Ltd are looking to repay the majority of the EPA loan over the next few years. Although a nominal amount will continue to be owed by PP Ltd to the EPA, to signify the bond between the two parties.

Q. Sundry creditors is a large amount, what is this for?

A. The sundry creditors include the £20,000 as detailed in the Presidents report and also the reserve for a future major event.

Q. How are we trying to improve the interest received on our money?

A. Primarily, through higher interest deposit accounts.

Seconded: Tiny Neville

Accepted.

6. *To determine the rates of registration fees and subscriptions.*

It was proposed that no increase were currently necessary and the fees and subscriptions are to remain as now.

7. *To consider and, if so resolved, approve motions submitted in accordance with the Constitution and Bye-laws.*

Mike confirmed that all resolutions and motions have been received in accordance with the Constitution and Bye-laws.

Attached as Appendix 2

8. *To declare the election of National Officers.*

Adrian Thomas – National Treasurer – unopposed
Richard Baker – Director of Promotions – unopposed
Membership Secretary – Angela Gaughan – unopposed
Regional delegate – Chris Barron – unopposed

9. *To appoint an Auditor or Auditors.*

Ged Barton
Proposed – Mike Pegg
Seconded – Adrian Thomas
For 32 Ag0 Ab3

10. *To consider such other business as the Presiding Officer may admit (no vote to be taken)*

As no other business had been received by the Presiding Officer all attendees were asked if they had any topics which they wanted to bring to the floor for discussion.

Various topics were discussed under this topic. As no votes are taken for these items minutes were not taken.

Q. Why do we repeatedly ask to see licences at events when we already know they hold a valid licence?

A. We can check pre-entries to confirm that the player holds a valid EPA licence. However, entry on the day means that there will still be the need to see licences.

Q. What happens if you arrive late at an event what would happen?

A. If you arrive late at any event (after registration had closed) you will be excluded. Entry prior to the event is not registration that takes place on the day at the event. The EPA competition rules state

3.5. Regulations for play shall be the "Official International Rules of the Game of Pétanque" and any variations set out in these "Competition Rules".

Also:

6.2. All players will register at the control desk by handing in their licence. Only players who have properly registered in this way by the close of registration will be permitted to take part in the competition. Replacement of a player may only be allowed under Article 33 – Official Rules of the Game of Pétanque

Appendix 1



National President's Report Annual General Meeting 20th November 2010

This last year has been extremely taxing on all the members of the Management Committee and I am grateful to those of them who have helped to run events or taken on duties on top of the tasks they were elected and agreed to carry out, but please note we cannot continue in this way, your help is needed. It's your Association and it needs you!

As many of you know, this will be my last year, both as President and as a member of the Management Committee however, I will still be involved with pétanque internationally as the Vice President of the CEP and as a member of the FIPJP's International Umpires Commission.

Over the last 15 years, having been a senior member of the BPA, BPF and now the EPA committees, I am standing down and looking forward to playing more and renewing some old rivalries, I do however, have an eye on the future and am concerned with how our Association will be run after I have stepped down.

I don't know who will be wanting to take over from me, but I would hope that anyone with these ambitions will contact me in the next few months so that we can discuss matters and to ensure a smooth transition of energies. I am quite deliberate when I say "energies", there is no power or kudos in being the President of the EPA and it's a labour of love, with massive rewards. Not in money, but with the pleasures derived when seeing 800+ people playing at the Inter-Regional Championship and Challenge Tournament, seeing our Mens team reach the top 16 in the World Championships or just someone at a competition, playing and having fun.

Our Association has been without the benefit of a Director of Playing since May 2009 when Martin Eggleton resigned due to the criticism he received over the Open and Premier Leagues even though these were endorsed by the Congress of Regions and ratified at the following AGM.

From the outset this year was going to be difficult without someone to take on this vital role. The situation was made even more challenging when Kevin informed me he would not be able to attend any MC meetings due to family commitments and then just a few months later asked me to accept his resignation. Changes at his work bringing an increase in responsibilities and extra training left him with little time to deal with the demanding duties of the National Secretary.

