



# Congress Minutes

**22nd Congress - June 27th 2020  
Virtual Meeting**

Confédération Européenne de Pétanque  
Boulodrome national FLBP, 184, chemin Rouge, L-4480 Belvaux, LUXEMBOURG

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## Participants

### Members of the Board

- Mike Pegg - President
- Joseph Cantarelli - Vice-President
- Signe Hovind - General Secretary
- Tony Smith – Treasurer
- Bruno Fernandez
- Ralf Krähmer
- Jean-Luc Melleker
- Henrik Toft
- Barnabas Novak
- Fabio Ballauco
- Mario González Gozalbes

### Guests:

- Claude Azema, President of the F.I.P.J.P.
- Jürgen Hatzenbühler, PDV / Meeting "video" Co-Host

### Federations Present

- Austria: Valerie Avedikian
- Belgium: Reinhold Borré
- Bulgaria: Rachev Rumen
- Croatia: Siniša Stepić
- Czech Republic: Vladimír Hradský
- Denmark: Lars Friis
- England: Clive de Silva
- Estonia: Hardo Sokk
- France: Joseph Cantarelli
- Germany: Michael Doerhoefer
- Greece: Ioannis Giakoumis
- Hungary: Tamás Kocsis
- Ireland: Jim Ryan
- Israel: Tuvia Dor
- Italy: Cladio Mamino  
Riccardo Capaccioni (Candidate)
- Jersey: Derek Hart
- Latvia: Juris Silovs
- Lithuania: Mindaugas Matuilionis
- Monaco: Serge Turuani (Candidate)
- Netherlands: Lieke Vogels and Jan Paashuis  
Sjoerd Pieterse (Candidate)
- Norway: Signe Hovind
- Russia: Vera Miroshnichenko
- Scotland: Colin Stewart
- Slovakia: Martin Sevcek
- Slovenia: Srečko Spanic
- Spain: Mario González Gozalbes
- Sweden: Kerstin Hjelm and Anders Wiland
- Switzerland: Patrick Peretti
- Turkey: Mutlu Turkmen
- Ukraine: Kolodiy Olena  
Andrey Voloshko (Interpreter)
- Wales: Robert Pugh

### Not Present/ Represented

Andorra, Belarus, Finland, Guernsey, Luxembourg, Poland, Portugal, San Marino and Serbia

**1. Welcome** by the President, Mike Pegg

The President welcomed all the Federations present and especially M. Claude Azema, President of the F.I.P.J.P. 31 Federations were present to vote, which made us legal to continue the meeting.

**2. Apologies**

The apologies we have received, from the Federations that could not attend the meeting; Andorra, Belarus, Finland, Guernsey, Luxembourg, Poland, Portugal, San Marino and Serbia

**3. Adopt the Minutes of the Congress 2019**

No questions were raised, the Minutes of the Congress 2019 were adopted unanimously .

**4. Annual Reports**

**a. President's report – President, Mike Pegg**

Throughout 2019 we have dealt with a variety of topics, ranging from requests to use our logo to a full investigation into a player having more than one licence.

The most time consuming and often more problematic being issues related to individual membership and transfers.

However, we are committed to offering support and the expertise needed for our member federations and when required our sister Continental confederations too.

Sharing knowledge and expertise has become one of our main directives and I'm grateful to the small group of individuals that have given of their time freely to help us.

In December 2019 I visited the venue which had initially been chosen for the 2020 Womens Triples Championship. The Exhibition Centre in Torrelavega, Spain houses numerous exhibitions and markets.

It is a large building with a variety of large halls which at the time of my visit were displaying life size models of dinosaurs, you needed a little imagination to picture how it would be transformed for a championship – but everyone seemed very positive and enthusiastic so I'm sure it will be just fine for our Womens Triples in 2022

After Torrelavega we moved on to Madrid for meetings with the partners of the Spanish Federation and then to their congress which was a busy and perhaps heated meeting involving both pétanque and bocce members who apparently have as many conflicting points of view as we have recently seen at the world level.

The French Congress in January, my third in three years and is always a very busy weekend.

