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Committee Meeting Minutes

Videoconference
Monday 5 August 2024
Commencing at 7.36 pm

1.1 Attendees

Aileen Hebblethwaite (President)
Shirley Marshall (Vice President)
Peter Wells (Secretary)
Lynette Johnson (Treasurer)
Glenn Bovell (Member)
Bob Hutchinson (Member)
Michael Lacase (State Coach Manager: ex-officio)
Danny Green (Acting State Umpire Manager, in Guy Mercier's absence)

1.2 Welcome

VPCI President, Aileen Hebblethwaite, personally welcomed Bob Hutchinson, Camberwell Petanque Club, as she was absent last meeting.

2.1. Apologies

Guy Mercier (State Umpire Manager: ex-officio)

3. Previous Minutes

A correction for the 11 June Minutes was noted. On page 4, the Closing Balance was for the date 27/05/2024 (not 27/03/2024).

Motion: That with this correction the Minutes of the VPCI Committee Meeting of 11 June 2024 are a true record of that meeting, and those Minutes are now confirmed.

Proposed: Bob Hutchinson

Seconded: Shirley Marshall

Vote: Passed unanimously

4. Treasurer's Report

Lynette Johnson's report is attached to this Agenda. As of 2 August 2024, the balance in the VPCI account is \$6773.39.

Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Proposed: Lynette Johnson

Seconded: Shirley Marshall

Vote: Passed unanimously

5.1. State Coach's Report

Michael Lacase covered the Coaching workshop conducted by the PFA Director of Coaching, Adrian Clements, in June. Following the Sunday session the attendees were asked to complete Australian Sports Commission, Community Coaching Course of 8 modules, if they wished to become a Coach, plus Working with Children Check & Umpire Course. On completion all to be provided to Adrian to be certified as a PFA Level 1 Club Coach.

Michael then briefly discussed the coaching and selection of the players to represent Victoria at the August 2024 Interstate Challenge (ISC) to be held at Nerang, Queensland. A total of 7 Women and 7 Men will represent Victoria in 2 Teams for the 2024 ISC. The VPCI Committee wish all these players the best, and also thank Lindsay Kinghorn who has agreed to be the Coach of the Victorian squad at Nerang.

Michael and the VPCI Committee also wish Guillaume Ramond and Denis Masson all the best as part of the Australian squad at the Men's World Triples Championship and Precision Shooting Championships in Dijon later this year.

5.2. State Umpire's Report

Guy Mercier is away overseas. Danny Green was invited to attend this VPCI Committee Meeting as he is standing in for Guy. Danny stressed that Clubs requiring Umpires for Calendar Tournaments need to contact him at least 6 weeks in advance to arrange Umpires.

6. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

6.1. Reports from PFA Working Groups

We have been made aware of decisions by 3 PFA working Groups, as follows:

(i) PFA Easter Nationals. PFA have relaxed the rules regarding player eligibility in the PFA Australian Nationals at Easter in 2025 so that an overseas licence is now acceptable under certain conditions. The VPCI Committee is disappointed in this decision as it is the Australian Nationals and we feel it should be limited to players holding a PFA licence. We made this representation earlier in the year at a PFA-State Leagues meeting and were disappointed in the decision made by PFA in this regard without further discussion. The PFA Easter Nationals name implies it is for Australian licenced players, so is this now not relevant?

(ii) PFA Player Ranking Scheme. This was announced recently but devoid of detail. Again, the VPCI Committee was disappointed that the Ranking points for 60+ Tournaments to be used for ranking are downgraded to 75% (while retaining 100% of the Ranking points for Open Tournaments). The VPCI Committee felt this was unfair, especially as no argument was put forward for this variation in Ranking points awarded. VPCI will request further clarification. The VPCI Committee also believed that to introduce this Ranking System retrospectively after the 2023 & 2024 National Championship is unfair as players were not informed prior to the 2023 National Championships. Some players may have chosen to play in the Open Divisions if this condition was published prior to 2023 Nationals.

