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Committee Meeting – Minutes

Videoconference
Monday 5 October 2020
Commencing at 7.00 pm

1. Attendees

Aileen Hebblethwaite (President)
Jean Francois Veyssiere (Vice President)
Max Wright (Treasurer)
Peter Wells (Secretary)
Martial Leconte (Member)
Shirley Marshall (Member)
Michael Lacase (Member)

2. Apologies

None.

3. Correspondence

Out: Notes to all Clubs on COVID-19 Guidelines (on the VPCI website).
Out: Note to PFA following 18 August PFA-State Leagues Meeting (attached).

4. Previous Minutes

Motion: That the Minutes of the VPCI Committee Meeting of 10 August 2020 are a true record of that meeting. A copy of these Minutes is also be available on the Committee page of the VPCI website.

Proposed: Shirley Marshall

Seconded: Max Wright

Vote: Passed unanimously

5. 1. Treasurer's Report

Max Wright presented an overview of VPCI's current financial position. Max's report is attached.

Opening Balance as of 10 August	\$5,846.32
Income	\$1,000.00
Expenditure	\$ 0.00
Closing Balance at 5 October	\$ 6,846.32

Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Proposed: Max Wright

Seconded: Aileen Hebblethwaite

Vote: Passed unanimously

5.2. State Coach Manager's Report

The Victorian State Coach Manager is yet to be appointed by VPCI. A note is to be sent to all clubs seeking expressions of interest for this position.

5.3. State Umpire Manager's Report

The Victorian State Umpire Manager is yet to be appointed by VPCI. A note is to be sent to all clubs seeking expressions of interest for this position.

6. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

6.1. Annual Fees for Member Clubs

In a recent change made to PFA Policy, PFA is to remind Clubs they must become a Member of their State League (if one exists). We ask all Victorian PFA-affiliated Clubs who have not yet paid their annual VPCI Membership fee to do so in the near future, please.

6.2. Re-Start Calendar

VPCI have made no change to 2020 Victorian Calendar for the remainder of the year, apart from those Clubs that have specifically asked for their Tournament to be removed, or those for which the date has now passed.

6.3. Call for Calendar Events in 2021

The Draft 2021 Calendar will be made available on the VPCI website on the Calendar page in the next few days. This includes all Events requested by Clubs, but not always at the precise dates requested. Clubs are asked to carefully check these dates and details, and get back to VPCI as soon as possible with any changes and/or additional Tournaments requested.

6.4. Sports Support in Victoria

VPCI is now a Member of Sports Central (Ballarat). A list of similar Regional Sporting Support bodies that provide advice for sporting Clubs and Leagues across Victoria has been sent to all our Member Clubs. VPCI have also attempted to get the State Sporting Association (SSA) to accept Petanque as a recognised sport in Victoria, but SSA say they are in the process of reviewing their operation and said they would get back in due course.

6.5. PFA-State Leagues Meeting

This was held on 18 August, and reports have been adequately covered by correspondence from PFA.

7. Other Business

7.1. PFA Policy Changes

PFA have made Policy changes to the Coach's Commission, the Umpire's Commission, and Representative Team Selection. Clubs are urged to go to the PFA website and familiarise themselves with these changes.

7.2. 2020 VPCI AGM

It was resolved that the 2020 VPCI AGM will be held on Saturday 28 November at 11.00 am. At the moment the assumption is made that the AGM will be held by videoconferencing. Clubs will be kept informed about this if there are changes. Please note that the only Clubs allowed to attend and vote at the AGM will be those that have paid their VPCI 2020 Annual fees at least 10 days prior to the AGM (this is a requirement of our Rules of Association).

All members of the current VPCI Committee intend to stand again. If there are any changes VPCI will notify the Clubs well in advance of the AGM. Proxy and Nomination forms associated with the AGM will be sent to all Clubs in the near future, and should, where possible, be returned electronically within 48 hours of the AGM (so by 26 November, please).

7.3. Any Other Business

7.3.1 Easter Nationals

The VPCI Committee resolved to write to PFA and request that, in future, at the Australian Easter Nationals, the only players that may register are those holding a PFA Licence.

7.3.2 2020 Victorian Championship Doubles

This Tournament, that was to be held on 8 November 2020, will now not run in view of the current restrictions.

7.3.3 2020-2021 Best Player Awards

VPCI are considering that the 2020-2021 awards not be awarded on 1 May 2021 due to insufficient Tournaments arising from the pandemic shutdown and restrictions in the period from 1 May 2020 to whenever we can start playing Calendar Tournaments on a state-wide basis once more.

7.4. Expenditure Authorisation

The VPCI Committee authorises the Treasurer to pay an outstanding Umpire's \$100 payment for a Tournament earlier this year.

8. Date of Next Committee Meeting

This will be arranged for some time early in February 2021, and Committee Members advised.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

Signed:

Aileen Hebblethwaite
President

Peter Wells
Secretary

(Date) -----

Attachment 1

TREASURER'S REPORT

This report covers the period 5 August 2020 to 5 October 2020

There has been 1 financial transaction recorded on the Bendigo Bank account and no Bendigo Bank transaction fees have been debited during this period.

