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Committee Meeting – Minutes

Videoconference
Monday 02 October 2023
Commencing at 7.12 pm

1. Attendees

Aileen Hebblethwaite (President)
Shirley Marshall (Vice President)
Peter Wells (Secretary)
Lynette Johnson (Treasurer)
Glenn Bovell (Member)
Michael Lacase (State Coach Manager: ex-officio)
Guy Mercier (State Umpire Manager)

2. Apologies

None

3. Correspondence

From PFA regarding “Smart Club” Coaches

4. Previous Minutes

Motion: That the Minutes of the VPCI Committee Meeting of 7 August 2023 are a true record of that meeting, and those Minutes are now confirmed.
Proposed: Aileen Hebblethwaite
Seconded: Shirley Marshall
Vote: Passed unanimously

5.1. Treasurer’s Report

Lynette Johnson’s report is attached to these Minutes

Opening Balance on 6 August 2023	\$9,835.24
Income:	\$ 82.00
Expenditure:	\$3,537.64
Closing Balance on 20 September 2023:	\$6,379.59

Motion: That the Treasurer’s report be accepted.
Proposed: Lynette Johnson
Seconded: Glenn Bovell
Vote: Passed unanimously

5.2. State Coach’s Report

Michael Lacase reviewed the manner in which the “Smart Club” Coaches came about while Jean Francois Veyssiere was the (previous) PFA Director of Coaching. The current PFA Director of Coaching, Andrew Clements, had requested that those who hold the current “Smart Club” Coaching accreditation be listed as “Not Active”. The VPCI Committee has requested that PFA put in writing the arguments for removing previous accreditation without any apparent discussion and asks that this be looked at with some urgency. The VPCI Committee does note that Adrian had offered to visit Victoria in the near future to upgrade the coaching accreditation in this “Smart Club” Coaches group, and we thank him for that offer. However, VPCI believes that PFA needs to put the intended process in writing before we agree to it, and also ensure all Victorian Clubs and Players that the coaching accreditation is standardised across Australia.

Michael also asked to go on record in thanking all the players in the 2 Victorian Teams that performed so well in the recent 2023 Interstate Challenge held at the Newcastle Petanque Club. A written 'thank you note' has been sent to all players. The Victorian 'White' Team won the event overall with 14 wins, while the Victorian 'Blue' Team achieved a very creditable 13 wins. Sincere thanks were also sent to the 2 Captains, Pierrot Lubin (White) and Shirley Marshall (Blue). Well done, Victoria!

5.3. State Umpire's Report

Guy Mercier reported that at present there are 21 players with Umpire accreditation. For this we have to thank both Guy and David Shaw. Guy noted now that the majority of these Umpires are willing to now act as supporting Umpires in Calendar Events and this has removed a huge burden for the very few more senior Umpires.

6. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

6.1. Review of 2023 Team Challenge Events

The VPCI Committee is looking to off-load more of the responsibility for running the 2 Regional Challenge Cups each year to relevant groups of Players who have been involved in recent years. These are, at present:

North and Westen Region:

Danny Green (Mt Macedon), David Shaw Woodend-Hanging Rock), Glenn Bovell (Grampians) and Ken Field (Pyrenees).

South and Metropolitan Region:

Roger Maddern (St Kilda), Geoff Shaw (Mt Martha), Jessen Soomary (Fusion) and Serge Wilmann (Dove).

VPCI now considers that from now on the above Clubs in these 2 Regions should nominate their own organising Regional Challenge Cups Committees and simply report changes to the VPCI Committee.

In future VPCI will insist that both Regional Challenge Cups comprise an even number of Teams, with the Host Club asked to add an additional Team if the number initially registered at the closing date is an odd number. As usual VPCI will provide the individual scoring sheets with the scoring process maintained as at present.

The 2 Regions may alter the Conditions of Play as long as they keep the VPCI Committee notified of any changes. And one we feel is appropriate is to allow games to be times to 50 minutes + 1 end, + 1 further end in the event of a tie (at present this condition has been set at 50 minutes + 1 end).

The VPCI Committee will request a change to the manner in which the payments are made: From 2024 on the Host Club will be paid (so may retain) the same amount as paid to Clubs who host Victorian Championship Event – currently \$200. In addition, a further half of this amount (currently \$100) may be retained by each of the Regional Clubs Committee for engraving the winners name on the Cup, and for any additional minor improvements they feel would assist them in running the Regional Cup. The balance of the income will be returned to VPCI within 14 days of the conclusion of the Event. As usual, the Umpires for these events will be paid by VPCI in the normal manner when the State Umpire Manager (currently Guy Mercier) receives the Umpire's Report.

