

Victoria Petanque Clubs Inc.

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Committee Meeting – Minutes

Videoconference
Monday 8 February 2021
Commencing at 7.00 pm

1. Attendees

Michael Lacase (Vice President)
Max Wright (Treasurer)
Peter Wells (Secretary)
Martial Leconte (Member)
Claire Sampson (Member)
Guy Mercier (State Umpire Manager: ex-officio)
Jean Francois Veyssiere (State Coach Manager: ex-officio)

2. Apologies

Aileen Hebblethwaite (President)
Shirley Marshall (Member)

3. Correspondence

Out: Notes to all Clubs on COVID-19 Guidelines (on the VPCI website, regularly updated).

4. Previous Minutes

Motion: That the Minutes of the VPCI Committee Meeting of 5 October 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: Peter Wells

Seconded: Michael Lacase

Vote: Passed Unanimously

5. 1. Treasurer's Report

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

Opening Balance at 5 October, 2020	\$6,846.32
Income	\$2,280.00
Expenditure	\$1,439.89
Closing Balance at 4 February, 2021	\$7,692.23

Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Proposed: Max Wright

Seconded: Claire Sampson

Vote: Passed unanimously

5.2. State Coach's Report

The Victorian State Coach Manager is Jean Francois Veysiere. The VPCI Committee congratulate JF on this appointment.

JF reported that he and Guy Mercier had recently run 2 workshops aimed at prospective Umpires and Coaches. These were conducted at Ballarat Petanque Club on 10 December 2020 and at Weird Entertainers Petanque Club on 30 January 2021. At these 2 workshops 13 and 11, respectively, Players indicated an interest in aspects of Coaching. Further Coaching workshops are planned for the future.

JF reported that he is also arranging a Coaching session at Camberwell Petanque Club on 27 February, specifically aimed at Victorian Junior players, with the aim to prepare a squad (including Junior players from other States) in preparation for future International Tournaments (subject to covid-19 restrictions). The VPCI Committee agreed to fund a Victorian Junior Squad uniform.

5.3. State Umpire's Report

The Victorian State Umpire Manager is Guy Mercier. The VPCI Committee congratulate Guy on this appointment.

As noted above, Guy was involved in the above 2 workshops. One disappointing feature was that only 7 players across these 2 workshops indicated any real interest in potentially becoming an Umpire. Clubs are reminded that Tournaments may be put in jeopardy if there are insufficient Umpires into the future and are encouraging all Clubs who hold Club-Hosted Events by the commencement of 2022 to have an accredited Umpire within their Club Membership.

VPCI also wish to thank both David Shaw and Danny Green for participating in these 2 workshops.

6. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

6.1. Annual Fees for Member Clubs

VPCI levies all Member Clubs \$50 per year, payable by 1 July. This financial year we have been a little disappointed that a few Clubs seem to have decided not to pay these Annual Membership Fees. It is a requirement of PFA Affiliation that Clubs are also Members of their State League. These Clubs will be reminded of this and PFA will also be notified.

6.2. Re-Start Calendar

It was noted that the VPCI Calendar was re-started in early November 2020 as the covid-19 restrictions were somewhat relaxed so Tournaments could re-commence. Three Calendar Events were held in late 2020.

6.3. Call for Calendar Events in 2021

The full 2021 Calendar is now available on the VPCI website.

It was decided that certain Events on the Calendar would not contribute to Player Rankings scores from this date (8 February, 2021) forward. They include all Super Melee and Out-of-the-Hat Events where Team makeup changes from Round to Round, and any Event that runs for less than 5 full Rounds. All such non-Ranking Calendar Event of this type are indicated in orange on the VPCI Calendar Page.

There was some discussion as to the definition of a Division being referred to as 60+. VPCI have decided for the moment to continue the condition that to play in a Victorian Calendar Event Division labelled 60+ all Players must be at least 60 years of age on the day of the Event commencing. This definition will be reviewed periodically.

6.4. Best Player Awards

As a result of severe covid-19 restrictions from around mid-March to early November in 2020, it was decided late in 2020 to zero all Victorian Player Rankings data and re-start them on 1 January 2021. For this reason, the Best Player Awards will be determined based on Calendar year results until further notice. And just to remind each Player; their Ranking is calculated, on any given date, as the average of their best 10 Ranking scores over the preceding 12 months (Ranking scores from a specific Event are automatically omitted from this calculation 12 months after the Event took place).