Thankfully Kevin agreed to continue with the disciplinary hearing and appeal to its conclusion and to overseeing the CRB screening process, but I am looking after all

his other duties for the immediate future. It is impossible for this to continue beyond the start of the new season and the MC will be looking to recruit a volunteer into the post between now and February.

Since his appointment by the Coaching Commission Brian Stote has been working on changing the coaching structure to encourage more effective liaison between coaches in various directions. The aim is to identify lead coaches and assistants, each with a brief to focus on and improve the standards of a particular age-group, with perhaps two other coaches specifically concerned with the development of the women's game as they have now been given their own international framework of competition.

A further aspect would be to promote discussion on the possibility of using experienced international players in an advisory capacity, to work alongside our qualified coaches, with teams preparing for international tournaments. Just recently Brian held a day of coaching and competitive pressure training for our more advanced juniors, this to compliment the successful "Junior Weekend of Excellence" which Brian is holding on the 27th and 28th November.

In addition to his role as National Umpire John Thatcher has been to all purposes my right hand man, he has helped me with many of the duties of the Director of Playing by arranging venues for national events, sourcing trophies and kit. He was also involved to some extent with the time consuming Disciplinary hearing and has stood in for me as the Head of our Delegation at the CEP's European Championship for Women enabling me to carry out my CEP responsibilities as their Vice President and Chair of the Technical Committee.

For someone who would be the first to admit that he is no expert in the field of promotion Richard Baker has been extremely busy and successful this year. Whilst we have both been involved with a number of newspaper and magazine interviews we also had some fun on the radio. Mine was basically a simple interview on BBC radio 4 at the Half Crown PC but Richard had the difficult task of explaining how to play pétanque during a telephone interview on Radio Sheffield.

In addition to dealing with the media Richard also ran a Bastille Day event for London Macadam a French language magazine for ex-patriots living and working in London. He has established a good relationship with London Macadam and recently reported that he was in discussion with them about next years event when we hope members of the London Region will take an active part in preparing and running the event with us.

There were a number of proposals put forward at last years AGM and in accordance with these mandates; the MC formed a number of individual work groups to research Tiered Membership, Team Managers, Senior, Junior, Espoirs events and International Representation. I wish I could report back that they were all successful but that is not the case.

Despite great efforts from Graham Elcome with the Adult Membership Survey the lack of responses from our membership has been very disappointing. At this present

time we have a total of 2,580 adult members in 191 clubs many of whom compete in local leagues yet less than 25 adult surveys were completed and returned.

This is the equivalent of less than one percent of the entire membership.

All too often we hear “what does the EPA do for me” but very seldom does anyone ask what can I do to help. So who is this EPA?

Well, the EPA is not me, Adrian, Richard, John or the Management Committee, the EPA is you, our regions, our clubs, leagues, our members, in fact we are all the EPA. The survey was aimed at getting some feedback, to find out how long you have been playing Pétanque, what league you play in, what your region and club do well for you, what you would like to see the Association doing for you but it appears that only a few members were interested enough to complete the survey.

The group researching tiered membership appeared to start off well but according to the reports I have read they unfortunately made little progress. This topic was the subject of much debate last year and I had hoped that with Jonathan Sewell (the proposal was submitted by his Chiltern Region) at the helm, that he could drive this forward to a genuine resolution.

Even when communicating by email or phone, Jonathan appears to have suffered from apathy and a general malaise of disinterest, leading him to indicate in his reports that it will need more time and more people responding, to come up with any practical proposal, simply put the outcome is very disappointing. I had hoped for something far more positive from the group but then I shouldn't criticise them because of the perceived lack of interest from the EPA, which is you; the membership.