The 1 transaction relates to the PFA Covid grant to Leagues of \$1,000.

In relation to VPCI Annual Club Fees outstanding the following clubs are yet to pay:
Flinders, Portsea, Somers, St Kilda, Stella Clavisque, Sunbury.

Account Summary for the period 5 August 2020 to 5 October 2020

Opening Balance as at 5 August 2020 \$5,846.32

Income \$1,000.00

Expenditure \$Nil

Closing Balance as at 5 October 2020 \$6,846.32

Max Wright – Treasurer VPCI

Monday 5 October 2020

Attachment 2 - VPCI Thoughts on PFA Coaching/Umpiring/Selection Policy.

General

Our first suggestion is for the PFA Board to break up the 80 page monster Policy document into sensible separate documents on specific Policy matters. The current document covering Coaching/Umpiring/Selection Policy is a getting close to 20 pages, and that's large enough.

Coaching

Our main thoughts here are to make members of the Coaching Commission far more accountable for their actions and activities (or lack of them!). We feel that the National Director of Coaching, in particular, needs to have very specific targets written into the policy document, and to which that person is accountable for on a regular, rolling, basis. Call these targets KPIs, if you wish, but the role of the National Director of Coaching has to be far better defined.

The same goes for the Coaching Administrator (if that position is to be retained). The Coaching Administrator needs to be actively involved in providing regular updates of future activities about to happen, providing regular reviews of activities that have been completed, and keeping records of what has gone on. The Coaching Administrator should also be responsible for devising a National Ranking scheme for Players, and/or requiring States to provide their own and merge these into a useful Player Ranking resource for the Coaching Commission and Selection Panel.

Both the National Director of Coaching and the Coaching Administrator need, written into policy, their relevant targets and timelines. They also need to be currently active in coaching within their club, their state and also arranging and overseeing coaching clinics in all states. The current incumbents appear to do none of this. And the section on Evaluation is pointless unless responsibilities, targets, etc., particularly with respect to on-going training, are both set and met, and seen to be met.

It is our view that the PFA Coaching Commission should comprise the PFA appointed National Director of Coaching plus 1 accredited coach from each of the State Leagues. The Coaching Administrator should also be present in more of a Secretary's role providing relevant data and keeping the Minutes. There should also be 1 ex-officio position filled by PFA.

The aim to get every club (with maybe 30 or more licenced Players as members) to include within their membership at least a Club Level Coach should be written into policy.

It should also be written into policy that the National Director of Coaching is held to the same standard required of all accredited Coaches (this is a glaring omission in the current document; the section on Conduct, Discipline & Ethical Standards seems to assume the National Director of Coaching is automatically 'perfect' in every way!).

The statement noting that all Coaches should have a valid Umpire's Licence or have attended needs to be clarified as to exactly how the last part of this operates. Its too vague as it stands.

The National Director of Coaching should also be responsible for full de-briefing, and then reporting, of all performances by Australian Representative Teams at the individual Player level and the overall Team performance.

Finally, while maybe not anything to do with Coaching policy, for any Australian Representative Team all Players and Coaches and other PFA support personal attending an overseas tournament should be paid the identical grant by PFA. Coaches are pointless without players, and Teams need Coaches, so let's treat them equally from now on please in terms of travel grants.

Umpires

Our view regarding the members of the Umpires Commission are very similar. We have no specific issues with the current personnel on the Umpires Commission, but again feel there should be very specific targets and responsibilities spelt out in the relevant policy. And the incumbents should be held, and seen to be held, accountable for these targets and responsibilities.

We are not as concerned about the actual make-up of the Umpires Commission, but the recent idea about on-line courses needs to be rolled out soon as we require more Umpires. As above, the aim to get every club (with maybe 30 or more licenced Players as members) to include within their membership at least a Club Level Umpire should be written into policy.

Selection

VPCI supports the idea recently discussed that the PFA Selection Panel be formed with 1 representative from each of the State Leagues, plus the required PFA officials.

VPCI also agrees that no member of the Selection Panel shall be selected for the Representative Team they are looking to recommend to the PFA Board.

Players who have provided an Expression of Interest for a specific Representative Team and not been successful, should be provided with clear written reasons for not being selected so they understand those areas they need to improve. And also be provided with the necessary coaching to improve if they wish This should be written into policy.

A significant determinant of the selection of any Player in a Representative Team shall be that Player's Ranking performances in Championship Events at the State level and above in the previous 12 months. The Coaching Administrator is to be responsible for keeping this Ranking data current.

We have some concerns in the current Selection Requirement section as to who exactly are the PFA 'representatives' that have the final say. This needs to be clarified. What is the Team Delegate, how is that person appointed and what precisely is their role? This is all far too vague. The whole section is written assuming all faults will lie with Players; please make this a far more positive part of policy. We want to read how Players can best represent Australia, not how PFA are looking to find fault all the time.

The VPCI Committee thank the PFA Board for this opportunity to contribute to improving PFA Policy, and we close by indicating our willingness to do this for other policy matters into the future.

Friday 28 August 2020.

Peter Wells

Secretary, VPCI

(on behalf of the VPCI Committee)