

PETANQUE NEW ZEALAND EXECUTIVE MEETING

8th/9th September 2018, Wellington

Present: Lorraine Brock (President); Brian Smith (Treasurer) Barbara Whittington (Secretary); Stefany Frost (past-President).

Apologies: Grant Hackett

The following topics were discussed, and decisions made:

- **Affiliation fees**

- The increase to \$20 will apply from 2020. Fees are paid from subs received by Clubs, so if it applied from 2019 Clubs would be paying the higher fees from income received in 2018, which was based on the lower level. Clubs will need to set their 2019 fees to take account of the higher level due in 2020.
- Fees will be due by mid-February, to avoid issues that arise around eligibility to enter Open Triples when fees are not paid. Invoices will correspondingly be sent out earlier (December).
- Youth members (under 18 years of age) will be exempt affiliation fees from 2019.

- **Membership Structure**

The PNZ membership structure will be reviewed, in particular whether a tiered fee structure may be appropriate.

- **National Tournaments**

- *Women's Championships*
Tournament will remain as is i.e. one-day event held before Open Triples.
- *Combined Championships*
The two-year trial of combined one-day Singles, Doubles and Mixed Doubles was confirmed. However, the 2019 event will be held at the first weekend in November, rather than at Labour Weekend. This may mean an extra day off work for some people, but may offset higher costs of travel and accommodation. A survey will be done after the trial to gauge success or otherwise of the format.
- *2019 Venues*
 - Kapiti Club will be the venue for the 2019 Combined Championships.
 - 2019 Senior Doubles will be at the re-vamped Hibiscus Coast Club.
- *Entry Fees*
Tournament entry fees to remain at
 - \$30/player for 2-day events (Open Triples, Senior Doubles)
 - \$20/player for one-day events (Labour Weekend Single, Doubles, Mixed Doubles; Women's Triples).

- *Uniforms*
Wearing of matching clothing/uniforms at National Championships will not be compulsory, but will continue to be strongly encouraged.
 - *Billeting Officials*
PNZ will pay up to \$100 towards “thank you” dinners for those who billet PNZ officials, in recognition of the cost savings to PNZ.
 - *Members Forums*
PNZ will continue to hold member’s forums on the Friday night before National Championships whenever Executive members are available.
 - *Inter-Regional Tournament*
The Executive agreed in principle to the establishment of this tournament. The initial idea is for 12 teams of 6 players – 3 teams from the Auckland region, 2 “Central” 3 Wellington, 2 Canterbury, and 2 Southern. It would be a weekend tournament, playing Doubles on day 1, triples on day 2. The concept will be developed further by the National Tournament Manager. Issues needing to be resolved include criteria for player selection (e.g. residency in region requirement), how teams would be selected fairly, definition of the “Central North Island” region.
 - *Defibrillators*
Agreed to investigate the costs of buying 2 defibrillators for use at National Championships (one for South Island, one for North island), and possible funding (whether we can get a grant to cover the cost).
 - *Sound system*
The current speakers are too cumbersome; agreed to investigate replacing them with something smaller.
 - *Tournament Manual*
A revised Tournament Manual will be printed and distributed to Clubs.
 - *Running Tournaments*
Stefany Frost’s plan for training in running national tournaments was discussed, and a budget of up to \$2500 approved for the 16 months to 31st December 2019. This will be reviewed quarterly by the Executive.
- ***Coaching***
 - Coaches of national teams are responsible to the Coaching Co-ordinator.
 - Neville Frost’s proposed coaching plan was discussed, and a coaching budget of up to \$3500 was approved for the 16 months to the end of December 2019. This will be reviewed quarterly by the Executive.
- ***Umpiring***
 - Trevor Neilson’s proposed umpiring plan for 2018/19 was discussed, and a budget of up to \$3000 was approved for the 16 months to the end of December 2019. This will be reviewed quarterly by the Executive.

- **International representation**

- The Executive confirmed the policy that PNZ will only send teams to international competitions if they reach the required standard i.e. we will not send a team just to have a presence.
- Possible options if no-one is found to take on the role of Manager Representation:
 - Revert to the old system - winners of the Open Triples go to the World Champs Qualifying tournament; if they can't or don't wish to go, place offered to runners-up. If they also don't want to go, then no team will be sent.
 - Use Ranking Points to select teams, recognising that there are issues, but it is objective (no personal bias) and transparent. This could be used for Open, Senior, and Women's selection.

- **Trans-Tasman 2019**

- Lorraine Brock will organise travel, accommodation etc to ensure that it goes ahead, but only for 2019.
- Australia has proposed the inclusion of a Youth section next year. PNZ agrees in principle. More information is yet to come from Australia e.g. proposed cut-off age. PNZ would also need to consider how a team would be selected, who would manage it.

- **Pan Pacific November 2018**

Agreed that if a team can be formed that meets the standards of the National Coaches, PNZ will send it on the usual terms and conditions. If people are interested in competing at this event, they should contact the National Coaches to get into the squad.

Lorraine will send the information out to players, asking them to send expressions of interest to the coaches.

- **Oceania**

If PNZ sends a team, then Lorraine will go as manager and NZ rep to Federation meeting. If we don't send a team, we will wait and see the meeting agenda before deciding whether it's worth sending Lorraine as rep. It may be worth going to support Australia if there is anything contentious.

- **STA Travel.**

- PNZ has an agreement with STA Travel whereby for any travel booked through them where Petanque NZ is referenced, PNZ will receive 1% of the total amount spent (air travel, accommodation, car hire etc). There is no risk to PNZ.
- STA will be providing a "flier", which PNZ will distribute.

- ***PNZ Funding***
The Executive noted that PNZ's funding from Sport New Zealand is up for review in 2019; we will have to re-apply for funding.
- ***Strategic Plan***
The Strategic Plan will similarly need to be reviewed in 2019, as it underpins the funding application.
- ***"Green Prescription"***
(whereby doctors recommend activities as an alternative to medication).
Petanque is on the Green list. Clubs need to be reminded to push this concept, as it is a good way to increase membership and awareness of petanque in the community. Medical practitioners have regular meetings, and Clubs can ask for a slot to present petanque. Agreed that a pamphlet/flier could be of assistance to Clubs in this respect.
- ***Brochure.***
Agreed that a hard-copy brochure promoting petanque is needed. Previous one was good, but photos need updating.
- ***N3 cards***
Clubs need to remember to use these, as the more they are used, the bigger the savings for everyone. Secretary to forward all emails received from N3 to Clubs, with a reminder to share the information with their members.
- ***Player Licences***
These will continue to be handled by Stefany Frost
- ***Executive Meetings***
Confirmed that decisions from Executive meetings will be made publicly available.

Barbara Whittington

Secretary

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