Having now looked at this topic on several occasions over the years, it is clear that the vast majority of members seem to be happy with the way the fees are structured and to continue with this topic is a waste of people's valuable time and energy. It also drains the financial resources of the association, effectively; we were spending your money on something that, apparently in the opinion of most people, doesn't need to be changed.

I would now like to turn to happier and more positive topics including the tremendous set of results achieved by all our representative teams over this past season. These results reflect the amount of time and energy the teams themselves have committed to producing increasingly better performances.

In May, we sent 2 excellent teams of juniors to Holland, where they produced some fine team results. The managers reported that they were a credit to the EPA, their clubs and most of all themselves. The experience that is gained from these trips is something that they will use throughout their playing days.

One of the teams involved, Samuel Blakey, Josh Littley, Emma Longstaff and Samantha Thatcher then went on to represent England at the Junior World Championships in France We are looking to increase the availability of the trips into Europe for our promising juniors and are in constant dialogue with our European neighbours exploring the possibilities.

These trips do however produce some problems, predominantly those of providing managers for the team and chaperones for our female juniors. I am very grateful to Kevin Moss, Richard Baker, Matt Eversden and Debbie Elcome to name but a few who have given freely of their time to assist in the development of our junior teams both at a National and Regional level.

From our Women's qualification events we were able to send both the Winners and Runners-up to International tournaments. Fay Golder, Sheila King, Joyce Nash and Barbara Sharratt went to a competition in Luxembourg and played outstandingly well. They were the top placed team in their league only losing 1 of their 6 games. After the league stages England found themselves in the Group B finals against a team from Germany and were victorious. A memorable achievement for the team especially considering the blazing sunshine and high temperatures they experienced.

Vivien Middleton-Sams, Wendy Ridehalgh, Clare Courtney and Tracey Austin along with Simon Bird as team manager represented England at the Women's European Championships and after a long and exhausting first day were placed second in their league and through to the top 16, an outstanding performance. Unfortunately, the exertions of day one had an effect on the team and they lost all their games the following day.

I am sure that the team would agree that the stamina required to play well and continue to play well is something that they could not in reality hope to achieve. Despite their best efforts and determination, ultimately, it was this that made the biggest difference.

Our titles weekend on the Isle of Wight continued its recent trend with increased numbers on each of the 3 days of competition. My thanks to everyone at the Hurricanes PC for all their assistance and to Mike Renouf, Regional President, who again did a fantastic job of tying things together before our visit.

Our squad for the Home Nations took the long journey to Inverness in their stride and although they took their time to establish a commanding lead (Sunday afternoon) again returned with the trophy. This competition is almost as one-sided as the America's Cup (Yachting) in that only one team has ever won the trophy; long may this sequence continue. The Home Nations returns to England this year and we are looking for a suitable venue, so if a club or region would like to host the event they need to contact me as soon as possible.

As Scotland was unable to field a team of Juniors for the Home Nations Tony Smith, Welsh PA President and I decided to look into the possibility of holding a Junior event between Wales and England. Graham Elcome, with the assistance of Chris Barron took on the task of organising this and in September, the inaugural England v Wales Junior competition took place. England were the winners with a total score of 11 wins out of 18 games, everyone agreed that it was a brilliant day. A perpetual trophy was bought and next year a return fixture in Wales is being planned.

At this point I would like to thank Chris Barron who was assigned to lead the Espoirs Work Group. His efforts and the successful event he ran now means we will send two teams, 1 male and 1 female to mainland Europe to compete in the CEP's 2011 Espoirs Championship, I have high hopes of both teams and wish them every success.

Our Men's team of Lee Jamieson, Matt Eversden, Jamie Lewis, Dean Seville, with Sylvain Borsi as team manager, went to the World Championships in Turkey. The team produced the best result from an England team for more than 10 years. After the first round games using the Swiss system with Bhn ranking, England had won 4 of their 5 games and went through into the top 24 stages ranked a creditable 4th.

The next round was played as a barrage of 3 teams with Turkey and Senegal. Both England and Turkey lost to Senegal and played each other to claim a place in the last 16. In a well judged performance England were victorious with a 13-6 win against the host Nation.

