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Committee Meeting Minutes

Videoconference
Tuesday 11 June 2024
Commencing at 7.30 pm

1. Attendees

Shirley Marshall (Vice President)
Peter Wells (Secretary)
Lynette Johnson (Treasurer)
Bob Hutchinson (Member)
Guy Mercier (State Umpire Manager: ex-officio)
Michael Lacase (State Coach Manager: ex-officio)

2.1. Apologies

Aileen Hebblethwaite (President)
Glenn Bovell (Member)

In the absence of the VPCI President, Aileen Hebblethwaite, it was unanimously agreed that the meeting be chaired by the VPCI Vice President, Shirley Marshall.

2.2. Welcome

Shirley welcomed the new VPCI Committee Member, Bob Hutchinson, from the Camberwell Petanque Club, to his first VPCI Committee Meeting.

3. Previous Minutes

Motion: That the Minutes of the VPCI Committee Meeting of 8 April 2024 are a true record of that meeting, and those Minutes are now confirmed.

Proposed: Shirley Marshall

Seconded: Lynette Johnson

Vote: Passed unanimously

4. Treasurer's Report

Lynette Johnson's report is attached to this Agenda. As of 2 June 2024, the balance in the VPCI account is \$7,129.39.

Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Proposed: Lynette Johnson

Seconded: Peter Wells

Vote: Passed unanimously

5.1. State Coach's Report

Michael reported that 9 Coaches from the current list of Victorian Coaches attended the clinic on Sunday 9 June conducted by Adrian Clements, the PFA National Coach Manager. Shirley Marshall attended, and noted that it was very informative, included valuable handouts, and also covered how to complete a Coaching online

Course, Sports Australia, 8 Modules. We await information from Adrian on how this clinic may affect these Victorian Coaches' PFA accreditation.

Michael then reported that as of 11 June he had expressions of interest from 12 licenced Victorian Players (7 Men and 5 Women) to represent Victoria in the upcoming 2024 Inter-State Challenge to be held in Queensland. Once the final squad is announced (and there is still time for Players to request consideration to represent Victoria at the 2024 ISC) each Player will receive the usual VPCI travel grant of \$100. Michael also indicated, for personal reasons, he would not be attending the 2024 ISC, but recommended that, as his replacement, the VPCI Committee consider Lindsay Kinghorn as the Victorian Coach.

It was also resolved that VPCI will offer a travel grant to Coaches for events held outside of the State of Victoria of \$250 where they are Coaching Victorian Squads/Teams.

5.2. State Umpire's Report

Guy Mercier reported that the current manner in which Umpires complete the necessary form following a Tournament, and return it to Guy, who then checks details and passes this form onto VPCI for processing (in order to get the payment to the Umpire) is working well.

Guy remarked that there were issues with the VPCI Ranking scheme in a few instances, but it was pointed out that Ranking points are only allocated once full details/scores of an Event are passed to the VPCI Secretary. And Ranking points were only allocated for VPCI Calendar Events (so for Events advertised to all Players through MyPetanque).

Guy also noted that he would be away for essentially 3 full months (July, August and September), and during this period Danny Green is the person to approach if a Club is seeking an Umpire for a Calendar Event.

6. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

6.1. National Ranking Scheme

VPCI informally raised a few issues with the proposed PFA Australia-wide Ranking scheme. We are awaiting a response about that.

7. Other Business

7.1. PFA – State Leagues Meeting

In addition, there was a PFA-State Leagues Meeting held on Tuesday 7th May attended by Aileen Hebblethwaite and Shirley Marshall. VPCI is waiting for a number of working groups, set up by PFA, to report back.

7.2. Role of VPCI Tournament Director

VPCI recently received a note from a Victorian Club that a Tournament Director (TD) should not be allowed to compete in a Victorian Championship Tournament. The current PFA statement on the role of a TD is "The Tournament Director is the person appointed by the relevant governing body to 'manage' the competition. The Tournament Director will oversee the event to ensure the smooth running and fair conduct of the scheduled program. He/she will ensure that a risk assessment has been completed before play and in conjunction with the senior umpire ensure that all involved follow the rules of the sport."

It is now VPCI's understanding that PFA has left this decision to the various State Leagues. We also note that VPCI cannot afford to have a TD as most of the time they would have nothing to do once play commenced. VPCI has decided to include the role of the Scorer into the definition of the TD, and now states that the Scorer/TD may play in a Calendar Event, but may not play in a Victorian Championship Tournament.

7.3. Victorian Championship Singles

This Event was replaced by the Victorian Championship Doubles (as that was cancelled on its original date due to very hot weather). VPCI will explore the possibility of running this Singles Championship in 2024 and will make a decision at the next VPCI Committee Meeting in August.

7.4. Change of Address

The official address of the VPCI will be changed on 14 June 2024, and Consumer Affairs Victoria notified. The new address (that of the VPCI Secretary) will be:

5 Marbles Crescent
Ballarat East
Victoria 3350

7.5. Other Business

- (a) It was resolved to offer the Weird Entertainers & Petanque Club the opportunity to host the 2024 Victorian Championship Triples in November.
- (b) VPCI will write to Adrian Clements and thank him for his time in conducting the recent Coaching Workshop.
- (c) A reminder to all Clubs hosting Calendar Events to provide the VPCI Secretary with full Results so that Ranking points can be allocated.

7.6. Pre-Authorised Expenditure

The VPCI Treasurer is authorised to make any agreed payments (those noted in these Minutes in item 5.1. above) to Players and Officials from Victoria going to the 2024 ISC.

8. Date of Next Committee Meeting

The next VPCI Meeting will be on Monday, 5 August, commencing at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.21 pm.

Signed:

Aileen Hebblethwaite
President

Peter Wells
Secretary

(Date) -----

The Financial Report is attached to this document.

Opening Balance 27.03.24	\$6,677.39
Income	\$1,702.00
Expenditure	\$1,250.00
Closing Balance 27.05.24	<u>\$7,129.39</u>

Income

Entrance Fee	\$1,200.00
Player Levy	<u>\$502.00</u>
Total	\$1,702.00

Expenditure

Hosting Fee	\$400.00
Umpire Payment	\$450.00
Prize Money	<u>\$400.00</u>
Total	\$ 1,250.00