After my first French Congress I asked the French President if it would be possible to extend the invitation to some federation presidents, so this time I was accompanied by Sjoerd Pieterse, the outgoing Netherlands President, and Lieke Vogels, their new President.

It's a humbling experience to address over 500 people, also extremely rewarding.

The French congress impresses me every time I go, not just because of the 500+ delegates in attendance, there is always an extremely busy agenda, the meeting is divided over 2 long days, everyone remains attentive and involved throughout.

I wish it was possible for you all to visit a French Congress to see the wealth of topics they discuss.

My thanks to Antonio and the Spanish committee, to Joseph and the French Committee and especially all the delegates for their warm welcome and hospitality.

I Assume you have read my written report in the published Annual Report, you will know that the CMSB – World Confederation of Boule sports has been dissolved.

Unfortunately, there continues to be some disagreement over how or when this actually took place, but there is no doubt that the FIPJP has withdrawn its involvement and that of course includes pétanque.

And because the CMSB is dissolved, I have now written to the current president of the European Confederation for Boule Sports with a formal proposal to dissolve the CESB. I'm still waiting for an acknowledgement to my email or perhaps their agreement.

Of course, we will continue to work towards having pétanque included in the Olympics, the European Games and other multi-sport events.

In a normal world we would have been in Luxembourg during April to report on our achievements in 2019 and future plans.

It seems rather odd to be reporting on the past year some 9, 10 or even 12 months afterwards, but the pandemic has meant we all needed to adapt for a new, and hopefully to some extent, temporary way of working.

If there is anything good to come out of the past few months it is how quickly we have become accustomed to video conferencing – we're not experts, but we are trying our best and so I hope this Congress runs as smoothly as we have planned.

As many of you know, my preference is to ensure everyone has an opportunity to voice their opinion on each topic as we work through the Agenda. This would be very difficult to achieve in a video meeting, so I ask you to use the chat facility if you wish to make a point. We will do our best to address any comments either before the next topic or at the end of the meeting during item 11 – any other business.

To conclude, I would like to thank my fellow Directors for their continued support and work – Our member Federations for your continued belief and trust in us – the players, coaches and especially all the many volunteers that have been involved in our events during what has been another exceptional year.

2020 is not working out as we had planned but perhaps the troubles have given us the extra time to be well prepared for the future – I look forward to seeing you on the terrain in 2021.

## **b. General Secretary – Signe Hovind**

Although it is important that we maintain our focus and set new goals with an eye towards the coming years, we must also review the past year which consisted of many great events.

The sport of pétanque in Europe have a majority of players more than 55 years old, but still the European Triples for Veterans was held only for the 5th time last September, and for the first time France participated too – and won, not very unexpectedly probably! The results were:

1. **France.** Christian Fazzino, Jean-Marc Foyot, Christian Lagarde and Fernand Rivière
2. **Sweden.** Leif Bäckström, Peter Bengtsson, Kader Chamil and Simon Cohen
3. **Netherlands.** Rajen Koebeer, Bert van Dijk, Junior de Jong and Henry Calvetti
3. **Poland.** Ryszard Kowalski, Jerzy Siara, Andrzej Śliż and Leszek Złotowski

**Nations Cup: Slovenia** – Miro Zadavec, Emsud Krešić, Tatjana Šeruga and Vlado Rumiha.

Just after the veterans had received their medals, we welcomed the participants to the European Triples for Men, the results were:

1. **Italy** – Diego Rizzi, Alessio Cocciolo, Florian Cometto and Andrea Chiapello
2. **Belgium** – Charles Weibel, Joël Marchandise, Geoffrey Haulotte and Christopher Jermus
3. **Spain.** Jorge Martinez Pladesala, Alejandro Cardeñas Villaverde and Jesús Pérez Martín
3. **Slovenia.** Gregor Sever, Matevž Dovžan, Žan Rode and Valter Gregor Oprešnik

**Nations Cup: Monaco** - Vincent Ferrandez, Jean-Dominique Fieschi, Anthony Formento and Lionel Variba.

#### Precision Shooting

1. **Diego Rizzi**, Italy
2. **Jesús Pérez Martín**, Spain
3. **Hugo Dores**, Portugal and **Joël Marchandise**, Belgium