In the top 16 the team was drawn against a very strong Italy team and although they continued to fight for every point were beaten by the better side. The score of 13-0 does not adequately reflect the effort and intensity the team put into every boule they played.

I wish that I could have watched more of their games but I had other duties as an examiner for the International Umpires exam however, friends and family of the team had followed them out to Turkey, their encouragement and support was in my opinion invaluable.

The Inter-Regional Championship and Challenge Tournament at Brean Sands was again very successful. My congratulations to the squads from the Southern Counties as Winners of Division 1, to the Welsh Pétanque Association as Winners of Division 2 and to the Northern Region as Winners of the Challenge Cup.

Many of you will have seen that Pontins have recently been placed into administration by its owners. Whilst this is not an ideal situation, I have been in regular contact with the managers on site and I am still hopeful that we will return next year as planned. We are currently looking into alternative sites and options should Brean Sands become unavailable, but it will be circumstances outside of our control which will ultimately decide what happens.

The highest award the EPA can give is "Honorary Life Membership" of our Association. This award given at the discretion of the EPA Management Committee was presented this year to Eileen Riddington and Simon Bird in recognition of their services to their respective regions, our Association and our sport.

Some years ago during the days of the British Association we rented an office to accommodate our records and as somewhere for our National Secretary, who was a paid employee, to work. At some time we moved premises within the same complex it was about this time that there was a change of owner and for some reason our rent and associated bills were not paid for quite some considerable time.

The money was always available in our bank but the mandates were unclaimed. To cut a long story very short the eventual sum owed was some £20,000. Legal advice was sought and on that advice we have kept the money in reserve in case the new owners, whoever they were, claimed it. However, as the timescale for submitting the claim has passed, the money is now available for use by our Association.

It was always intended that if the debt expired that the money would be put to good use benefiting our members, by this I mean the grass roots of our membership. So far the ideas coming forward have included a transportable Inflatable Roof that could be used to give a temporary cover over a terrain, Club Aid, grant based funding to help clubs with projects such as lighting etc for their terrains. I have suggested buying each region a full training kit and manuals for teaching cadets and juniors and buying regions a number of resin circles or perhaps funding some software and hardware for running events.

These are just a few ideas, but we are open to suggestions. In due course I shall be writing to every EPA registered club asking for their members suggestions, it may be that we use the money for several projects or ideas and then again maybe it will be to fund one or two larger projects. Ultimately the decision will be with our members. My email address is published on our website so anyone with a reasonable suggestion can easily discuss it with me.

The more observant among you will have noticed a subtle change to the EPA logo. The worlds English Petanque Association now appear on top of the shield instead of under it. This makes our logo more suitable and easily adapted for pennants, pin badges and engraving as the overall shape is now a shield. We will be modifying all our livery with this modified logo over the coming months.

Our current membership application/renewing and recording process is to say the least cumbersome and all too often out of date. For sometime I have been investigating database systems with the intention of moving away from the Excel spreadsheet method of recording our members but the problem has been that this only addresses a part of the problem and does nothing to help simplify the actual process of registering with our Association.

Earlier this year I received a newsletter from the CCPR which was promoting a company called IMG and their web-based membership registration system. After several emails discussing the process with their advisors I asked Richard to attend a presentation by IMG at the CCPR offices, his report confirmed my belief this was the answer to our problems.

The system is simple to use, requires no special computer software and will provide better communication, reporting and data management across the whole of the EPA. IMG is the world's premier and most diversified sports, entertainment and Media Company. IMG partners with the world's leading marketers and media networks to help grow businesses, which include many of the world's most famous brands, media outlets, sports governing bodies, national and local governments, athletes, entertainers, models and fashion designers.

The system is designed to reduce the work of administrators by allowing members to update their information and pay their EPA/Regional fee online if they choose to. We sought an online database solution for a number of reasons.

