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Committee Meeting – Minutes

Camberwell Petanque Club
7.00 pm, Monday 11 February 2019

1. Attendees

Aileen Hebblethwaite (President)
Jean Francois Veyssiere (Vice President)
Peter Wells (Secretary)
David Shaw (ex-officio) State Director of Umpiring
Lindsay Kinghorn (ex-officio) State Director of Coaching
Visitor: Eric Leconte (St Kilda Petanque club)

The VPCI Committee was saddened by the recent passing of Clifford Edouard, a VPCI Committee Member, a member of the Weird Entertainers & Petanque Club and a formidable petanque player over many years. We send our condolences to his family and friends.

2. Apologies

Geoff Turner (Treasurer)

3. Correspondence

In: Complaint lodged with PFA by Andre Deramond against VPCI on 19 December 2018 *

In: Letter from Martial Leconte

Out: Complaint lodged with PFA by VPCI against Andre Deramond on 19 December 2018 *

(* these documents are confidential and are not attached)

4. Previous Minutes

Motion: That the minutes of the VPCI Committee Meeting of 8 October 2018 are a true record of that meeting.

Proposed: Jean Francois Veyssiere

Seconded: Aileen Hebblethwaite

Vote: Passed Unanimously

5. Treasurer's Report

Geoff Turner provided a brief overview of the VPCI finances.

Geoff's full report is attached.

Account Summary for the Period 8 October 2018 to 11 February 2019

Opening bank Balance as of 8 October 2018:	\$5,502.98
Income to 11 February 2019:	\$3,017.00
Expenditure to 11 February 2019:	\$2,793.36
Closing balance as of 11 February 2019:	\$5,726.22

6. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

6.1. State League Tribunal

As noted in the previous Minutes, the need for a Victorian State Tribunal has lapsed at present. An email was sent to all Victorian Clubs to seek further offers to assist in future if a Victorian State League Tribunal was ever required. Following the request by PFA that each State League appoint a Complaints Officer (see item 7.5 in the October 2018 Minutes) VPCI have prepared a Complaints Handling Policy. This is available on the VPCI website on the Documents page and the Committee would be happy to obtain feedback from clubs on this.

6.2. Victorian Championships Doubles 14 October 2018 at Weird

At this event the use of the Win/Delta/For Points ranking scheme for the Qualifying Rounds was questioned by a few players (this was the advertised scheme on the tournament Flyer). The Committee have now resolved to use the BHN/fBHN (Buchholz) ranking scheme from now on for all Qualifying Rounds in Victorian Championship events where the Swiss System draw is used.

6.3. State Director of Coaching

The VPCI President, Aileen Hebblethwaite, welcomed Lindsay Kinghorn, the new State Director of Coaching. Lindsay outlined what he saw as his role with the Victorian petanque clubs and as a member of the PFA Selection Committee. He will arrange to meet all Victorian coaches in the near future and report back on a program of coaching and the resources required. He also emphasised the recent PFA request that existing clubs above a certain size should ensure that they have a player accredited as a coach to at least the club level (see item 6.3 in the October 2018 Minutes).

The Committee also expressed a level of disappointment that the representative team selection process at PFA was inadequate. A number of top Victorian players who regularly do exceptionally well at National events seemed not to be selected to represent Australia. Lindsay told the Committee he would report back at the next meeting on any deficiencies in the selection process, including the use of the ranking scheme recently proposed by Gerard Finette.

6.4. State Director of Umpiring

The VPCI President, Aileen Hebblethwaite, welcomed David Shaw, the new State Director of Umpiring. David's opening comment was that Victoria does not currently have adequate umpires to support the 2019 Calendar. There are currently only 4 umpires in Victoria that can reliably be called upon, and the Committee was disappointed to hear the umpire numbers in the state had recently dropped, in part, due to player abuse of umpires. Clubs should insist their players treat umpires with respect. David also followed up Lindsay's comment in that PFA are also requesting clubs above a certain size to have at least one accredited umpire. Clubs are also reminded that playing umpires are now only allowed where the tournaments involve untimed games. The eventual aim would be that for club-hosted events, the host club can provide an umpire if required.

The Committee confirmed its current policy to pay umpires at the following rate per day:
non-playing officiating umpire: \$100, playing officiating umpire: \$50.

The Committee also confirmed that the ex-officio (here meaning “present by virtue of their PFA official positions”) status of the State Directors of Umpiring and Coaching meant they had no vote on the VPCI Committee, but could speak freely and contribute in all matters raised.