6.5. Victorian Championship Singles

This Tournament was held on 7 February 2021 at Camberwell Petanque Club. The VPCI Committee notes its disappointment that with an oversubscribed Event (Players on Reserve) one player listed to play failed to appear without the courtesy of advising a Member of the VPCI Committee, meaning a Reserve player was unable to play. VPCI would ask Clubs to remind all their Member Players in future to be mindful about informing VPCI if they are registered to play in an Event, and then have to pull out (for whatever reason) prior to the day of the Event.

6.6. PFA Bulletins/Newsletters

Clubs are asked to ensure that all their Members/Players are made aware of the recent changes to the FIPJP Rules, Timed Games Rules, Local Rules and Day Licence Rules. These are all on the PFA website.

6.7. Easter Nationals

The 2021 Australian National Championships are scheduled to take place on 2-4 April (Easter) this year, subject to covid-19 restrictions. Please note that at the present time (and this may change) all travellers from Victoria who wish to cross the Victoria/South Australia border are required to complete an on-line Border Crossing Form. This can be found at

<https://forms.police.sa.gov.au/Runtime/Runtime/Form/CrossBorderTravel/>

and all players intending to go to South Australia are reminded that it may take up to 7 days for this to be processed.

7. Other Business

7.1. PFA Policy Changes

PFA have advised that the Chair of the Coach's Commission, Jean Francois Veysiere, is now a PFA Director. Similarly, PFA have advised that the Chair of the Umpire's Commission, David Shaw, is also a PFA Director.

The VPCI Committee congratulates these two players on their appointments.

7.2. Petanque Points

VPCI notes with interest the new podcast series arranged by Rex Barker from Camberwell Petanque Club. The podcast can be accessed at:

<https://open.spotify.com/show/21s6DGIfBUKcxCSrLIaqbr>

7.3. VPCI Fees for Club-hosted Events

Member Clubs have been advised that the VPCI fee following each Club-hosted Event will be \$10 per day plus the cost of allocated Umpire; \$100 per day for a non-playing Officiating Umpire or \$50 per day for a playing Officiating Umpire.

The VPCI Treasurer is now forwarding invoices to Clubs after Club-hosted Calendar Events.

7.4. Upcoming VPCI Calendar Events

- 7.4.1. The Victorian Shooting Competition is scheduled for 20 March 2021 at Camberwell Petanque Club.
- 7.4.2. The Victorian Championship Doubles is scheduled for 28 March 2021 at Camberwell Petanque Club.
- 7.4.3. The 2 Regional Cups are scheduled for 18 April 2021 as follows:
North & West – The Grampians
Metro & South – St Kilda

VPCI will recommend to the 2 Regional Organising Committees for these Regional Cups, that the same format in 2019, a Teams Challenge Event, be used again this year.

7.5. Any Other Business

- 7.5.1. Some informal comments were received by VPCI Committee Members that some Women players feel disadvantaged in registering for Tournaments with a single Open Division. It was felt that as there were, in the Committee's opinion, significant numbers of Mixed Divisions in Calendar Tournaments no action need be taken at this time.
- 7.5.2. Noted that the VPCI Annual Report was submitted to Consumer Affairs Victoria in late November 2020 following our AGM, and the relevant fee paid.
- 7.5.3. VPCI discussed the issue of whether there was a need to get involved with 'incomplete' Entries on MyPetanque as the Close of Registration date approaches. VPCI will monitor the situation and ask that Member Clubs request their Players make an effort to complete MyPetanque Entries well before the Close of Registration date.

8. Date of Next Committee Meeting

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

The meeting closed at

Signed:

Aileen Hebblethwaite
President

Peter Wells
Secretary

(Date) -----

Attachment 1

TREASURER'S REPORT

This report covers the period 5 October 2020 to 4 February 2021

There have been 12 financial transactions recorded on the Bendigo Bank account during this period. The 12 transactions relate to:

Income:

VPCI Annual Club Fees (3 @ \$50) \$150, Victorian Government Grant \$2,000 and Club Event Fees \$130 less

Expenditure:

Umpiring Duties \$100, AGM Zoom Webinar \$84.69, Grant to Ballarat Petanque Club \$150, Consumer Affairs re Annual Report lodgement expenses \$59.20 and hosting costs for Umpiring and Coaches Clinic \$1,040 held at Ballarat Petanque Club.

In relation to outstanding VPCI Annual Club Fees the following clubs are yet to pay:

Portsea, Somers, Stella Clavisque.

Account Summary for the period 5 October 2020 to 4 February 2021.

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Income \$2,280.00

Expenditure \$1,433.89

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Max Wright – Treasurer VPCI

Thursday 4 February 2020