1. To provide a better service to our members by providing online payments.
2. To improve reporting and member data management.
3. To negate the need for duplicate entry of member's information, ie. at the Club, Regional and then the Association.
4. To improve information flow between the Clubs, Regions and the Association for insurance and reconciliation purposes.
5. To be able to provide a membership system for all Clubs to use if they wish to do so, to gain the benefits that we are going to gain from the system.

To reduce the administration burden on the EPA, we will be encouraging members to pay their EPA and Regional fee online, which will in turn reduce the administration of national regional and club membership secretaries. (Rest assured that we will provide you with reports of any members that do pay online for your records).

Adrian and I have now signed, on behalf of our Association, a 5 year contract with IMG, I am working with their technical staff to set up the web-based membership application system, and this will be accessible from the EPA website. This new process will, in time, replace most if not all transactions and applications for membership. As I have stated it will mean that there will no longer be a need for laborious record keeping by the national and regional membership secretaries.

It may be that our registered clubs will wish to use this system for membership applications and records, another of the many benefits of the system. The membership fee in each individual case will be automatically transferred to the EPA and respective region's bank accounts within a week of the application being made. There is a fee to pay for the service, 6% plus vat of each transaction but the Association will cover this and not our regions or clubs.

It is envisaged that some 20% of our members may register with the EPA on line in the first year but for those members that don't want to register in this way they will be able to pay their cheque to the region as they have in the past. In such cases the regional membership secretary will then register the member immediately on-line. The member, region and our Association will receive an automatic report confirming the application has been successful; this will do away with the need for monthly returns.

The current time frame I am working to with IMG is to have the system on-line by mid February at the latest, I appreciate that this is all happening very suddenly but if we are to use this system we must move quickly or it means another 12 months will pass before it is operational.

I shall soon be writing to every registered club and region with full details of the system, how it works and how to use it. IMG will be supplying a simple training module which be issued in due course and of course both IMG and I will be on hand to help with any problems you may have with the system.

With your help and co-operation we can drag our Association into the 21st century and make applying for membership simple and painless. I believe this will be a suitable legacy to leave our Association when I retire at the end of next year.

Mike Pegg - National President

Appendix 2

Proposals from the Congress of Regions

Proposal 1 - Modification to the International Qualification for Men and Women Triple Teams (presented to Congress by the Devon Region).

The International qualifying event for the Men's and Women's triples will be held in each of the areas on the same day and the teams to be drawn from any region as they are now. The competition will be run using the Swiss system provided by the EPA with appropriate support. (Amendment adopted F7 Ag0 Ab25)

To play the qualifying competitions as League & Knock-out (Amendment lost: F6 Ag7 Ab21)

Separate competitions will be held for both the Women's and Men's events. (Amendment adopted F17 Ag8 Ab10)

The cost will be £5 per person payable directly to the EPA.

The regional qualifying competitions will be held over 2 separate days with 3 events being held on each day. (Amendment adopted F12 Ag1 Ab20)

The hosting region is identified in bold type (in the table below) and will be responsible for providing an Organiser and an Umpire. The EPA will consider paying reasonable expenses for the Organiser and Umpire, should the region request assistance. No Organiser or Umpire will be eligible to enter the competition as a player or team manager/coach.

Area	Region	Places in last	
		Men 32	Women 16
1	Northern, East Midlands & Anglia	5	2
2	West Midlands & Great Western	4	2
3	Devon & Kernow	2	0
4	Thames Valley, Chiltern & London	6	4
5	Kent & Eastern	7	4
6	Southern, Sussex & Isle of Wight	8	4

Proposal adopted after above modifications; F23 Ag6 Ab4

Proposal 2 - Modification to International Qualification/Representation (presented to Congress by the EPA Management Committee).

The champions from both the Men's and Women's qualifying tournaments will represent the EPA at both the CEP European Championships and the FIPJP World Championships.

The teams will qualify for these competitions in the following order.

