

Saxons Committee Meeting – 4:15pm Thursday 18th April 2024 at Jim's house

Present: Alan Shepherd (Chairman), Jenny Clabon (Secretary), Pete Chambers (Treasurer), Jim Mitchell and Charles Faulkner

Agenda

1. Apologies for absence
2. Matters arising from the last meeting
3. Treasurer's report
4. Competitions report
5. Constitution changes for AGM
6. Wednesday evenings
7. Ladies' friendly v RWB
8. Eileen Mitchell Memorial Trophy
9. Saxons 3-ender
10. Social events
11. AOB
12. Date of next meeting

1. Apologies for absence – Ian Savage

2. Matters arising from the previous meeting

- **Item 8, Grit for pistes 1 and 2** - Pete is about to order more gravel.
- **Item 12, AOB, GWR EGM** - the venue was changed to Cricklade Hotel and Spa.

3. Treasurer's report

Income for the period 1st December 2023 up until 17th April 2024 is £1371.05

Since the last committee meeting income has been:

£ 40.00	2 new adult member subscriptions @£20 (Steve Jones and Sue Hodgson)
£ 11.00	Clothing - 1 cap
£ 3.00	Pete's sale items
£ 30.00	Gotherington entry fees

Expenditure for the same period £1370.42

Since the last committee meeting expenditure has been:

£ 35.00	PE club registration fee
£ 30.00	Gotherington entry fees
£ 17.94	New clock
£ 10.00	Cotswold Petanque League (CPL) team registration fee

This gives a surplus for the period of £0.63 resulting in a good bank balance of £2884.09 with £0.00 cash in hand. We hold a stock of clothing which at cost is about £281.00, making total assets of £3165.09

We have about £1900.00 of spare usable assets, allowing for further website costs, Leisure Centre fees (2023/24), CPL refreshment costs, Public Liability Insurance, prizes and engraving and any piste maintenance.

The extra CPL team will increase the expenditure on refreshments for home games. Generally we will need to be careful on expenditure this financial year.

4. Competitions report

The PE Euro Cup plate competition

In round 2 of the plate we played away against Whitnash Windmills Millers near Leamington Spa on Sunday 24th March. The Saxon's team was: Liz Cosham, Prue Zarola, Alan Shepherd, Richard Martin, Charles Faulkner and John Zarola with Pete Chambers as the travelling reserve and captain. John, Richard and Charles won their triples match and Alan and Prue won their doubles match, resulting in a final score of Whitnash 3 – Saxons 2, thus ending our run for this season. It was a lovely day and Whitnash were a very hospitable team.

Great Western Region (GWR) Information

The GWR EGM was held on Tuesday 26th March to vote on the amended rules and constitution. After a lot of discussion, the vote was held and the rules and constitution document was accepted. This will be sent to Petanque England (PE) to check that all is in line with the PE guidance. If it is ok it will be ratified and published as the de facto constitution of the GWR.

The International Women's Day tournament was held on Sunday 17th March at Royal Wootton Bassett (RWB). Maureen and Prue came 18th out of 24 winning 2 of their 5 games. Kath and Margaret (RWB) came 9th winning 3 of their 5 games. If one of the top 8 teams pull out of the next round Kath and Margaret will be asked to step in. So, well done ladies.

GWR upcoming events

- Sunday 21st April - GWR IRQ selection, at RWB. (NB same date as Gotherington)
- Sunday 2nd June - GWR Singles and Shooting competition, probably at Lark Hall, Bath.
- Sunday 23rd June - GWR Doubles, venue to be advised.
- Sunday 7th July - GWR Veterans (55+) Doubles, venue to be advised.
- Sunday 1st September - GWR Triples, venue to be advised.
- Sunday 22nd September - GWR Mixed Doubles, venue to be advised.

Cotswold League (by Pete Chambers on behalf of Keith Dancer and Charles Faulkner)

Matches are due to start in April and will continue until the end of September. The £5 per team entry fee has now been paid to Bob Rumble.

Other Competitions Report (by Pete Chambers)

- The friendly match against Faringdon was postponed due to poor weather but has been rescheduled for Wednesday 24th April. Charles is arranging the teams.
- Sunday 21st April - Gotherington Invitational doubles. 3 teams from Saxons have entered: Jenny and Steve J, Keith and Chris L, Kath and Stephen R. We were offered an extra entry but Charles was unable to find a partner.
- Saturday 18th May - EU2024.uk open veteran's triples at RWB. Cost of £20 p.p. entry fee. As of 13th April there were only 4 places left.
- Saturday 13th July - Sherston Boules Festival. Pete and Charles have both entered a team.
- Sunday 13th October - Tiger Trophies Mixed doubles in aid of Cancer Research UK, Larkhall, Bath. Cost of £20 per team entry fee.
- The singles challenge ladder re-started on 1st April. So far 4 matches have been played resulting in just 1 position change and there is currently one match outstanding.
- The 2023-24 winter scores competition has concluded with the following results:
Tuesday – 1st Jamie, 2nd Annamaria, 3rd Cliff
Thursday – 1st Cliff, 2nd Mike Wells, 3rd Jamie
Saturday – 1st Jamie, 2nd Annamaria, 3rd Cliff
Well done to all. Prizes will be presented in due course and the summer scores competition is now running.
- Cricklade Twinning Association borrowed our pistes and boules after their AGM on Saturday 23rd March. This was organised and hosted by Derek Stewart.

5. Constitution changes for AGM

The new draft constitution was agreed at the last meeting with 1 small change to reduce the length of time before an existing membership lapses. This change has now been incorporated into the constitution and is ready to be discussed and voted on at the next AGM.

6. Wednesday evenings

We will be starting our 7pm Wednesday evening club sessions on 1st May.

There will be a committee member present every week with a key for the shed if needed. The rota for May is: 1st May, Jenny; 8th May, Pete; 15th May, Alan; 22nd May, Charles.

We will see how popular these club sessions are in May and then review whether to continue.

7. Ladies' friendly v Royal Wootton Bassett (RWB)

We have been approached by RWB about arranging a ladies' friendly match. So far only Kath, Maureen and Jenny have expressed an interest. We need at least 6 ladies for the match, so please let a committee member know asap if you are interested otherwise we will have to decline.

8. Eileen Mitchell Memorial Trophy

This will be held at 10am on Saturday 20th July 2024. After 10 years, Jim's family say this will be the last one.

9. Saxons 3-ender

This will be held on Sunday 30th June. Pete will put a poster up in due course. The committee agreed that, if entries are low, Pete would invite a few Cirencester U3A members along to give a bit more variety in games, but this would only be as a last resort.

10. Social events

The Thai meal at Jicsaw in Cricklade on Wednesday 17th April was really enjoyed by the 22 people who went. Huge thanks to Annamaria, Jean and Kath for organising such a successful evening out.

We are going to try tenpin bowling on the evening of Thursday 6th June at Shaw Ridge Leisure Park in Swindon. The cost will be £10 for two games of bowling and a drink. Jenny will put a signup sheet on the notice board where you will have to pre-order your drink from the list provided. In order to place a booking for this date, please put your names on the list and pay your £10 to a committee member before Friday 17th May.

11. AOB

- In order for play to start on time, please arrive at club sessions at least 5 minutes before the start time. Players arriving later than this will have to wait and join in the second game.
- Pete will arrange prizes for the winter scores competition and engraving for the top scorer shield.

12. Date of next meeting – 4.15pm on Tuesday 28th May at Jim's house.

Meeting closed at 5.00pm