

FARINGDON PETANQUE CLUB; MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 17th July 2024

Attendees: KW, CE, CJ & SW

Kevin Had previously made some notes of interest about progress with various items;

- Club Clothes are now being handled by Ann and Jill. A first large order has been completed. Hats and Shirts so far. Fleeces to follow later in the year when the weather requires them.
- Folly Sport Field had gone quiet. Kevin has a new contact within the District Council and work is ongoing with agreeing a way forward. The Rugby club hold the key to moving things along so more meetings are required to make plans. Hopefully we can push ahead with Terrain plans without waiting for the Ambitious Rugby Clubs.
- Kevins action to start training has stalled. Monday Afternoon might be the best time. Kevin will poll members using WhatsApp.
- Insurance is not yet in place – will follow on from opening the bank account.
- Stanford in the Vale initiative to have Pétanque in their village sadly came to nothing. Kevin will stay in touch with his contacts. QE2 Park in Stanford could be a possible location for a Pétanque Club.
- PE have said that we could be part of the Great Western Region GWR rather than Thames Valley. This item is hugely premature item as we haven't built our own terrain yet but its still good news for the far future (and we don't have to decide yet anyway).

Discussion took place regarding membership subscription and it was agreed that the start of the club year should coincide with the tax year. As we do not anticipate any need for funds at the moment it was agreed to carry on in an informal way until April 2025. At that time members will be asked to complete an Application for membership and make payment of an Annual fee of £20.

Secretary agreed that the minutes of all meetings would be posted on the Petanque website for all to consult.

Treasurer reported that all was set for our bank account with Lloyds Bank and all signatories were now completed. As the meeting had agreed that no subs were due until 1st April 2025 the urgency for this was largely gone. However, it was felt that all monies relating to the purchase of “uniforms” should be paid in to the bank account and the invoice paid from the account. It was anticipated that the ordering of fleeces for winter months would be available around September.

AOB:

CE made the comment that Wednesday play could be a little overcrowded and suggested that it should be limited and to this end he agreed to send out message to all Tuesday evening to

see who would like to play, if more than sensible for Mud Patch a second team could go to the town pitch.

JW had suggested a Summer social to be arranged and Cameron had kindly agreed to do a BBQ at the Weatherhead's. Date to be arranged.

Post Meeting Notes

The Members not in the committee decided that they would rather play on the grass than split between two sites.

The Social will be on 2nd August, could be postponed to the 9th August if the weather is bad. Inside on the 9th Otherwise.