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Committee Meeting – Minutes

Videoconference
Monday 7 February 2022
Commencing at 7.00 pm

1. Attendees

Aileen Hebblethwaite (President)
Michael Lacase (Vice President)
Peter Wells (Secretary)
Claire Sampson (Member)
Helen Owen (Member)
Shirley Marshall (Member)
Guy Mercier (State Umpire Manager: ex-officio)
Jean Francois Veysiere (State Coach Manager: ex-officio)

2. Apologies

Max Wright (Treasurer)

3.1. New Committee Member

The VPCI President, Aileen Hebblethwaite, welcomed Helen Owen from the Ballarat Petanque Club as a newly appointed Member of the VPCI Committee.

3.2. Correspondence

In: PFA Draft Strategic Plan: 19 December 2021 (and briefly responded to)

Out: VPCI and Player Vaccination Status: 31 October 2021 (and subsequent Club replies)

4. 1. Previous Minutes

Motion: That the Minutes of the VPCI Committee Meeting of 11 October 2021 are a true record of that meeting.

Proposed: Shirley Marshall

Seconded: Aileen Hebblethwaite

Vote: Passed unanimously

A copy of these Minutes is also available on the Committee page of the VPCI website, and those Minutes are now approved.

5. 1. Treasurer's Report

Max Wright's report is attached to this Agenda.

Opening Balance on 11 October 2021: \$12,096.13

Income: : \$ 2,790.00

Expenditure: : \$ 260.10

Closing Balance on 7 February 2022 : \$14,626.03

Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Proposed: Shirley Marshall

Seconded: Michael Lacase

Vote: Passed unanimously

Max, just prior to this meeting advised VPCI that he was resigning as Treasurer, and from the VPCI Committee, effective immediately. Max had indicated at the 2021 AGM that he was not standing again as Treasurer. The Committee unanimously expressed their thanks for the contribution that Max had made to the Committee over the past few years and wished him well. The Secretary, Peter Wells, was asked to write to Max to thank him personally.

The VPCI Committee is now in urgent need of a new Treasurer, and asks anyone interested in taking up this position to get in touch with the Committee in the very near future; VPCI cannot really function properly without a Treasurer! The Committee expressed the view that a Player from a Metropolitan Club would be preferred.

5.2. State Coach's Report

Jean Francois Veysiere reported that he had held Coaching Workshops recently at Ballarat and Smythesdale Petanque Clubs, and had prepared accreditation certificates for those recently approved 'Smart' Coaches. Helen Owen agreed to assist JF in getting these certificates ready for printing and distribution.

5.3. State Umpire's Report

Guy Mercier reported he had recently been accredited as a State Umpire and was looking to work with the National Umpire, David Shaw, to run some umpiring workshops in Victorian Petanque Clubs. Clubs are reminded that as of 2023 they may be responsible for providing accredited Umpires for Club-Hosted Events on the Victorian Calendar. Guy also advised that he would be away from mid-May till September this year.

Clubs are also reminded that if a single Club requests the State Umpire Manager and/or State Coach Manager to hold a training/coaching/accreditation session at their premises, then they will be charged \$100 per day that will then be paid to the officiating Umpire/Coach. If a number of Clubs combine to offer such a session at one of their premises, then VPCI will pay the Umpire/Coach \$100 per day, but there will be no direct cost to the Clubs involved.

6. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

6.1. VPCI 2021 AGM

Matters for noting

- (i) COVID-19 restrictions – these are essentially unchanged from late 2021, and are listed on the VPCI website. At the present time all Players and visitors to Victorian Petanque Clubs are to be doubly vaccinated and are required to show their vaccination certificates upon arrival at a Club if requested. Peter noted that most Clubs have reported their list of Players for whom they have sighted vaccination certificates, so as to minimise delays at the commencement of any Calendar Event. Clubs are asked to update this list regularly and report to VPCI.
- (ii) Change to Day Licences – the administration of Day Licences is now the responsibility of the State League. VPCI will charge any Club having unlicensed Players in a Calendar Event the sum of \$5 per unlicensed Player.
- (iii) The VPCI Annual Report was lodged with, and fee paid to, CAV late in November last year.

6.2. 2022 Victorian Calendar

VPCI asks all Clubs that conduct Club-Hosted Calendar Events to take particular care to ensure the Flyer used to advertise the Event is comprehensive and accurate particularly as regards the Conditions of Play. And Clubs are also asked, please, to conduct the Event as specified unless there are compelling reasons to modify the Conditions of Play. Clubs are asked specifically to ensure the distinction between timed and untimed games is accurately defined in the Conditions of Play and made known to all Players at the commencement of the Event.