In October we met again, this time in Saint Pierre les Elbeuf, France for the European Triples - Espoirs, Men and Women. The results were:

#### Espoirs Women

1. **France**. Emma Picard, Celine Lebosse, Caroline Bourriaud and Alison Rodriguez
2. **Belgium**. Jessica Meskens, Kiany Deschouwer, Laura Streel and Lauranna van Loo
3. **Germany**. Luzia Beil, Eileen Jenal, Dominique Probst and Jennifer Schüeler
3. **Spain**. Sara Diaz Reyes, Laura Lull Homar, Maria Cristina Mañez Pérez and Tamara Sánchez Navarro

**Nations Cup: Switzerland**. Emilie Merairon, Mégane Nicolier, Clara Palli and Maëva Bonnemain

#### Precision Shooting

1. **Eileen Jenal**, Germany
2. **Emma Picard**, France
3. **Sara Diaz Reyes**, Spain and **Laura Streel**, Belgium

#### Espoir Men

1. **Finland** Teo Ekström, Niklas Palmqvist, Antti Pasanen, Elmo Yli-Vainio
2. **Germany** Leon Gotha, Paul Möslein, Marco Kowalski and Pascal Müller
3. **Monaco** Gaëtan Ardourel, Christophe Mancini, Jose Riviere and Nicolas Riviere Jnr
3. **Sweden** Ivar Liljegren, Rasmus Wirström, Robert Ulfsson and William Silberberg

**Nations Cup: Spain**. Jesús Antonio Escacho Alarcón, Felix Fernandez Romero, Jose Alberto Andeu Quiñones and Juan Ruiz Salas.

#### Precision Shooting

1. **Jesús Antonio Eschacho Alarcón**, Spain
2. **Jose Riviere**, Monaco
3. **Pascal Mueller**, Germany and **Jason White**, England

During the Espoirs championship in France we arranged for a European Umpire exam. After a week-end with many hours work at the terrain for the candidates, they finalized the exam with a written test, and we could congratulate the 7 umpires with their new title.

In July we had the four qualification tournaments in the 2019 European Cup for Club Teams in France, Switzerland, Belgium and Italy., followed by the finals at the of November for the 16 qualified teams in Saint-Yrieix-sur-Charente in France,

#### European Cup for Clubs

1. **Lyon Canuts – France**
2. **CB Monegasque, Monaco**
3. **BP Riganelli, Luxembourg and ASD Bocciofila Valle Maira, Italy**

Congratulations to all our winners during 2019, but also to all the participants having attended the tournaments and made it a great experience for us all.

It can be both long and very busy days at the control-table during our championships. At the Espoirs triples

last year we were very lucky to have Laurent Causse from France at the table together with us. Laurent did a great job both at the table and on the terrain, commenting throughout the tournament. Laurent Causse is probably known to almost everyone, having worked on behalf of his Federation, the FFPJP and also La Chaîne L'Équipe at tournaments in France for years.

We had been looking forward to further cooperation with Laurent in 2020, but now we just have to wait until 2021 to repeat this partnership.

The work of the CEP Directors throughout the year relates to much more than preparation and organisation for the European Championships, in co-operation with the hosting nations.

Lists our work

Of course, we were also preparing for the future and we have been really looking forward to new events in 2020, in Spain, Latvia and France. Now, we just have to be patient and hope for the best in the year to come!

Until then – we will keep in touch – always at your service!

### c. Auditors Report

**Colin Stewart**, chairman for the auditors read the Report. The other auditors were **Ioannis Giakoumis** and **Kerstin Hjelm**.

The Audit committee has audited the balance sheets of the CEP and the related statements of income, retained earnings and cash flows for the year end 31 December 2019 and the related notes to the financial statements.

During the audit, it became apparent that the financial statements in respect of the year ending 31 December 2018 contained errors that were not identified in the 2018 audit.

An invoice issued by the CEP in 2018 for €300 remained unpaid at financial year end. In addition, fixed assets and/or stock appear to have been undervalued by €440 in the 2018 accounts.

We have recommended to the CEP Board that adjustments should be made to the statements for the 2019 financial year to correct these errors.

