

## FARINGDON PETANQUE CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 7<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Attendance: Kevin W, Jill W, Shaena W, Carol J, Cameron J, Ann F, Jennie W, Hilary C, Fiona M, Alan M, Bob H, Kim

Apologies: Chris E, John W, Chris F.

Prior to meeting commencing copies of the proposed Code of Conduct, Constitution and Rules for the Club were circulated to all present.

Meeting commenced 7.15 p.m.

The Chairman Welcomed all to this the 1<sup>st</sup> AGM. The first meeting was held at Keven & Jill's "mud patch" On 24 May 2023 and we have come quite a way since then. We are lucky to have the Eagles piste in our Town to play on. We are the only Pétanque Club in Faringdon, U3A do not have an "official" group. They occasionally meet at Highworth piste, which is a possibility for our Club to use in the future. Of course, our real aim is to forge ahead with building the first piste at the Folly Park with the District Council's backing and financial support.

The Folly Park options were put to the meeting by the Chairman, and it was agreed that the best option was between the Skate park and the Tennis Courts. In order to fulfil this proposal and move forward as a puka Club we need the recognised documentation to obtain grants etc. to this end the proposed Constitution, Code of Conduct and Rules for the Club were approved. The Chairman would be seeking advice regarding Insurance that was necessary for our Club.

It was stated that in order to meet the requirements of a Quorum it would be advisable to have at least one or more members willing to serve on the committee.

The Committee comprise at this present time: Chairman: Kevin W, Treasurer: Carol J, Secretary: Shaena W & member Chris E. No one member put their self forward at the meeting, but it is hoped that thought will be given to doing so and at least one more member will be willing to stand.

Jill and Ann are sorting out the Club Kit. Jill is creating the club website. Fiona's son Keith is helping with possible Logo design for our Club.

Discussion ensued regarding proposed annual subscription; it was unanimously agreed that £20 per annum with effect from the 1<sup>st</sup> May each year would be a fair amount. This would drop to £10 if a member joined after the End of October of that year. It was further agreed that prospective members could be allowed to play for a maximum of 3 times without incurring a fee as a trial basis, after which they should be asked to join and pay the relevant amount of subscription.

A Club Bank account would need to be set up and Treasurer. Carol J. agreed to do this with the signatories of Carol, Kevin, Ann & Shaena. With just two signatories required at any one time.

It was noted that some members had played a competition with Saxon Pétanque Club and a very enjoyable time had been had. It was hoped that as our Club progressed in the coming months, and we were able to invite other clubs to a piste that had facilities these competitions would become a more regular occurrence. Ann & Jill presented the proposed Kit for the Club to the members who agreed the colour and cost. The decision regarding the Logo was deferred for now to enable the designs to be shown in true colours. Jill and Ann agreed to devise a form and method for ordering the kit on behalf of members.

The Chairman then explained that he felt that our Club has lacked proper training and as such he proposes that the club hold training sessions in addition to game matches which he is prepared to run. He has done training before, and the meeting agreed that this would be a good thing & supported by all.

There being no other business the meeting ended 20.18 hrs. Date for next Committee meeting TBA

Agreed action – Treasurer to set up Bank Account

Chairman to set up Club Insurance & liaise with District Council regarding Folly Piste

Ann & Jill to devise method of dealing with orders for Kit

Secretary to devise Application form once Bank details were advised

Committee to decide on Logo taking in to account members wishes.

Chairman to set up Training Sessions