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Committee Meeting – Minutes

Conducted using Zoom
Monday 10 August 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)
David Shaw (ex-officio, State Director of Umpiring)

2.1. Apologies

None.

2.2. Welcome

The VPCI President Aileen Hebblethwaite welcomed Michael Lacase as a new VPCI Committee Member from the St Kilda Petanque Club.

3. Correspondence

Out: Notes to all Clubs on COVID-19 Guidelines (also on the VPCI website). Clubs are encouraged to check the VPCI website regularly.

4. Previous Minutes

Motion: That the Minutes of the VPCI Committee Meeting of 08 June 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: 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.

Opening Balance at 13 April	\$5,198.32
Income	\$1,000.00
Expenditure	\$ 352.00
Closing Balance at 10 August	\$5,846.32

Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Proposed: Max Wright

Seconded: Michael Lacase

Vote: Passed unanimously

5.2. State Coach's Report

State Directors of Coaching are now abolished by PFA.

5.3. State Umpire's Report

David discussed the recent request by the SA State League (SAPL) to interpret Articles 36 and 37 of the Rules of Petanque in a more flexible manner.

It was agreed that VPCI would write to PFA stating they felt it was inappropriate to alter the official FIPJP Rules of Petanque and that Umpires should ensure that the Conditions of Play for an advertised event were followed. VPCI does not support Local Rules on a State-by-State basis.

The Meeting was unable to continue due to difficulties with Zoom. It was resolved to re-convene this VPCI Committee meeting at the same time on Wednesday 12 August. When re-started:

David now brought to the attention of the Committee that PFA had amended their stance and now will allow State Leagues to adopt Local Rules condition on the condition they do not contravene the FIPJP Rules of Petanque and then only with the approval of the PFA Board.

He made the point that regardless of some discussion and a variety of views amongst some Umpires regarding the interpretation of a connection (or otherwise) between Articles 36 and 37, the SAPL approach (in his opinion) went beyond the basis of those discussions. Importantly, the FIPJP has officially confirmed "... that Article 37 ... can only work in conjunction with Article 36 which precedes it". David stated that he will accept and apply that ruling whilst he remains an accredited Umpire.

David concluded the discussion by noting that the PFA Umpires Commission would shortly conduct online training for prospective Umpires at the Club level."

6. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

6.1. Annual Fees for Member Clubs

Max reported that 19 of the 25 Victorian Clubs had paid their 2020-2021 Member fee to the VPCI. The VPCI Committee thanks those clubs. It was noted that all PFA affiliated clubs have agreed to a statement that if they are affiliated with PFA they will join as State League members as well. It was agreed to write to the outstanding 6 clubs reminding them of this agreement

6.2. Re-Start Calendar

It was again agreed that if the Victorian Government covid-19 restrictions are lifted sufficiently to allow clubs to start playing, then the existing 2020 Victorian Calendar will be used. However, it was also agreed that no Calendar Event will be conducted until the players from all Victorian Clubs are able to participate. If restrictions are lifted by region, and only certain regions may re-start play, then they will be limited to social or inter-club games only within the region. This arrangement will be reviewed regularly.

6.3. Call for Calendar Events in 2021

10 Victorian Clubs have provided requests for Victorian Calendar Events for 2021. Most have requested similar dates for 2021 to those allocated in 2020. In view of the covid-19 restrictions VPCI will be a little more flexible in working with clubs to set the 2021 Calendar, and VPCI recognises the difficulties some clubs may have with the meetings to discuss their 2021 events. VPCI will produce a draft version of the 2021 Calendar by early October in time for the next Committee Meeting.

6.4. Sports Support in Victoria

VPCI agreed to become a member of Sports Central (Ballarat) and also provide a list of similar bodies throughout Victoria that may assist clubs in specific regions with grants and programs.

7. Other Business

7.1. PFA Survey of Players

There were no specific points discussed.

7.2. PFA Bulletin July 2020

(a) \$10 per player grant to Clubs based on 31 December 2020 numbers.

VPCI noted the \$10 per player to Clubs and support this initiative.

(b) PFA Coaches Commission.

VPCI are very disappointed at the make-up of the new PFA Coaches Commission and have written the PFA Board about this. VPCI will raise this issue at the 18 August PFA-State Leagues Meeting.

(c) Future PFA Representative Team Selection.

VPCI noted the recent PFA Bulletins and the statement that the PFA Board will convene a new Selection Committee. VPCI have asked PFA how the Selection Committee will be chosen and what the new criteria for Selection of representative Teams will be. To date we have had no reply. Again, VPCI will raise these points at the 18 August PFA-State Leagues Meeting.

7.3. PFA – State Leagues Meeting

PFA are convening a meeting with State Leagues on 18 August, 7.00 pm EST by videoconferencing. VPCI have notified PFA that their delegates to that meeting will be Aileen Hebblethwaite, Jean Francois Veysiére and Michael Lacase.

7.4. PFA – State Leagues Grant of \$1,000

VPCI have outlined a future petanque promotion activity to PFA and written to thank the Board for the \$1000 grant which will be devoted primarily to advertising and the printing of promotional material.

7.5. Any Other business

7.5.1. PFA Board and PFA Officials

VPCI note with some disappointment that Tasmania has more than 1 PFA-affiliated Petanque Club, but has not complied with PFA Board Policy in forming a State League. Further, VPCI have agreed to write to PFA and request that until States with more than 1 PFA-affiliated Club form a State League, then no player from such a State should hold any PFA Board position or any position on any PFA Sub-Committee or Commissions or similar Panel.

7.5.2. Congratulation to Jean-Paul Ernst

Camberwell Petanque Club is in the Boroondara Shire. Recently that Shire announced their Sports Awards. John Paul Ernst came 3rd in the 'Club Person of the Year' category. Well done, JP.

7.6. Expenditure Authorisation

There are no forward expenditures to authorise.

8. Date of Next Committee Meeting

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

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

Signed:

Aileen Hebblethwaite
President

Peter Wells
Secretary

(Date) -----

Attachment 1

TREASURER'S REPORT

This report covers the period 9 June to 4 August 2020.

There have been 21 financial transactions recorded on the Bendigo Bank account and no Bendigo Bank transaction fees have been debited during this period.

There are 20 transactions relating to VPCI Annual Club Payment fees and 1 transaction to cover 2019/2020 Best Player Award trophies.

Using payees registered to the VPCI account the following monies have been paid for the Period 9 June 2020 to 4 August 2020

\$352.00 Payment to Ballarat Trophies and Gifts

In the same period the VPCI received a total of \$1,000.00 for VPCI Annual Club Payment fees of \$50.00 from the following Clubs:

Apollo Bay, Ballarat, Bellarine Peninsula, Benloch Boules of Steel, Camberwell, Caulfield Park, Chamarel, Dove, Grampians, Main Ridge, Maldon, Mornington Peninsula, Mt Martha Mornington, Mt Macedon, Nagambie, Pyrenees, Smythesdale, St Andrews Beach, Weird Entertainers, Woodend Hanging Rock.

The following clubs are yet to pay their Annual Club fees:

Flinders, Portsea, Somers, St Kilda, Stella Clavisque, Sunbury.

Account Summary for the period 9 June 2020 to 4 August 2020

Opening Balance as at 9 June 2020 \$5,198.32

Income \$1,000.00

Expenditure \$352.00

Closing Balance as at 4 August 2020 \$5,846.32

Max Wright – Treasurer VPCI

Tuesday 4 August 2020