Subject to these adjustments, in our opinion the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the CEP and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year ending 31 December 2019 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in Europe

Ballot to appoint existing auditors for another 2 year mandate:

**Vote: For 26, Against 1 - Decision: Existing auditors are appointed for another 2-year mandate**

### d. Treasurer's Report – Tony Smith:

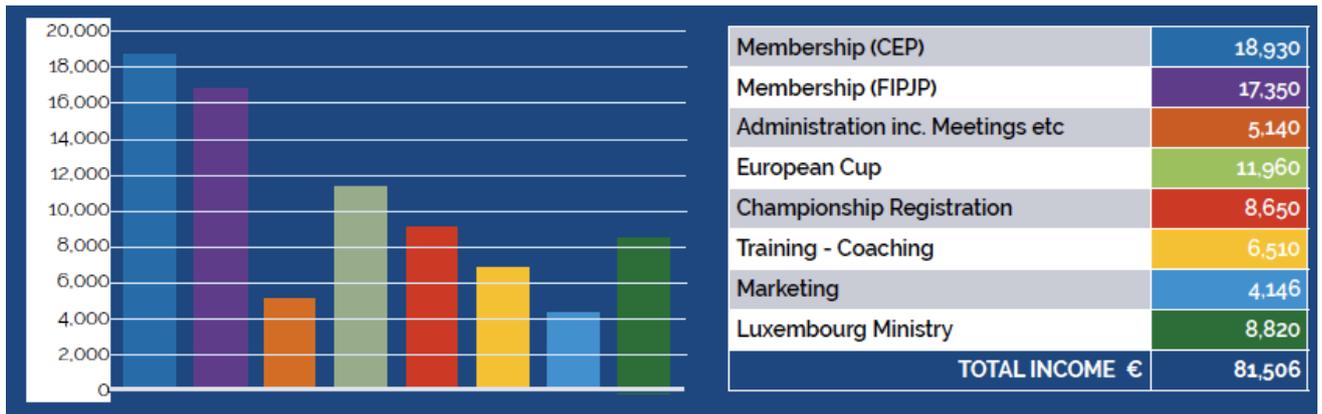
My sincere thanks to the Audit committee: Colin Stewart (Scotland), Kerstin Hjelm (Sweden) and Ioannis Giakoumis (Greece) for their diligence in auditing our 2019 accounts.

I would also take this opportunity to compliment my fellow Directors for ensuring we have another successful year with all our championships and activities completed within the budget.

Despite all our planning, no one could have predicted the situation we are all faced with due to the pandemic. I can only hope that 2021 brings about some normality to our lives enabling us to continue with the positive attitude and a desire to develop our sport which the CEP is renowned for.

The income and Expenditure for the year ending December 31st, 2019 are presented as follows:

## INCOME



Our main income source continues to be from Membership however, Marketing and Registration fees for Championships and Training Courses help to bolster our funds.

The grant, available through our covenant with the Luxembourg Ministry of Sport, provides a maximum of 7,500 euros per year, but this is subject to the activities we host at the FLBP's National Boulodrome in Belvaux, Luxembourg.

