



MINUTES OF CAPTAINS' MEETING HELD AT ARMADILLO STADIUM ON MONDAY 20TH MARCH 2017 AT 8.00 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT

Committee: Alan Brockett
Chris Wilson
Denise Newland
Richard Holland

22 members as attendance list

1. APOLOGIES

Trevor Whittaker, Phil Winston

2. CHAIRMANS INTRODUCTION

Generally

Mainly as a result of Sharon's hard work, our website is functioning very well and most contacts have mastered it's use. Alan has already uploaded every teams contact details onto the team details section and the system automatically produces the contacts page accordingly. Alan asked all teams to check the list and let him know of any changes needed. New contacts (Gill, Daryl and Trevor) will need to follow the requirements of the website and set their own passwords in order to access their teams' fixtures etc – help is around if necessary

<http://www.petanqueresults.com/pmpl/index.php>

Winter League

Sadly, the finals had to be cancelled due to bad weather and contrary to what was posted on 3 Shires thread on Facebook it was not cancelled too early, it was done with the state of the weather and the piste in mind and to enable players to make other arrangements. Just as importantly it was to be fair to Tracey at The Plough. It will not be rescheduled because unless all the same teams can get together it makes a farce of the final placings.

Summer League

There are 19 teams again this year with one new team - Luton Propellers. There is only one change to clubs/venues/playing nights – Wymondley has moved to the Par 3 Family Golf Centre Letchworth and will be known as Letchworth Eagles.

Division 1 will comprise:

Baldock Town, Bucks Head, Sportsbar, Phoenix, Luton Aviators, Ouse, Orangeside, the Warriors & Ickleford

Division 2 will comprise:

Bird in Hand, the Storm, Botany Bay, White Hart, Letchworth Eagles, Musgrave, Three Horseshoes, Lidlington & Marston, Luton Jets & Luton Propellers

The league will commence week commencing 23rd April with a 23-week season ending w/c 24th September - fixtures have been processed and checked; when uploaded Alan will let everyone know and would advise team contacts to check their own team's fixtures. The cut-off date this season will be Saturday 14th October and any games not played by then will be considered null & void.

Results do not need to be sent to Alan but should be entered onto the website. Result sheets should be retained until the end of the season in case any discrepancies need to be checked.

All necessary documentation will be sent to contacts well before the season starts and will be posted on the website as soon as possible.

Clubs/teams should ensure that their piste is well maintained and that the lights are sufficient for the purpose – there is a maintenance fund held by the region to assist in partially offsetting costs to do with piste upgrades. Please contact the committee for advice on this.

It was stressed that if a match has to be cancelled at short notice or has to be re-arranged teams should not rely on text messages, answerphones or the like, those involved should actually speak with the opposition. Teams not involved in the preliminary round of the cup could use that week and there is plenty of time at the end of the season for games to be re-arranged once cup rounds 1 & 2 have been played. It is not in the spirit of the PMPL to concede games unless there are extenuating circumstances, accepted beforehand by the committee, and lack of players or unwillingness to travel are certainly not valid reasons.

With the number of free weeks available Alan wouldn't expect to see or receive any requests for conceded games. All teams need to rearrange matches at some time and the procedure is simple and it is known that PMPL don't have the same onerous conditions of doing so as the 3 Shires do.

- To make life simpler for all - there is no longer a requirement to seek a postponement number but opponents should be advised in good time (being aware of the rules relating to unacceptable postponements time) that you need to postpone the match
- Advise Alan so that he doesn't chase results unnecessarily.
- When the revised date is agreed request a change of date on the website; requests will automatically go to Alan for authorisation.
- When authorised, the amended date automatically figures on both teams' fixture lists and the main fixtures lists

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

The PMPL account has £904.84 with some Summer League fees still to come in. The Dinner Dance account contains £722.67, after deposits to The Broadway and the DJ are paid.

4. LEAGUE CUP DRAW

There will be a preliminary round of 6 teams. Cup weeks will be as last year and will appear as w/c and the games still have to be played on the home teams' night. As discussed at the AGM, the committee will arrange neutral venues for the 4 semi-finals where possible. It is of course becoming more difficult to find suitable venues because of locality, availability of food, lights etc. The games to be played on the home teams' playing night.

The draw took place as follows:

Preliminary round w/c 7th May

The Warriors	v Luton Jets
Letchworth Eagles	v Botany Bay
Orangeside	v Bird in Hand

Round 1 w/c 4th June

Musgrave	v The Storm
Ouse	v Ickleford
Warriors/Luton Jets	v Phoenix
Bucks Head	v Luton Propellers
Sports Bar	v Lidlington & Marston
Three Horseshoes	v Luton Aviators