6.3. Recognition by Sports and Recreation Victoria

Ongoing

7. Other Business

7.1. New Member Club

VPCI wish the recent newly formed club, Fusion Petanque Club, all the best.

7.2. PFA-State Leagues Meeting

Michael Lacase, who attended with Claire Sampson to represent VPCI, briefly outlined the matters discussed at the PFA-State Leagues Meeting held on 7 December 2021. Topics covered included: Shooting equipment requirements, the need for all Clubs to have their own Umpires and Coaches, the hope that Tasmania will soon form a State League, and changes concerning Day Licences.

7.3. Survey of Member Clubs 2021

Claire Sampson will prepare a report following the recent Survey sent to all Victorian Clubs. She noted that only 11 of the 27 Victorian Clubs responded, which was disappointing.

7.4. Next Best Player Awards Date

These awards were not presented in 2021 due to the impact of COVID-19 on the Victorian Calendar of Events. As long as there is no serious impact by COVID-19 during 2022, VPCI will announce the Best Players early in 2023 based on the 12-month period 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022.

7.5. 2022 State Shooting Competition

Following the decision by PFA to include the Shooting Competition as a National Finals at the Australian Championships at Novar Gardens Petanque Club at Easter this year, the first part of this process was for Clubs to hold Shooting Competitions to ensure any interested Players gained the required points to qualify; 30+ for Men, 25+ for Women and 15+ for Juniors. Of those who qualified and could attend, if required, a Victorian Shooting Competition on 5 February and also the Easter National Championships at Easter, there were 3 Victorian Players who qualified:

Men – Frederic Vencatasamy, 39 points
Women – May Ratana, 35 points, and
Men 60+ - Sary In, 30 points

These 3 Player were not required to compete at the Victorian Shooting Competition as there was only 1 competitor in a Division, so PFA have been notified that these 3 Players will be the Victorian representatives at the National Shooting Competition Finals at Easter at Novar Gardens Petanque Club.

7.6. 2022 Victorian Championship Singles

This was conducted on Sunday 6 February 2022 at Camberwell Petanque Club. 3 Divisions were held, Men, Men 60+ and Woman 60+. The full results are on the MyPetanque website. VPCI congratulates the winners and place-getters. VPCI also thanks the Camberwell Petanque Club for hosting this Tournament.

7.7. 2022 Victorian Championship Doubles

This Tournament will be held on 6 March 2022 at Weird & Entertainers Petanque Club. The details will be on the MyPetanque site within a few days of this Meeting.

7.8. 2022 Victoria Regional Cups

These 2 Tournaments are scheduled to be held on Sunday 24 April; the N & W Region Event at the Grampians Petanque Club, the South & Metro Event at Dove (as these were the winning Clubs in 2021). Clubs will be contacted in the near future regarding full details. JF requested allowing a Junior team to take part in the South & Metro Regional Cup, and this was approved by the Committee.

7.9. Perpetual Trophies

All Clubs are asked to check their cupboards for any Perpetual Trophies (from PFA or VPCI) so that these trophies can be updated, if required, and put back into circulation. Please let VPCI know if you do have any such trophies. Thank you.

7.10. State Coach Manager

JF, the current Australian National Coach and the Victorian State Coach Manager informed the VPCI Committee he was standing down from the latter position to concentrate on the former. He then informed the VPCI Committee that he had recommended to PFA that Michael Lacase be the next Victorian State Coach Manager. The Committee fully support this move, and awaits PFA's decision.

7.11. Authorised Expenditure

(none)

8. Date of Next Committee Meeting

The next VPCI Committee Meeting will be held by teleconferencing on 4 April 2022 at 7.00 pm..

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Signed:

Aileen Hebblethwaite
President

Peter Wells
Secretary

(Date) -----

Attachment 1

TREASURER'S REPORT

This report covers the period 5 October 2021 to 30 January 2022

There have been 7 financial transactions recorded on the Bendigo Bank account during this period.

The 7 transactions relate to:

Income:

VPCI State Triples surplus cash \$80 after costs \$1,405, Covid19 Grant from Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions \$2,500, Club Event Fees (2) \$210

less

Expenditure:

Umpiring Duties \$100, Hosting fee for VPCI Triples event \$100, lodgement of VPCI annual report \$60.10

Account Summary for the period 5 October 2021 to 30 January 2022

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Expenditure \$260.10

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Max Wright – Treasurer VPCI

30 January 2022