



# Camberwell Petanque Club

## Draft Minutes of CPCI Annual General Meeting Saturday 7 September 2024

### Present

**Committee:** Rex Barker (President), Coleen Cartwright (Vice President), Deidre Egan (Secretary), Greg Hall (Treasurer), Marion McDonald, Kathy Barker, Paul Williams, Bob Hutchinson

**Members:** Baard Solnordal, Carole Lanyon, Colin Macnamara, David Shires, Di Collins, Elaine Williams, Faye O'Sullivan, Greg Harris, Gwen Simmons, Helen Macnamara, Jenny Walford, John Muscat, John-Paul Ernst, Leigh Grummisch, Liz Wilson, Mark Rafferty, Mary Muscat, Max Wright, Mick Berry, Neil Williams, Noella Adams, Pam Barnes, Peter Barker, Rosemary Sier, Rosie Barnes, Sandra Brown, Sue Gray, Trish Ritman, Vicki Martin, Vinz Mueller, Wayne Adams

### Apologies

Maree Muir, Vin Massaro, Rod Hobson, Bernadette Roach, Raffi Ghazarian, Chris Butler, Lorri Buttner, Keven Diggins, Mary Diggins, Ben Nicholson, Heinz Bansagi, David Robinson, Gordana McHugh, Terry Barter and Jude Hourigan

### Proxies

Rex Barker for Raffi Ghazarian and Vin Massaro  
Deidre Egan for Keven Diggins and Mary Diggins

### Quorum

10% of members entitled to vote are required, i.e. 12 members. With 38 members present, and four proxies, a quorum was reached.

### Business

#### 1. Welcome

The President, Rex Barker welcomed all to the meeting and read the apologies and proxies.

#### 2. Minutes of the previous AGM held on 20 August 2023.

The minutes of the previous AGM on 20 August 2023 were accepted.

Proposed: John-Paul Ernst, Seconded: Noella Adams

#### 3. Annual Report 2023-2024

Rex presented the Annual Report 2023-24. He noted that the club has had a successful year marked by strong financial health, engaging competitions, vibrant social activities, and significant improvements to our facilities. He thanked all members, volunteers, and supporters for their contributions to our club's success.

The Annual Report was accepted.

Proposed: Di Collins, Seconded: Jenny Walford

#### **4. Annual accounts for the year ending 30 June 2024**

The Treasurer, Greg Hall presented the accounts which were circulated prior to the meeting. He noted we have spent funds on piste maintenance, improved shelters and umbrellas as well as social events. Our increase in membership contributes to our strong financial position.

The Camberwell Petanque Club financial statements 2023-24 were accepted.

Proposed: Colin McNamara, Seconded: Rosie Barnes

#### **5. Annual membership fees 2025-26**

The fees proposal was circulated prior to the meeting. Greg noted that the current fee is \$115 for general members and \$80 for associate members. Greg spoke to the proposal that fees remain the same.

The annual membership fees from 1 July 2025 were set at \$115 for general members, and \$80 for associate members.

Proposed: Leigh Grummisch, Seconded: Faye O'Sullivan

The fees proposal was accepted.

#### **6. Election of new Committee**

Deidre advised that under our Rules of Association all committee members must stand down but are eligible for re-election. The following written nominations were received for each office holder position:

President - Coleen Cartwright

Vice President – Bob Hutchinson

Secretary - Deidre Egan

Treasurer - Greg Hall

There being the same number of vacancies as nominations, no voting was required. The above members were declared as elected to these positions.

The following written nominations were received for general member positions on the committee:

Member - Kathy Barker

Member - Marion McDonald

Member - Paul Williams

Member – Faye O'Sullivan

Deidre asked the meeting to agree that there be four general members on the committee, which was accepted unanimously. There being the same number of vacancies as nominations, no voting was required. The above members were declared as elected as general members.

Deidre handed the meeting to the incoming chair, Coleen Cartwright.

## **7. Concluding remarks**

Coleen thanked Rex for his time as President and wide contribution to all aspects of the club. Coleen thanked the committee for their work, their effective engagement and welcomed Faye. Coleen thanked all the volunteers as this keeps the club operating well.