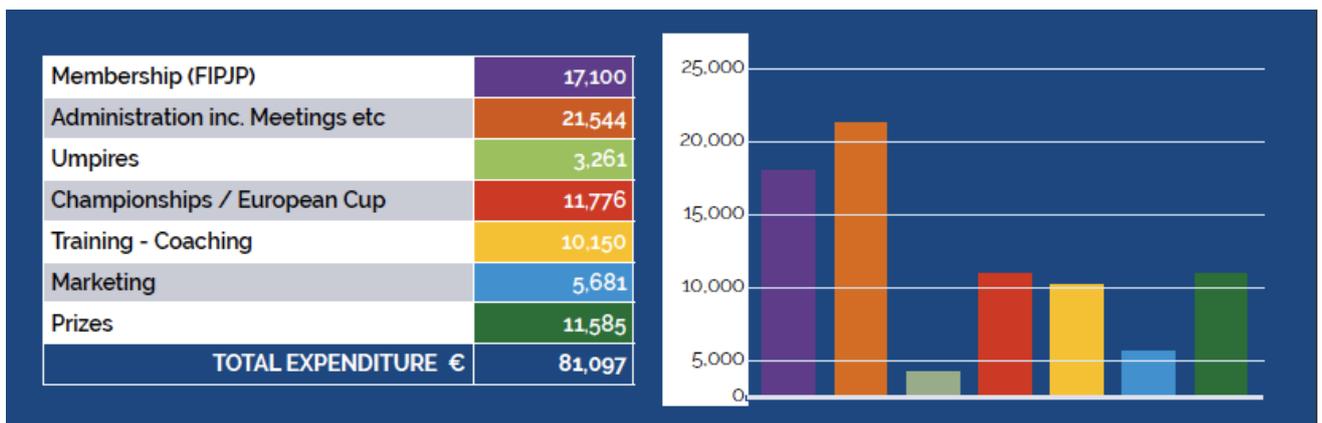
Thanks partly to our training programme, activities in the boulodrome were increased during 2019, resulting in our receiving the full grant from the Ministry.

In total, we received 8,820 euros, 1,320 euros related to a late application in 2018.

It was hoped that the planned activities for 2020 would also enable us to receive a further 7,500 euros, however, due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, this will now not be achieved.

As you know, we invoice you both for the CEP and FIPJP membership fees, this is not only ensuring Europe is currently the only continent up to date with their fees, but it also helps towards your admin costs by having just the one bank transfer to arrange.

## EXPENDITURE



The increased income directly relates to the increase in our activities and expenditure for the year.

The main areas of expenditure are Administration, Championships, Umpires and Prizes. With the exception of our Championships, due to some being held by the same host, expenditure has increased for each of these disciplines.

The costs associated to our Training programme, Coaching for Coaches was offset from the income we received from the course registration and championship registration fees.

## BALANCE



### Statement of Financial Position

Our financial position remains strong with Net Assets of circa 43,000 euros however, it is unfortunate that I also have to report an increase in debtors, due to three federations failing to pay their fees.

The introduction of the "CEP" administered Membership/Licence Transfer protocol has the potential to provide us with a significant income which will further help with our long-term plans.

Any surplus money is invested back into our sport to support our training programme and future development plans and as a direct effect of the pandemic it is now predicted we shall achieve our desired level of reserves for the first time putting us in the driving seat to be able to deliver our future objectives

### QUESTIONS from the Welsh Pétanque Association regarding the Treasures report

Q1. In relation to the statement: "..it is unfortunate that I also have to report an increase in debtors, due to three federations failing to pay their fees." Which 3 federations failed to pay, and have they subsequently paid their fees?

A - We do not normally give out names of debtors, but we do actively engage with them – I can report since the accounts for 2019 were closed one of the federations has made an initial payment towards their debt and is making every effort to clear it entirely before the end of the year. The other two federations – Armenia and Bosnia – have had their membership of the CEP and FIPJP suspended – however, we have an open and on-going dialogue with them.

Q2. Based on the report: "Any surplus money is invested back into our sport to support our training programme and future development plans and as a direct effect of the pandemic it is now predicted we shall achieve our desired level of reserves ". What are the "desired level of reserves"?

A – From the start of my Presidency, we have been working to gradually increase our reserves to the same figure as a year's income from our prime sources – this would be 30,000 euros.

Q3. related to the same item: "in the driving seat to be able to deliver our future objectives." What are these future objectives?

A – In addition to the training of coaches and umpires there is the ongoing objective to meet the decision of the 2009 Congress which was for the CEP to cover the full costs of the Executive – President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer – in addition to reducing the burden on our members by some of the expense, such as accommodation costs for all board members so that being a board member is not restricted to nominations from just those federation that can afford to pay.

Q4. The Treasurer's Report contains details regarding the 2019 Expenditure and Budgets for 2021 & 2022. Is there any detail for the 2020 Budget?

A- Each year we report on the finances of the previous year and the budgets for the next two years. We would not normally report on the current year in progress unless there was an issue – which brings me to the

questions from Russia and Italy.