Year	Women	Men
2011	a team will qualify for the 2011 World Championship.	a team will qualify for the 2011 European and the 2012 World Championships.
2012	a team will qualify for the 2012 European and the 2013 World Championships.	a team will qualify for the 2013 European and the 2014 World Championships
2013	a team will qualify for the 2014 European and 2015 World Championships	No Qualifiers
2014	No Qualifiers	a team will qualify for the 2015 European and the 2016 World Championships
2015	a team will qualify for the 2016 European and 2017 World Championships	No Qualifiers
2016	No Qualifiers	a team will qualify for the 2017 European and 2018 World Championships

The champions from both the Men's and Women's qualifying tournaments will represent the EPA at the following year's CEP European Championships and the FIPJP World Championships whichever occurs in the following year.

Teams will qualify to represent the EPA with 2011 for Men's and 2012 for Women's as transition years.

(Amendment adopted F30 Ag1 Ab4)

Year	Women	Men
2011	a team will qualify for the 2011 World Championships.	a team will qualify for the 2011 European and the 2012 World Championships.
2012	a team will qualify for the 2012 European and the 2013 World Championships..	a team will qualify for the 2013 European
2013	a team will qualify for the 2014 European Championships.	a team will qualify for the 2014 World Championships.
2014	a team will qualify for the 2015 World Championships.	a team will qualify for the 2015 European Championships.
2015	a team will qualify for the 2016 European Championships.	a team will qualify for the 2016 World Championships.
2016	a team will qualify for the 2017 World Championships.	a team will qualify for the 2017 European Championships.

Proposal adopted after above modifications; F30 Ag2 Ab2

Proposals from the EPA Management Committee

Proposal 3 - To Modify our Constitution Art. 2.4, 4.1, 10.2.4, 10.2.5 and add 5.4.10

To include affiliation to the CEP in our constitution which is currently normal practice. It is necessary to modify the following articles and add a new article 5.4.10 (as highlighted in blue)

art. 2.4 by promoting international links and affiliating to the Fédération Internationale de Pétanque et Jeu Provençal. (F.I.P.J.P.) and the Confédération Européenne de Pétanque (CEP)

art. 4.1 EPA The English Pétanque Association is recognised by the Fédération Internationale de Pétanque et Jeu Provençal (FIPJP) and the Confédération Européenne de Pétanque (CEP) as the governing body for pétanque in England.

art. 10.2.4 Have the membership card upgraded to an international competition licence recognised by the FIPJP and CEP.

art. 10.2.5 Compete in the Association's Competitions at County and National level and in International competitions if in possession of a valid FIPJP/CEP recognised licence.

New **art. 5.4.10 Affiliation to the Confédération Européenne de Pétanque (CEP)**
The Association shall affiliate to Confédération Européenne de Pétanque (CEP)

Proposal adopted; F26 Ag1 Ab2

Proposal 4 - To Modify our Constitution Art. 10.2.4 (as highlighted in blue)

To remove the reference to a membership card. Since affiliating to the FIPJP and CEP directly our Association is bound by the rules to issue licences to every member. To reduce the bureaucracy of upgrading membership cards to a licence the Association only issues an international licence to every member.

art. 10.2.4 Have ~~the membership card upgraded to~~ an international competition licence recognised by the FIPJP.

Proposal adopted; F32 Ag0 Ab3

Proposal 5 - To Modify our Constitution art 5.2 (as highlighted in blue)

Allowing a club to register to the Association with a minimum of 3 EPA members (President, Secretary and Treasurer) was intended as a 1st year stage and was not to be an ongoing situation. Recognising that most clubs compete in local leagues where the minimum number of players is 6 and to enable more clubs to be included in the Association's EuroCup draw it is prudent to include this modification now.

art. 5.2 Club

To register, for the first year of registration a club shall have at least 3 members who are adult members of the association and includes minimum officers of Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer. For subsequent years of registration a club shall have at least 6 members.

