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# Northern Petanque

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Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held at Wetherby Sports Association on Saturday 20th October 2007.

<u>Present</u>	President	- Alan Swift (Wetherby)
	Treasurer/Memb.Sec	- Bill Vicker (Brandesburton)
	Development Officer (W)	- Ted Beetham (Mistral)
	Development Officer (E)	- Don Jackson (York RI)
	Youth Development	- Ruth Borrowdale (Mistral)
	Playing Officer	- Pete Best (Wigginton)
	Umpire	- Ray Gatenby (Doncaster)
	Wetherby	- John & Jenny Stockton , Angela Fletcher
	Wigginton	- Chris Best
	The Fox	- Barbara & Mick Hardisty
	Bridlington	- Chris Cann , Chris O'Rourke
	Doncaster	- Debbie Gatenby , Pat Rowlands
	York RI	- Angie Gaughan
	Leeds	- Neill Rank , Mike Walkley

The President opened the meeting at 10.42 am

- 1) Apologies for absence were received from Sue Swift , John Gaughan , Stewart Ainley, Matt Blyton , Tony Costello , George Burbage-Attar
- 2) a) The minutes of the October 2006 AGM were approved unanimously.  
 Proposer Ted Beetham , seconder Chris Cann  
 b) There were no matters arising from the minutes.
- 3) Alans report was circulated in advance of the meeting.  
*Some members did not receive their agenda , presidents report and accounts summary apparently due to email problems. These are now available on the Northern website.*  
 It was pointed out that the congratulations to Northern players did not include Chris Best and Lisa Hoy who along with Lori Seville from East Midlands finished 2nd in the EPA ladies triples.  
 Alan apologised for the omission. There were no further comments since several items were included in the agenda for the following regional meeting.
- 4) Bill reviewed the accounts in some detail and clarified some points in response to questions.  
 Some of the points highlighted were;
  - The balance at 30/9/07 was £1576.40 a rise of £447.93 on the previous year.
  - Income from the regional precept was £516 which was reduced from the previous years £774.  
 This was mainly due to the region deciding to leave the overall fee at £18 and retaining £6 instead of £8 when the EPA fee rose from £10 to £12.
  - Income from the qualifier entry fees was £530 of which £185 was spent on purchasing kit.
  - Under the replacement kit rules approximately 40 players will be eligible for new kit in 2008.
  - Travel grants totalling £150 were paid for players who were international representatives.

- The region provided 7 players for the combined squad at Brean Sands. It was discovered after they had agreed and booked their chalets that they also had to pay £16 each for kit. Because of the lack of notice the region paid this.  
4 of the players have reimbursed the region and will keep the kit. The kit will be collected from the other 3 and retained by the region. The squad finished 3rd at Brean Sands so we will again be asked to supply 2 triples if there is a combined squad in 2008.

The accounts were accepted unanimously.

5) Regional Fees

The national fees for 2008/9 are not yet known.

Bill proposed that the regional fee would remain at £6 and that any increase to the national fee would be passed on to the membership. This was passed unanimously.

6) Six proposed changes to the constitution and four proposed changes to the playing rules were received and circulated with the agenda.

The proposed changes and the votes are summarised below.

- The playing rules will be included in the items to be presented at the AGM - approved unanimously.
- Voting rights at the AGM and EGM were clarified - approved unanimously.
- Duplication in 4.4 and 6.1 to be consolidated in an amended 6.1 - approved unanimously.
- The frequency of Regional committees and voting rights was clarified - approved unanimously.
- The Officers right to refuse membership applications was amended - approved unanimously.
- Where teams finish level on wins and points difference then head to head score will be the next decider - approved unanimously.
- A proposal that clubs should use at least 80% of entry fees in prizes was defeated by 19 to 1.
- A proposal that the regional kit rules are amended to those of the EPA was defeated by 15 to 4 with 1 abstention.
- Due to the above a proposal that there should be no requirement for matching kit was withdrawn.

The amended constitution and playing rules are available for downloading from the Northern website.

Alan commented that the EPA secretary had requested regions to review their constitution to ensure compliance with the EPA constitution regarding discipline. Alan read out the relevant sections and explained that in his view no changes were needed. This was agreed unanimously.

7) No new nominations for the officers positions were received and all the officers were prepared to continue (reluctantly in some cases). The officers positions were confirmed unanimously.

8) Bill Vicker proposed that Tony Costello continue as the auditor and this was passed unanimously.

9) Other business.

Matt Blyton had queried the regions policy on postal voting.

After discussion it was unanimously agreed that although postal voting may be used in the future it was not appropriate at the moment.

The President closed the meeting at 11.56 pm.