6.5. The 2018 AGM

Committee Members were asked if they had any comments regarding the VPCI 2018 AGM held on Saturday 1 December 2018 at the Camberwell Petanque Club. The only comments related to Committee Member numbers and this is addressed in item 7.12.

7. Other Business

7.1. Review of the 2019 Victorian Calendar

Peter Wells was asked to check out the Calendar currently on the VPCI website and report back.

7.2. Player Complaints at 2018 Mixed Triples Championship

A few players complained about the lack of a Finals series for the 60+ event at this tournament. While they agreed that this was clearly indicated on the Tournament Flyer, the VPCI representative on the day agreed to have this looked at by the Committee. The Committee have resolved that for all future Victorian Championship Tournaments, all Divisions would complete a 4-Round Swiss System Qualifying event followed by an Elimination Finals event (dependent on the number of teams registered in a Division).

7.3. Prizes/Awards at Victorian Championship Events

The Committee was of the view that in future the type and value of prizes/awards should be more consistent as recently there had been many changes to these awards. For the Victorian Singles Championship (as stated on the Flyer) jackets will be awarded for the Winners in each Division. For all future events the awards will become more standardised around the use of medallions and modest cash prizes.

7.4. Complaint by VPCI against Andre Deramond

There is a belief by the Committee that this was mis-handled by the PFA in that they appeared not to have followed their own Member Protection Policy, Complaint Handling Procedure and Discipline Policy. PFA summarily (in our view) dismissed the complaint. VPCI have appealed that decision and is awaiting a response from PFA.

7.5. Complaint by Andre Deramond against VPCI

This was lodged with PFA on 19 December 2018 and despite repeated calls by VPCI for the complaint process to proceed, PFA have to date not responded. VPCI encourage PFA to abide by their own policies (listed above) and proceed with the handling of this complaint in a timely manner.

7.6. Victorian Shooting Competition

VPCI were a little disappointed by the attendance for this event, but can offer no advice on how to improve this situation. Of the 12 Men competitors, Eric Leconte was congratulated on winning with a score of 38. No other player achieved the qualifying score required by PFA.

7.7. Victorian Championship Singles

This will be conducted at Caulfield Petanque Club on Sunday 17 February. Clubs and players are encouraged to register. At the current time the numbers are rather disappointing.

7.8. Victorian Championship Triples

This will be conducted at Camberwell Petanque Club on Sunday 3 March. Clubs and players are encouraged to register.

7.9. Victorian Championship Mixed Triples

This will be conducted at Woodend Hanging Rock Petanque Club on Sunday 31 March. Clubs and players are encouraged to register. The rather close proximity in time between all these Championship events is to ensure they are conducted in daylight savings time.

7.10. Preliminary Discussion on Regional Cup Events

These events are scheduled for 28 April. Peter Wells reported that arrangements for the N & W Region Cup are well advanced and will take the form of a Team Challenge event as done in the previous 2 years, and will be held at the Mt Macedon Petanque Club. No details were provided as to a possible S & E Region Cup.

7.11. Gender Divisions in Tournaments

PFA requires that all players are treated equitably. As part of this concept VPCI would urge all clubs who conduct club-hosted Calendar events to make every attempt to provide the same opportunities and the same rewards for both Men and Women players. VPCI repeats their preferred use of terms for tournaments as:

Open (both Men and Women allowed in a team)

Men (only Men allowed in a team)

Women (only Women allowed in a team)

Mixed (both genders must be represented in each team)

In all the above there is no age restriction at all imposed on any players in a team.

The use of the qualifying term (60+) means that only players who are 60 years of age or more on the date of the tournament may play in such a Division.

Junior (of either gender, but below the age limit imposed by PFA from time to time)

7.12. VPCI Committee Members

The VPCI Committee urgently requires additional members. A few names were discussed of players who had indicated their possible interest in coming on to the VPCI Committee. Aileen Hebblethwaite agreed to talk to these players in an attempt to boost numbers in the very near future. Any player thinking about joining the Committee should contact Aileen, please. #

7.13. Future VPCI Committee Meetings

The VPCI Committee confirmed the Committee Meetings each year would be normally be held early in the months of February, April, June, August and October, with the AGM in December. For the foreseeable future the venue will continue to be the Camberwell Petanque Club.

7.14. VPCI Policy on Victorian Championship Events

We have recently prepared a policy document to assist those clubs wishing to host Victorian Championship events. This can be found on the Documents page of the VPCI website.

7.15. VPCI Policy on Complaint Handling

We have recently prepared a policy document on Complaint Handling. This can also be found on the Documents page of the VPCI website.