Proposal adopted; F19 Ag9 Ab6

Proposal 6 - To Modify our Constitution art. 5.4.3, 5.5.1.1 to 5.5.1.3, 5.5.2.1, 5.5.2.3, 11.3, 11.4 and 11.7 (as highlighted in blue)

The title “National Coach” and “National Umpire” are grades recognised by all FIPJP and CEP member nations. Recognising these Grades plus the introduction of the Coaching and Umpiring Commissions the correct title for the appointed officers to the MC should be “Chairman of the Umpires/Coaching Commissions” respectively.

art. 5.4.3 Appointed Officers

The EPA shall have the following Appointed Officers

- i. [The Chairman of the Umpires’ Commission](#) shall be a qualified umpire of the EPA and shall hold office as a nominee of the Umpires’ Commission, which shall have powers to revoke a nomination.
- ii. The [Chairman of the Coaching Commission](#) shall be a qualified coach of the EPA and shall hold office as a nominee of the Coaching Commission, which shall have powers to revoke a nomination.

art. 5.5.1.1 The Umpiring Commission shall be composed of all the Regional Umpires under the Chairmanship of [the Chairman of the Umpires’ Commission](#).

art. 5.5.1.2 It will ensure consistency of umpiring through training, examination and assessment and deal with all matters relating to Umpiring pétanque in England.

art. 5.5.1.3 [The Chairman of the Umpires’ Commission](#) shall call a meeting of the Umpiring Commission at least once in every calendar year.

art. 5.5.2.1 The Coaching Commission shall be composed of all the Regional Coaches under the Chairmanship of the [Chairman of the Coaching Commission](#).

art. 5.5.2.3 [The Chairman of the Coaching Commission](#) shall call a meeting of the Coaching Commission at least once in every calendar year

art. 11.3 Commencement of Disciplinary Proceedings

Any act or omission by any member of the EPA that constitutes or is capable of constituting a Disciplinary Offence shall in the first instance be considered by the [Chairman of the Umpires’ Commission](#) of the EPA, acting either on their own motion or on referral or complaint from a third party. [The Chairman of the Umpires’ Commission](#) or an Investigating Officer appointed by the Management Committee shall undertake or direct such investigations as may be necessary, and every member of the EPA (whether or not they are the subject of the complaint) shall be obliged to co-operate with such investigations. Any failure to co-operate with such investigations may itself constitute a Disciplinary Offence under this code. If [the Chairman of the Umpires’ Commission](#) or Investigating Officer decides to charge a person with a Disciplinary Offence under this code, then they shall send a report to the Management Committee together with all the relevant evidence.

art. 11.4 The Disciplinary Committee

The Disciplinary Committee shall comprise a Chairman and not less than 4 other members appointed by the Management Committee. The Chairman shall not be a member of the MC. For the avoidance of doubt, with the exception of [the Chairman of the Umpires’ Commission](#), members of the MC may be members of the Disciplinary Committee. No person with a close interest in the matters that are the subject of the complaint may sit on the Disciplinary Committee hearing the complaint.

art. 11.7 Appeal

Either the defendant, the complainant or [the Chairman of the Umpires' Commission](#) or Investigating Officer may lodge an appeal against any aspect of the decision of the Disciplinary Committee. Such appeal shall be resolved by an EPA Appeal Panel comprising three arbitrators none of whom shall be officers of the EPA, members of the Management Committee or members of the Disciplinary Committee. Notice of the appeal, including a copy of the decision being appealed against, a specification of the particular aspect(s) of the decision being appealed against, and a statement of the full grounds on which the appeal is based must be filed with the EPA President within the time specified in the published Disciplinary Procedures

Proposal adopted; F27 Ag1 Ab6

Proposal 7 - To Modify our Constitution Art 11.3 (as highlighted in [blue](#))

Enabling the MC to suspend the privileges of membership to the EPA of a defendant who has been charged with a disciplinary offence in accordance with art 11.3 by adding the following paragraph after "then they shall send a report to the Management Committee together with all the relevant evidence".

