WELLINGTON PETANQUE ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 10 JUNE 2023

NOTICE OF MOTION

We, the undersigned, move that the first clause of the Conditions of Entry for all future “Champion of Champions” tournaments be amended to read:

“1. Tournament Eligibility

The player must be a current member of a club affiliated to the Wellington Petanque Association and must be their Club Champion or the highest ranked available player from their Club Championships.”

Reasoning:

The current Eligibility rule for Champion of Champions tournaments requires all players to be either their Club champion or runner-up. With runners-up entering, the tournaments were not true Champion of Champions.

For the 2023 Champion of Champions tournaments, there were several WPA Clubs not represented in all events. These included Naenae in the singles, Wanganui East in the triples and Masterton in the singles and doubles. We do not know the reasons for Masterton teams not entering. Wanganui East requested permission to enter a triples team but could not field a team from their champions or runners-up. They were denied entry.

In the case of Naenae singles, both the champion and runner-up were unavailable and Naenae were likewise denied entry. If the rule for tournament eligibility was as proposed, there certainly would have been an entry from Naenae and probably other clubs.

We recognize that some Clubs, Wanganui East and Masterton, are remote and may incur financial and other inconvenience in entering the tournaments. By drawing on a larger pool of players they would have a greater chance of being able to enter teams.

We acknowledge that future tournaments may not be true Champion of Champions, but as noted above, that was the case this year and in the past. We believe that having as many Clubs as possible enter outweighs other considerations.

Moved Simon Grant (Naenae) Seconded Geoff Mercer (Naenae)