Finally, VPCI asks (but does not insist) that in future the Host Club be offered to one of the Clubs that is supporting the Regional Challenge Cup over time, and not simply be given the winner of the previous year. VPCI would like to see the venues varied from year to year. Again, from now on the choice of the Host Club is a decision for the Regional Cup Groups alone, and all VPCI requests is that it is informed in a timely manner.

6.2. VPCI Member Clubs

There are now 26 Clubs paid Member Clubs of VPCI, and they are (in alphabetical order):

Apollo Bay Petanque Club

Ballarat Petanque Club

Bellarine Peninsula Petanque Club

Bendigo Petanque Club

Benloch Boules of Steel Petanque Club

Camberwell Petanque Club
Chamarel Petanque Club
Dove Petanque Club
Flinders Petanque Club
Fusion Petanque Club
Grampians Petanque Club
Main Ridge Petanque Club
Maldon Petanque Club
Mornington Peninsula Petanque Club
Mt Martha Petanque Club
Mt Macedon Petanque Club
Nagambie Petanque Club
Portsea Petanque Club
Pyrenees Petanque Club
Smythesdale Petanque Club
St Andrews Beach Petanque Club
St Kilda Petanque Club
Stella Clavisque Petanque Club
Sunbury Petanque Club
Weird Entertainers & Petanque Club
Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club

Details on all the Clubs are found on the VPCI website, <http://www.petanquevictoria.com.au/clubs.htm> and we would ask that Clubs ensure these details are kept up to date by reporting any changes to the VPCI Secretary in a timely manner. The above web page has been improved to provide an image and location map. Thank you.

6.3. Call for Clubs to Host 2024 Victorian Calendar Events

The VPCI Committee has now confirmed at this meeting that the current 2024 Victorian Calendar, found on the VPCI website, <http://www.petanquevictoria.com.au/calendar.htm> is now confirmed. There are still a few dates left and these are open to any Club to bid for in the near future. For 2024 we will maintain the current charge to Club hosting Calendar Events at \$2 per adult player and an invoice will be sent to a Club a few days after their Event. This charge is primarily to enable VPCI to pay the Event Umpires.

We also confirmed some of the dates and venues for some of the Victorian Championship Events, and for 2024 VPCI will pay the Host Club for these events \$200 (unchanged from 2023).

6.4. VPCI Championship Triples on 12 November, 2023.

This Tournament will be held at the Weird Entertainment & Petanque Club, and the Flyer and Registration on MyPetanque will be set up in a few days' time.

7. Other Business

7.1. 2023 VPCI AGM

The 2023 VPCI AGM will be held, by Zoom, on Monday 27 November at 7.00 pm. Details and all relevant papers will be sent out to Clubbs by mid-October. As of this Committee Meeting all current VPCI Committee Members have indicated they will be standing again.

7.2. Any Other Business

(a) Incidents at VPCI Member Clubs

Following a reported incident at a VPCI Member Petanque Club, VPCI would remind all Clubs that any incident involving Player injury must be reported, in writing, to Petanque Federation Australia, PFA. VPCI represents the Victorian Member Clubs, and asks Clubs to take any injuries very seriously and report them in writing to PFA immediately. Any injury may result in a claim on PFA Insurance, and this reporting is a necessary part of the process to protect and assist players.

7.3. Pre-Authorised Expenditure

(none)

8. Date of Next Committee Meeting

The next VPCI Meeting will be the 2023 AGM to be held by Zoom on 27 November, 2023.

The meeting closed at 08.02 pm.

Signed:

Aileen Hebblethwaite
President

Peter Wells
Secretary

(Date) -----

Appendix - Treasurer's Report

Opening Balance on 25/7/2023:	\$9,835.24
Income:	\$ 82.00
Expenditure:	\$3,537.65
Closing Balance on 20/09/2023:	\$6,379.59

Income:	
Membership fee:	\$ 50.00
Player levy:	\$ 32.00
<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$ 82.00</u>

Expenditure:	
Web hosting (2022 & 2023)	\$ 561.00
Umpire payments	\$ 100.00
Bank fee	\$ 2.60
Uniforms for 2023 ISC	\$ 774.05
Interstate Entry fee	\$ 200.00
Player support ISC/Juniors/Oceania	\$1,900.00
<u>Total:</u>	<u>\$3,537.65</u>