

FARINGDON PETANQUE CLUB; MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 23 October, 2024

Attendees: KW, CE, CJ & SW

Minutes of last meeting signed as a true copy.

Chairman's Report:

Happy to report that we have at present 13 fully paid up members as follows:

Jill & Kevin Weatherhead    Carol & Cameron Jones    Chris Everitt

Shaena & John Whitney    Hilary Carter    Ann French

Bernadette O'Neill    Bob Henman    Barbara & Jerry Flynn

However we are always happy to welcome new members and currently they may join and play up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 for just £10 subscription. As of 1<sup>st</sup> April the annual subscription will be £20, as per agreement at last AGM. If folk would like to try out for two or three sessions before committing that would be fine, so do please encourage friends to give us a go! Our Constitution and Code of Conduct are posted on our website under Documents tab. All members agree to adhere to these guidelines.

There was some dispute between members of the as to whether the Code of Conduct was being adhered to when children are present. Chris agreed that he would speak with the members in question to try to resolve the matter.

Kevin has looked into whether Insurance for the club is necessary; but as we play on a Public pitch and the only other games are by invitation to a private house until we have our own pitch it was not a necessity to have Club cover. It was thought that it would be a good idea to have a laminated sign that we could have when we do play at the Public site stating that all players do so at their own risk. Kevin agreed to do this.

We have in stock 2 tee shirts now should anyone wish to purchase please see Carol Jones. Fleece are also available to purchase with the club logo at a cost of £33. It is not possible to purchase badges separately.

Folly Park prospective pitches: Both the Rugby and Tennis Club are happy for us to continue negotiations with regards to our having one or even two pitches up there and Kevin and Chris will carry out these with the County Architect and hopefully be able to report more progress soon.

Secretary's Report: we have completed Application forms for all the above on file. Discussion took place as to whether we should have a sign in register but it was decided that this was not necessary.

Treasurer's Report :

Our current bank balance is healthy.

A.O.B.

Christmas/New Year social : Shaena agreed to canvas reaction as to whether members and their partners would like to have a social event, probably a lunch at a local restaurant. Agreed to send out notice to WhatsApp group.

Chris suggested that we purchase 2 folding circles to be used at the Public site on a Saturday and this was agreed. He will go ahead and order them to be paid for from Club funds.

When we play at private venues and tea and biscuits is provided it was felt only fair that a donation pot be placed on the table for those that participate to make a contribution.

Date of next meeting: To be confirmed.