Q. Will membership fees for 2020 be suspended or deferred as the membership fees for 2021

A - The issue of membership payments has been discussed by both the CEP and FIPJP Committees separately. However, both committees came to the same conclusion, that all fees must be paid without exception and that there will not be any refunds or deferred payments. So the fees you paid for 2020 will not be counted for 2021.

#### 5. Proposal: To accept the Finance Report 2019

VOTE: For 29, Against 0, Decision: 2019 Finance Report were adopted.

#### 6. 2021 Budget

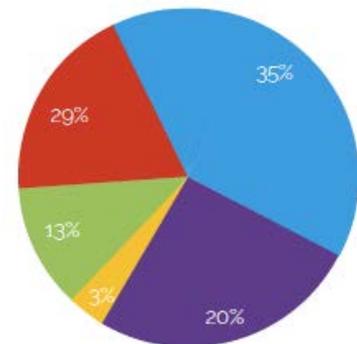
Foremost among the Director's priorities is the need to maintain a stable financial position.

Through the efforts of our Marketing Commission we are actively seeking sponsorship to assist with the delivery of our training programme and reduce the financial burden on our members,

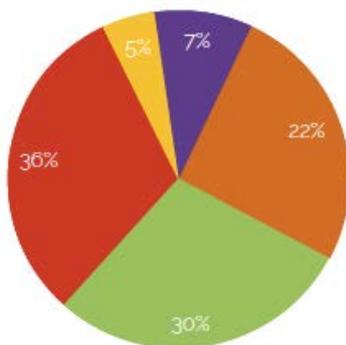
Initially, the marketing revenue is based on the sales of precision shooting templates but, we are optimistic that for the following years sponsorship contracts will have been secured to provide a new income stream.

#### INCOME

<b>Membership</b>	25,580
<b>Administration (Inc, Meetings, Transfers)</b>	15,000
<b>Marketing</b>	2,000
<b>Training Programme (Coaching, Umpiring)</b>	10,000
<b>Championships / European Cup</b>	21,320
<b>TOTAL INCOME €</b>	<b>73,900</b>



#### EXPENDITURE



<b>Administration (Inc, Office, Tech, Bank etc)</b>	5,100
<b>Meetings (Directors, Congress, Travel etc.)</b>	16,000
<b>Training Programme (Coaching, Umpiring)</b>	22,000
<b>Championships / European Cup</b>	27,000
<b>Marketing</b>	4,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE €</b>	<b>73,900</b>

The budget does not include a grant payment from the Luxembourg Ministry of Sport, as this is dependent on our use of the facilities at the Luxembourg National Boudrome.

I must add that all these figures were drawn up prior to the pandemic and will be subject to change as we find out what is to become the "normal" way of life for the future.

We are aware that membership fees remain our most valuable source of income and we schedule a full review ever two years which means our next review is before the 2021 Congress meeting scheduled for April.

However, given our current reserves and plans we are not predicting an increase which means CEP membership fees should remain at the current level until at least 2023.

## 7. Commissions Reports – President Mike Pegg:

We currently have 5 Commissions consisting of Technical, Medical, Umpiring, Coaching and Marketing. There are no planned changes to this structure but that could change - subject to the elections

During 2019 our Medical commission oversaw alcohol breath tests at each of our events and doping control in France, our Coaching commission ran the first Coaching for Coaches course in March and our Umpires Commission were in the final stages of plans to host a European umpire's seminar and course. Just as every other event all our plans for 2020 had to be cancelled.

Currently the coaching commission is working towards a course in early 2021, umpiring has plans for a video seminar for "one or two National umpires from each federation later this year and Marketing are researching the opportunities open to us for sponsorship, hopefully we shall have something more positive to report from each of the commissions next year – meanwhile our Technical Commission have reviewed our rules and regulations.

There are two main changes which were designed to come into effect this year but will now affect the 2021 playing season

### The European Cup for Clubs

The cancellation of a Qualification round for the European Cup for Clubs – instead we shall take the previous year's top 8 plus another 24 federation club teams to a 32-team tournament in week 48. The 24 club team places will be assigned as and when we receive the federations registration on a first come first in basis.