[The defendant's privileges of membership to the EPA will be suspended immediately until such time as either the disciplinary panel has announced their decision or the period of appeal has expired.](#)

Withdrawn – No vote

Proposal 8 - To Modify our Constitution Art 5.4.6 (as highlighted in [blue](#))

To give the Annual Congress of County Regions the authority to consider motions on playing matters only, without having to seek ratification at the following AGM.

art 5.4.6 There shall be an Annual Congress of County Regions held within 8 months of the previous AGM, convened by the MC for the purpose of receiving progress reports from National Officers and considering motions [on playing matters](#) proposed by County Regions and/or the MC. ~~Decisions made will become effective on ratification at the following AGM subject to any amendments as may be agreed at the AGM.~~

Proposal failed; F9 Ag21 Ab7

Proposals from EPA Regions

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Chiltern Region
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Motion for EPA AGM

The current rules with regard to smoking and drinking alcohol near the terrain at Brean Sands seem to take the general intent of not smoking and drinking on the terrain significantly beyond the spirit of the rules. This year supporters were requested to not smoke while watching games.

Therefore it is proposed to amend the playing rules as follows:

Delete:

"9.5 At all EPA National Competitions drinking alcohol or smoking by participants is forbidden during play"

Insert

"9.5 At all EPA National Competitions drinking alcohol or smoking by participants on the playing terrain is forbidden during play."

Should this not be acceptable to the membership we would request that the enforcement is confined to those actually playing at the time, not those participating in a tournament at that time.

Jonathan Sewell
on behalf of the Chiltern Region Committee

*Major Sponsor **ILM** International Labmate Ltd*

It was felt that many more people would be affected in a negative way if this proposal was accepted.

Defeated F12 Ag19 Ab3

Great Western

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English Petanque Association

Dear Mr Pegg ,

Please see below Motions as agreed by the GWR on October 10th to be put to the AGM .

1. A deputy webmaster to be able to change the News page.

Reason: News page is most relevant and should be updated EVERY MONTH it is asking too much for one person to always be available everyone has holidays goes sick etc.

2. The EPA to produce a try out /open day kit /joining brochure, Banners etc . A media student from a university could assist budget £1000

Reason: there is a lack of resources available to clubs and regions for recruiting events.

3. Training Video dual purpose short version to show at schools and clubs to get interest. A longer version to demonstrate all playing techniques costs £1500.

(a) *Reason:* We have nothing to show at schools and events to get the initial interest .

(b) *Reason:* For clubs and members a training video would assist the coaching team. It would be well sought after and could be sold say at £10 to get most of our money back .

4. Qualification Date for members and clubs to enter the ECC competition to be August 20.

Reason: allows new clubs to build up their membership to enter.

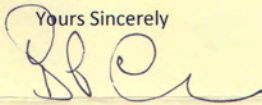
5. Transparency on the cost of events, meetings, i.e Organisers' expenses including umpires , Prizes , Income ,Profit and loss on each event .Reason .The members will be better able to understand where the money goes and suggest savings .It will stop the incessant questioning on what is the money spent on

6 Accounts: if the transparency is not available in the current accounts this to be provided by Dec 31st 2010

7. Club Membership .

Waive the the club fee for 1 year to new clubs . Reason small clubs need all the help possible to get going and although £30 is not a lot they have to have 3 members first .Once a club are part of The EPA then renewal should be relatively straight forward .

Yours Sincerely



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The voting on the proposals from Great Western was as follows:

1. Adopted F21 Ag3 Ab10
2. Adopted F27 Ag0 Ab8
3. Adopted F32 Ag0 Ab1
4. Adopted after amendment, date changed to 30th June (Amendment adopted F34 Ag0 Ab1)
Proposal adopted F34 Ag0 Ab1
5. Withdrawn – No vote
6. Withdrawn – No vote
7. Withdrawn – No vote