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## **COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting held Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2025 at 7.00pm by Video conference (Zoom)

### **1.1. Attendees**

Aileen Hebblethwaite (President)  
Shirley Marshall (Vice President)  
Glenn Bovell (Member)  
Laurent Fossaert (Member)  
Niven Narayanan (Member)  
Michael Lacase (PA Coach Manager: ex-officio) invited

**2.1. Apologies** Lynette Johnson (Treasurer), Guy Mercier (State Umpire Manager: ex-officio), Bob Hutchinson (Member)

### **3.1. Correspondence**

Letter from Mount Martha Petanque Club, Cliff Ferris, President received. The Committee discussed this matter, and a reply will be sent to Mount Martha Petanque Club.

### **3.2. Previous Minutes**

Motion: That the Minutes of the VPCI Committee Meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024 are a true record of that meeting, and those Minutes are now confirmed.

Proposed: Shirley Marshall

Seconded: Laurent Fossaert

Vote: Passed unanimously

### **4. Treasurer's Report**

Lynette Johnson's report is as of 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025, the balance in the VPCI account is \$6,766.73

Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Proposed: Aileen Hebblethwaite (in absence of Lynette Johnson)

Seconded: Shirley Marshall

Vote; Passed unanimously

### **5.1. State Coach's Report**

Michael Lacase informed the meeting that he was now the Chair of Coaching Commission, Petanque Australia, therefore a new State Coach was required. He announced that Shirley Marshall, from Woodend Hanging Rock Pétanque Club has been appointed to this role and congratulated Shirley on her new Role.

**Vice President Role-** Shirley will now stand down from the Vice President role and one of the current Committee members will take on this role. (TBA)

**5.2. State Umpire's Report** – No report as Guy Mercier was not present (an apology)

## **6. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes**

### **6.1. New Ranking System**

Still no response from PFA on the new ranking system, which we unanimously rejected

**6.2. Zoom Account-** Peter Wells has renewed our Zoom Account and is happy to organise the link for our meetings

### **6.3. Clarification of ex-Officio Members**

Discussion was held and now agreed that ex-officio Members can vote going forward.

Proposed: Aileen Hebblethwaite

Seconded: Shirley Marshall

Vote: Passed unanimously

### **6.4. Victorian Championship Events**

Dates for Events in 2025 are as listed:

Victorian Championship Triples Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February (Camberwell PC) – Cancelled due to Heat Policy.

Victorian Shooting Finals (if required) Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April (Camberwell PC)

Victorian Championship Singles to be held on Sunday 6 April (Camberwell PC)

Victorian Championship Doubles to be held on Sunday 28 September (Weird Entertainers PC)

### **6.5. Conditions for Clubs to hold State Championships**

This was reviewed and no changes to be made, see 7.2 below.

## **7. Other Business**

### **7.1 AGM – New Committee member plus**

The Committee welcomed Laurent Fossaert from St Kilda Pétanque Club and also Niven Narayanan of Weird Entertainers Petanque Club, at this meeting, as new members to our Committee

### **7.2. Responses to Documents**

VPCI Policy on Conducting Victorian Championship Petanque Tournaments. This document was reviewed at this meeting- <http://www.petanquevictoria.com.au/documents.htm> No changes to be made.

### **7.3. Best Player Awards**

The Committee voted to discontinue these awards from this year, 2025

Proposed: Aileen Hebblethwaite

Seconded: Glenn Bovell

Vote: Passed unanimously

### **7.4. Victorian Championship Events**

The Committee voted to change Championship Events to Open Women's and Open Men's divisions from hereonin for all three Events, Singles, Doubles and Triples

Proposed: Aileen Hebblethwaite

Seconded: Shirley Marshall

Vote: Passed unanimously

### **7.5. Change of Office Bearers notification**

A reminder to all Clubs to notify VPCI of any changes to their office bearers, thus enabling them to then receive all relevant correspondence from VPCI

## 7.6 Pre-Authorised Expenditure

VPCI Treasurer is authorised to make the following payments:

- (1) \$100.00 to Victorian Players selected in the Trans Tasman Team to play in Christchurch in March 2025

## 7.7. Victorian Championship Triples- Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup> 2024- Weird Petanque Club

Review conducted on Vic Triples Championship, especially the Men's Open Division. There were only 7 teams entered, and though there was a very clear format advertised on Flyer on MyPetanque, a lot were unhappy with play format on the day. This was very clear on MyPetanque at least 8 weeks prior to Event Date.

## 7.8. Other Business:

(1) **Heat Policy- VPCI Extreme Weather Conditions and Duty of Care** -discussion on this primarily around the 35 degree temperature. PA do not have a Heat Policy, and indicate that each State League have their own. It was decided that no changes would be made to this policy.

(2) **Requirement additional Signatory for VPCI Bendigo Bank Account**- this will be actioned

(3) **Ranking on Tournaments**- Interstate, 60+ Only etc. This was discussed and decided that Tournaments that are played Interstate and those not open to all players will not be ranked ongoing in MyPetanque (Coonawarra, Stella Clavisque 60+, Jennifer Shaw 60+ etc)

Proposed: Niven Narayanan

Seconded: Glenn Bovell

Vote: Passed unanimously

(4) **Weird Entertainers Petanque Club**- Cancelled 30<sup>th</sup> March Mixed Triples Tournament

Date available on Calendar- Committee agreed to reschedule the Victorian Championship Triples to this date. Camberwell Petanque Club to be approached with this date for holding event as were original Club.

## 8. Date of Next Committee Meeting

The next VPCI Committee Meeting will be on Monday, 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025, commencing at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.33pm

Signed:

Aileen Hebblethwaite

President

Shirley Marshall

Vice- President

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