7.16. Winners of the 2018 Victorian Championship Mixed Triples

Aileen Hebblethwaite agreed to ensure that the winners of the above event are presented with their jackets as soon as possible.

7.17. PFA Newsletter

VPCI were very disappointed to see the recent PFA Newsletter that criticised VPCI. The item was very one-sided, covered only a fraction of the issues currently facing petanque, and did not allow VPCI the courtesy of providing their view on the matter.

7.18. Caulfield Petanque Club's Email to all Clubs

VPCI agreed to a meeting with the Caulfield Petanque Club Committee on matters they raised in the recent email circulated to all Victorian Petanque Clubs. The meeting will be held on Sunday 17 February straight after the Victorian Championship Singles event.

7.19. Jennifer Shaw 60+ Event

This event was to be held at the Longbeach Petanque Club on Sunday 24 March. VPCI recently received a note from Longbeach requesting a change of venue as their pistes are no longer available. Clubs and players should now note that the venue for this event has been altered to St Andrew's Beach Petanque Club, still to be held on the original date of 24 March.

7.20. Letter from Martial Leconte

The VPCI Committee were very pleased to receive the attached letter from Martial. We will be expressing our thanks for this kind support.

8. Next Committee Meeting

The next VPCI Committee Meeting will be held at Camberwell Petanque club on a date to be confirmed in April 2019.

The meeting closed at 8.55 pm

Signed

Aileen Hebblethwaite
President

Peter Wells
Secretary

On 13 February, Jeff Langdon (Smythesdale) agreed to become a VPCI Committee Member.

TREASURER'S REPORT for the Committee Meeting of Monday 11 February 2019

This report covers the period 8th October 2018 to 10th February 2019.

There have been 26 financial transactions recorded on the Bendigo Bank account and no Bendigo Bank transaction fees have been debited during this period.

Using payees registered to the VPCI account the following monies have been paid for the period 8th October 2018 to 10th February 2019.

\$250.00 payment to Danny Green in appreciation of long service to Petanque.
\$100.00 payment to Danny Green, Umpiring Duties at Vic Doubles Championships, 14th Oct.
\$560.00 payment to Pierrot Lubin, reimbursement for Trophies, Vic Doubles Championships.
\$232.00 payment to Weird Entertainers PC, Hosting Fee for Vic Doubles Championships, 14th Oct.
\$100.00 payment to Danny Green, Umpiring Duties at Dove Mixed Doubles, 11th November.
\$48.08 payment to Graeme McIntyre, reimbursement for purchase of Vic. Championship Jacket.
\$200.00 payment to Geoff Turner, reimbursement for purchase of hamper goods for Orange Day.
\$200.00 payment to David Shaw, Umpiring Duties at Avoca Open Triples, 17/18 November 2018.
\$348.00 payment to Dove PC, Hosting Fee for Vic Championship Mixed Triples, 2nd Nov 2018.
\$57.80 payment to Peter Wells, reimbursement for Annual Return Fee to Consumer Affairs.
\$100.00 to Keith Porra, Umpiring Duties at Woodend/Hanging Rock Mixed Triples, Nov 2018.
\$200.00 Donation to Rotary Club of Berwick, in Remembrance of Peter Mangan.
\$282.48 to Geoff Turner, reimbursement for 6 x Vic Mixed Triples from Advanced Clothing.
\$100.00 to Danny Green, Umpiring Duties at Weird Open Triples, 13th Jan 2019.
\$15.00 to Geoff Turner, reimbursement of prize money paid, Vic Shooting Competition.

In the same period the VPCI received the following monies.

\$120.00 Player Levy, Main Ridge PC, Open Triples 7th October 2018.
\$320.00 Entry Fees, Victorian Doubles Championships at Weird, 14th Oct. (\$840.00 paid in prizes)
\$150.00 Player Levy, Smythesdale PC, Open Triples 6th October 2018.
\$156.00 Player Levy, Macedon PC, Open Triples 20th October 2018.
\$80.00 Player Levy, Dove PC, Mixed Doubles 11th November 2018.
\$85.00 Player Levy, Caulfield Park PC, Open Triples 28th October 2018.
\$280.00 Player Levy, Pyrenees PC, Open Triples 17/18th November 2018.
\$152.00 Player Levy, Woodend/Hanging Rock PC. Triples 25th Nov 2018.
\$1440.00 Entry Fees, Victorian Mixed Triples at Dove 2/12, \$1740 less \$300 for prizes.
\$90.00 Player Levy, Weird Entertainers Open Triples, 13th Jan 2019.
\$144.00 Player Levy, St Kilda PC Mixed Triples, Sunday 20th January – 72 players.

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