Stage 1 of the Club Tournament will be in Poules - Top 8 from the previous year will be seeded across the 8 poules, the remaining 24 club teams by random draw

Stage 2 – Elimination - The top 2 Club teams from each poule will advance to the EuroCup Elimination to a pre-determined draw to decide the European Cup for Club Teams champions.

The 3rd and 4th placed Club teams from each poule will advance to the FedCup Elimination by the same formula to decide the FedCup winners. I should add that to hold an event for so many Club teams would not be possible without a suitable venue

To that end I am extremely grateful to our hosts the French Federation and the CD 16 committee and volunteers at the boudrome. Gilbert LOUIS.

### Team kit (uniform)

The 2nd change is to our team kit (uniform) rules which now allow for players to wear shorts the length of which are above the knee.

As the French would describe them, these are "sportive" Shorts, but that doesn't translate so well to English so to set a standard and assist everyone to understand what is permitted, especially the umpires, who are responsible for enforcing our rules, we have added the guidance, that the length of the shorts may not be shorter than the player's fingertips when the arms and fingers are extended at the player's side.

**The guide and all our rules are available by download from our website.**

**Question** - from the Welsh Pétanque Association which is:

The Umpiring Commission report mentions an online video seminar, Can you give us an idea when details of this will be available?

A – at this time no, as we have all been concentrating in preparing for today's meeting and wanting to see how we coped with the Zoom app.

## 8. Membership

### a. Survey

39 Federations registered in 2019 and combined there are 8,870 clubs with 404, 467 individual members.

The chart provided in the Annual report provides a review of the past 3 years, but for this meeting we can provide a little more detail that breaks down the various age groups and shows the trend a little more clearly



Reading the various survey reports we can see a few federations appear to be having some success with recruiting and retaining juniors, but their efforts are offsetting other federations who apparently are not doing so well.

It is very easy to make statistics show what you want then to, but clearly there is need to improve the recruitment and retention of younger players,

A high proportion of young people regularly take part in sport but participation in pétanque is not yet growing above its historic norms, perhaps because of the image that seems to symbolise pétanque - that it's an old man's game.

In today's society it has become normal for young people to have choices in almost everything they do. Their pétanque experience should be no different.

It is important for us to recognise that all young people are not the same, so one model doesn't fit all. Not everyone wants to be the next Dylan Rocher, some young people just want to belong, to make friends or play for fun.

We need to work together to attract and retain young people in the game, as well as make them want to give back to this sport in later years.

I am interested in hearing from you about what your federation and clubs are doing to recruit younger members, subject to your response we shall consider forming a European Work Group to further research, and then advise, others about Junior recruitment.

#### **b. Membership/Licence Transfers**

On the 7th May we launched the new Licence/Membership Transfer protocol and our newly appointed Transfer Secretary, Jean-Luc Melleker has already processed a number.

So far, the system has worked well, just recently we identified a player seeking membership with a federation but already having a licence in another. However, as with everything we do, we shall monitor the transfer system and report back to you if, or when, we identify a need to modify the process.

A question has been raised about the procedure suggesting that because there is no central database, the transfer procedure won't work – the example raised in the question was the possibility of a player who does not indicate that he / she wants to be transferred, but instead just applies for membership – it was suggested that potentially they could be a member of several federations if they do not advise their federation they already have a licence

In answer to this I must point out our design of this new system is for the federation, to which the member is moving to, will be primarily responsible for making sure the player has not got a licence in another federation.

Of course, a player may not wish to disclose they already have a licence but if a Non-National player requests to join your federation you must make it standard practice to check with the CEP if the player is a member of another federation.

We will check with the federation concerned and if they are a member, we will issue a transfer form to be completed by the players club and federation.

It is not permitted for anyone to have two licences, so a player obtaining a 2nd licence is committing a fraudulent act and should be suitably disciplined.

Depending on the circumstances, we will consider imposing the 500 euros fine to the federation issuing the second licence because they have not carried out the necessary checks.

This brings me to a second question concerning transfers.

What happens in the case of a player who has two licenses before the new European Transferring System was established (because they were never checked).

The answer is simple – The player is not permitted to have 2 licences regardless of our or any transfer protocol – I would suggest that the player should be subject to a disciplinary action by his or her original federation.