Coleen invited members to keep communication channels open. She is happy to be contacted on any issues, thoughts or ideas. The contact button at the end of the monthly CPC News comes to Coleen.

The meeting closed at 11:19am

**1. Financial Status**

The financial health of the Camberwell Pétanque Club remains robust, primarily supported by our membership fees. This stability allows us to continue hosting events and maintaining our facilities effectively. This healthy situation is supported by the income generated through hall hire which means that the Joint Management Committee can cover all building maintenance and utilities expenses. As such the club does not have to contribute to these costs. The great work of organisers and volunteers who provide members with wonderful social events at very low cost is another area that boosts this positive bottom line.

**2. Competitions Hosted**

Our club has been active in hosting inter-club competitions throughout the year. Notable events include:

- 10 September 2023, CPC Triples Competition with 60 players,
- 24 March 2024, VPCI Doubles Competition featuring 92 players, and
- 21 April 2024, Southern and Metropolitan Region Challenge Cup with 50 players.

**3. Social Activities**

In addition to our competitive events, we have organized several social activities to foster community spirit, including:

- October 2023, Trivia Night, which saw an attendance of 80, comprised of 46 CPC members and 34 non-members.
- November 2023, Cup Day 3 Game Competition & Sweep, attracting 50 attendees.
- December 2023, Our Christmas Party, well-attended with 60 members.
- January 2024, Jazz and Shiraz night
- April 2024, Our second Yarra Valley Wine and Pétanque Tour, attended by 24 members, with Greg Harris kindly driving the bus.
- Monthly card games on the last Friday of each month, provide a fun and engaging atmosphere for all members.

Many members contribute to the organisation of these events, with special mentions to Kathy, Leigh and Jude.

**4. Facilities & Maintenance**

Our commitment to maintaining and improving our facilities is evident through various working bees. This year, we accomplished the following:

- Replaced timber boundary boards and string lines to piste boundaries was performed by dedicated members,
- Installed umbrella spigots and a shelter on the north side,
- Replaced the irrigation system and maintained weed control,

- Pruned roses and replaced missing or defunct tools, and
- Enhanced the pistes by spreading gravel and arranged for drywall refurbishment, as well as general maintenance throughout.

We thank Wayne for his work on the above. Other members contributed as follows:

- Damien finished and stained all timber boundaries and refurbished the drinking fountain at piste 11.
- Robert repainted scoring magnets and scoring posts.
- John-Paul manufactured and provided a magnetic scorekeeper.
- Jude refurbished outside wooden bench seats and donated charcuterie boards and wooden table numbers.

Additionally, a new public address system and BBQ were purchased. The garden and mowing work continues positively with our contractor.

## **5. Administration**

The committee has shown great cohesiveness in managing club affairs. Our membership remains diverse, including several members nearly in their 90s. We sadly acknowledge the passing of two esteemed members, Irene Scott and Howard Brown.

## **6. Communications**

The club website remains active and germane and continues to be one of the club's best features in attracting potential new members.

The monthly CPC News has proved to be popular with members, keeping them informed and up to date. It also aids administration. The interactive buttons give immediate responses to invitations, queries and surveys. Broadcast text messages are now used only for last minute notifications such as game cancellations.

## **7. Council Interaction**

Our club was honoured to be finalists in the Boroondara Council Sports Awards in October 2023 in the categories of Collaborative Club of the Year and Club Person of the Year. Five members attended these awards. Committee members participated in various events hosted by the Boroondara Council, including the 2024 Sports Club Forum, Men's Health Innovation Workshop, and Fair Access Policy Sports Club Forum. Additionally, we promoted "Come and Try Pétanque" sessions during the Boroondara Seniors Festival in October 2023.

We extend our gratitude to the Council for their improvements to the clubhouse, including the installation of induction cooktops and reverse cycle air conditioning.

## **8. Summary**

In summary, the Camberwell Pétanque Club has had a successful year marked by strong financial health, engaging competitions, vibrant social activities, and significant improvements to our facilities. We look forward to continuing this momentum and fostering a welcoming community for all pétanque enthusiasts in the coming year. Thank you to all members, volunteers, and supporters for your contributions to our club's success.