(iii) PFA Sport Integrity program. The VPCI Committee unanimously agreed that this was initially introduced and explained in a totally confused email from PFA, and will seek clarification as to exactly what is required, when it is required and by whom.

6.2. Victorian Championship Singles

This Tournament was cancelled earlier this year due to predicted extreme heat. Unfortunately, this Tournament will not now be run later this year due to lack of space in the Calendar.

7. Other Business

7.1. Clubs Continuing as VPCI Members as of 1 July 2024

It was pleasing to note that all 26 Member Clubs from the 2023-2024 financial year have paid their Membership to VPCI for this current 2024-2025 financial year.

The VPCI Committee would ask all Clubs to look at their details currently on the VPCI website, on the clubs page (<http://www.petanquevictoria.com.au/clubs.htm>), and check their contact details are correct.

7.2. Clubs Hosting 60+ Calendar Events

The VPCI Committee noted that recently there were 2 weekend Club-hosted Tournaments that restricted the Player registration to 60+ players. As present there is just 1 noted on the Calendar. The VPCI Committee would encourage all Club-hosted Tournament held on a Saturday or Sunday to allow players of any age to register. VPCI are far more relaxed about Events during the week in terms of age restrictions (if that is what a Club wishes to put on).

7.3. Clubs to Request Calendar Events for 2025

The VPCI Committee now ask their Member Clubs to think about identifying dates and events they wish to host Events for the 2025 Calendar. Please email the VPCI Secretary of dates for next year when your Club wishes to host Calendar Events. As a general guide we will initially allow Metropolitan Clubs to select 4 dates and Regional Club 2 dates, but will refine these conditions as Events are requested. We will also allocate the Victorian Championship Tournaments to the larger Metropolitan Clubs (generally, but will certainly listen to strong requests from other Regional Clubs for these Tournaments).

All requests will be put on the VPCI 2025 Calendar 'as requested' and then confirm the 2025 Calendar at the VPCI AGM is late November. The usual rule about 'clashed' Tournaments will also hold: VPCI will accept 2 Tournament on the same day as long as the 2 Clubs agree to the clash and the 2 Clubs are well separated (think 120 km or more).

7.4. Round-Robin Leagues Tournament

A suggestion was recently put to the VPCI by the Weird Petanque Club to play a Leagues-type Event. The VPCI would prefer the Metropolitan Clubs (as a suggestion) to come up with a scheme for this type of competition independently of the VPCI and model it on the current North-West Regional Clubs 'Golden Boule' series of games (each Team plays all other Teams). This is played in the cooler part of the year and does not impact on the usual playing Calendar.

7.5. Other Business

- (i) Following a suggestion from Glenn Bovell, VPCI has now decided that all players selected in a squad to represent Victoria in a Petanque Tournament will be provided with matching shirts (or equivalent) and also ask players to pair these with dark blue or black slacks (not leggings, please).

(ii) Peter Wells informed the VPCI Committee that he will not be seeking re-election to this Committee at the 2024 November AGM.

7.6. Pre-Authorised Expenditure

The VPCI Treasurer is authorised to make the following payments, when requested:
Pay PFA the \$200 for the Victorian entry to the 2024 ISC.

8. Date of Next Committee Meeting

The next VPCI Meeting will be on Monday, 7 October, commencing at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.41 pm.

Signed:

Aileen Hebblethwaite
President

Peter Wells
Secretary

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The Financial Report is attached to this document

Opening Balance 13.05.24	\$7,129.39
Income	\$1,536.00
Expenditure	\$1,892.00
Closing Balance 27.07.24	<u>\$6,773.39</u>

Income

Club Memberships	\$1,300.00
Player Levy	\$236.00
Total	<u>\$1,536.00</u>

Expenditure

Players Support	\$1,400.00
Uniforms	\$242.00
Coach Support	\$250.00
Total	<u>\$1,892.00</u>