The second licence is not valid, the issuing federation must withdraw the licence and the player, if they still want to move will need to follow the transfer protocol.

The administration fee for an adult transfer is 30 euros – juniors are free.

#### **c. Membership – Lithuanian Pétanque Association**

Earlier this year we received notice that the recognised federation for Lithuanian was being dissolved. Shortly afterwards the Lithuanian Pétanque Association applied for membership which has been granted by both the FIPJP and CEP Executives.

Our statutes require that this Congress ratifies our decision – or put another way, to confirm and agree our decision.

It is more or less and formality but necessary, so in a moment you will see a voting card appear on your screen – please select YES or NO and then click on Submit.

## Proposal: To confirm CEP membership for Lithuania

VOTE: For 28, Against 0

### 9. Election of members to the Board of Directors

7 candidates were nominated for 6 vacancies to the CEP Board of Directors.

The 6 elected candidates for 4 years were:

Mike Pegg – England	29 votes
Tony Smith – Wales	29 votes
Signe Hovind – Norway	28 votes
Henrik Toft – Denmark	28 votes
Riccardo Capaccioni – Italy	24 votes
Sjoerd Pieterse – Netherlands	18 votes
Serge Turuani – Monaco	15 votes – not elected

Mike Pegg was appointed President by the Board of Directors.

Mike expressed great gratitude to Fabio Ballauco and Bruno Fernandez, who had come to the end of their mandate, for their long service and their role in building the CEP into the strong organisation it is today.

### 10. Championships

#### a. 2021

3 - 6 June 2021 - Santa Susanna , Spain

**10th European Espoirs Triples - Men & Women** and the **12th European Juniors - Boys & Girls**

To answer a question asked of me earlier in the week – although we first announced that all championships in 2020 were to be cancelled due to the pandemic, we later decided to postpone the junior championships until 2021 and to organise the event at the Espoirs championships in Spain.

We want / need to encourage young people to play in our sport - this event will also give you the opportunity to test their teams before travelling to Thailand in November for the World championships

An additional bonus is Spain is very keen to host these championships and are arranging for TV coverage, another opportunity to showcase our youth and rising stars – it was not a difficult decision to make.

Albertville, France - world-famous for hosting the opening and closing ceremonies of the 16th Winter Olympic Games in 1992, will host two European Championships in 2021:

19 - 21 September 2021    **6th European Veteran's Triples**

23 - 26 September 2021    **7th European Men's Triples**

Not forgetting that we use the results of the Mens Triples to decide which nations will represent Europe at the World Mens Triples Championships.

2 - 5 December 2021 - Boulodrome de Saint-Yrieix in Saint Yrieix-sur-Charente, France

**23rd European Cup for Club Teams**

The European Cup for Clubs will be in the new format of (max) 32 teams as previously reported .

#### b. 2022

3 - 5 June 2022 - Torrelavega, Spain - the venue first selected for the 2020 championships which is in Torrelavega approximately 27 kilometres from the capital of Santander.

**9th European Women's Triples**

13 - 17 July 2022 - 's-Hertogenbosch, the capital of the Province of North Brabant. As part of their 50th Anniversary celebrations, the NJBB and their partners, Team TOC will host:

**3rd European Singles Men & Women and our 1st European Doubles, Men - Women and Mixed.**

29 September to 02 October 2022 - Almerimar, Spain

**11th European Espoirs Triples - Men & Women and the 13th European Juniors - Boys & Girls**

1- 4 December 2022 - Bouldrome de Saint-Yrieix in Saint Yrieix- sur-Charente, France.

**24th European Cup for Club Teams.**

#### **11. Any other Business (non voting):**

Claude Azema thanking Mike Pegg for the cooperation with the CEP through the year and for inviting him to the CEP Congress 2020.

He briefly informed about visits to other federations and about the World Championship taking place in New Zealand in 2022.

#### **12. Closure of Congress**

Mike Pegg thanked everyone for their attendance and continued support.

**There being no further business, the Congress meeting was closed at 12:15 hours**

Adopted by Congress on the 17 April 2021

Signed

  
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