

IRISH PÉTANQUE ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE 2006 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

PRESENT: Denis Nightingale (in the chair), Dave Beck, Gilles Breteche, Richard Elvin, Dermot Carroll, Pierre di Pizzo, Mikhal Dzurik.

REPORT OF THE HON. SECRETARY: Attached.

REPORT OF THE HON. TREASURER: Attached. Insurance has cost €630. The FIPJP membership has risen dramatically from €220 to €350 per annum. **Denis Nightingale** will write to them to plead inability to pay due to low membership. Our finances are about the same as last year with €846.29 and £2689.74 in the bank.

CELTIC CHALLENGE 2006; Mike Berry, Liam Reidy and Scally Crowe will be invited as Ireland B3. The submission of John Murray of St. Anne's Park was favoured over the submission of Tim O'Neill of Cork for the position of Ireland B4 (after a vote). The **secretary** is to ask Mike Berry and John Murray to confirm the acceptance and names, and pay the IPA membership for 2006. Tim O'Neill, Jackie Broderick and Ollivier Chedhomme will be the reserve triple.

Richard Elvin is considering stepping down as a team member and assuming the role of tournament director. He has a laptop that can be used for the scoring.

Denis Nightingale will ask Charles Clarke if he is disposed towards helping in a consultancy role. **Dave Beck** will find out what cost it would be to have Mike Pegg over as umpire. **Dave Beck** will come to Dublin before the Irish Triples to help Dermot Carroll organise the piste stringing. If the organising of this is too onerous, given that we have booked limited time on ALSAA's ground, we will abandon individual piste stringing.

Dave Beck is organising the brochure. **Denis Nightingale** will organise the score slips.

Jim Ryan will contact ALSAA about entry to the toilets and bar over the weekend, soup and sandwiches on both days. **Jim Ryan** will contact the Tulip Inn to see if their courtesy bus will drop the players to ALSAA in the mornings. **Jim Ryan** will find out from the Scots and the Welsh who will have cars.

On the Saturday night it is proposed to designate two pubs as venues to meet, possibly the Coachman's near the airport and Tulip, and a pub in the city. **Dermot Carroll** will make a short list of restaurants and pubs for distribution to all.

All will look for sponsorship for the event. **Jim Ryan** will forward the logo and graphics for Synthi Green, the main sponsor, to Dave Beck.

A further meeting will be held on the 2nd April at Bushy Park

IPA WEBSITE; **Jim Ryan** will contact his son about software to access the website.

CALENDAR FOR 2006: The Irish Triples was moved from Easter Sunday back to April 9th. **The secretary** will issue the revised calendar to all concerned.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: No change to current office holders. It is assumed that George Davidson will assume the role of secretary after the Celtic Challenge.