

Victoria Petanque Clubs Inc.

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Committee Meeting – Minutes

Videoconference
Monday 12 April 2021 Commencing at
7.00 pm

1. Attendees

Aileen Hebblethwaite (President)
Michael Lacase (Vice President)
Max Wright (Treasurer)
Martial Leconte (Member)
Claire Sampson (Member)
Shirley Marshall (Member)
Jean Francois Veyssiere (State Coach Manager: ex-officio)
Chinka Steel (invited)

2. Apologies

Peter Wells (Secretary – but see Item 3.2)
Guy Mercier (State Umpire Manager: ex-officio)

3.1 Correspondence

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

3.2 VPCI Secretary – Resignation

It was noted that Peter Wells is required to resign the position of VPCI Secretary at the conclusion of this VPCI Committee Meeting as he is now a PFA Board Director. Consumer Affairs Victoria is to be advised.

3.3 VPCI Secretary

Chinka Steel was invited to this meeting with a view to consider him for the position of VPCI Secretary up to the 2021 AGM in late November, inclusive.

Motion: That Chinka Steel be appointed the VPCI Secretary (Minute amended at the 14 June VPCI Meeting)

Proposed: Michael Lacase
Seconded: Max Wright
Vote: Passed

4. Previous Minutes

Motion: That the Minutes of the VPCI Committee Meeting of 8 February 2021 are a true record of that meeting. A copy of these Minutes is also available on the Committee page of the VPCI website.

Proposed: Claire Sampson
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 4 February, 2021	\$7,692.43
Income	\$1,133.00
Expenditure	\$ 874.50
Closing Balance at 5 April, 2021	\$7,950.93

Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Proposed: Aileen Hebblethwaite

Seconded: Shirley Marshall

Vote: Passed unanimously

5.2. State Coach's Report

The Victorian State Coach Manager, Jean Francois Veyssiere, reported that a Victorian Junior squad was now formed comprising 5 players and uniforms provided through VPCI funding. In addition, an accreditation program for Coaches had been arranged in 15 days' time at Weird Entertainers & Petanque Club.

5.3. State Umpire's Report

In view of his absence there was no report by the Victorian State Umpire Manager, Guy Mercier.

6. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

6.1. Victorian Shooting Competition

This Event was held on 19 March 2021 at Camberwell Petanque Club. VPCI extends its congratulations to all winners, with results now available on MyPetanque. Jean Francois suggested that in future preliminary Qualification should be carried out at the Club level. There was a strong level of support for the parallel running of a Shooting competition and a Pointing competition in future and that this be supported by PFA at the National level.

There was a related discussion concerning a suggestion to raise the lower age cut-off for the 'veteran' group in Victorian competitions from the current 60 years to around 67 years. We look for feedback from our Member Clubs.

PFA will be advised of these discussions.

6.2. Victorian Championship Doubles

This Tournament was held on 28 March 2021 at Camberwell Petanque Club, and again the results are available on MyPetanque. It was considered that there needs to be some uniformity on the numbers of Teams taking part in the Finals after taking into consideration the number of Teams in the Qualifying Event. Also see Item 7.3.

6.3. Easter Nationals

The 2021 Australian National Championships took place on 2-4 April (Easter). VPCI congratulates PFA and the Host Club, Novar Gardens, Glenelg, South Australia, for conducting an excellent Tournament.

7. Other Business

7.1. VPCI Upcoming Events

The 2 Regional Cups are scheduled for 18 April 2021 as follows:

North & West – Hosted by Grampians Petanque Club (a final total of 12 Teams are registered)

South & Metro. – Hosted by St Kilda Petanque Club (a final total of 14 Teams are registered)

The running of these Events is the responsibility of previously formed Committees from the 2 Regions, but the playing schedule is to be provided by Peter Wells (as in previous years) and each Team is then responsible for its own scoring, and then for submitting their score sheets to the Host Club Organiser for tallying and deciding upon the winner.

7.2. Regional Cup Events

Regional Cups in the previous 3 years have been hosted by the winners in the previous year. It is envisaged that some Regional Cups into the future may have Hosts Clubs that cannot cater for likely numbers of Teams; this will be considered after this year's Events and an alternate scheme devised in collaboration with the Clubs involved as and when deemed necessary.

7.3. Qualifying to Finals - How Many Teams?

It was considered that there is a need to agree in some detail on the number of Teams going to the Principale, and also to the Complementary if used, for VPCI Events given the total number of Teams in the preceding Qualifying Event. Michael Lacase presented a table outlining a scheme whereby, broadly, the number of Teams moving to the Finals should not exceed about 2/3 of the number of Teams in the Qualifying Rounds. A decision on this, to be used within Victorian Championship Events (Singles, Doubles and Triples), will be decided at the next VPCI Committee Meeting in early June.

7.4. Any Other Business

(a) Policy documents - It was felt some VPCI policy documents need to be reviewed. This will be discussed at the next VPCI Committee Meeting.

(b) It was considered that VPCI should seek for petanque to be recognised as a sport by VicSport*

7.5. Authorised Expenditure

The VPCI Committee agreed to donate \$200 to the Go-Fund-Me campaign in aid of Pierre and Lisa Pascal from St Kilda Petanque Club to assist with the medical costs associated with the care of their young son. Max Wright is authorised to pay that amount immediately.

8. Date of Next Committee Meeting

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

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Signed:

Aileen Hebblethwaite
President

Chinka Steel
Secretary

(Date) -----

* Remark added after the Meeting closed: Peter Wells reminded the VPCI Committee Members that he had written to VicSport late in 2020 to request that petanque be recognised as a sport in Victoria. The reply indicated that VicSport was undergoing a re-organisation and that they would get back to VPCI once that task had been completed.

Attachment 1

TREASURER'S REPORT

This report covers the period 5 February 2021 to 12 April 2021

There have been 16 financial transactions recorded on the Bendigo Bank account during this period. The 16 transactions relate to:

Income:

VPCI State Singles, State Doubles and State Shooting Competition surplus cash after costs \$553 and Club Event Fees (8) \$580

Expenditure:

Umpiring Duties \$300, Hosting fees for 3 VPCI events \$300, Shooting Competition Medallions (5) \$49.50 and hosting costs for Umpiring and Coaches Clinic \$225 held at Weird 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 February 2021 to 5 April 2021

Opening Balance as at 4 February 2021 was \$7,692.43

Income \$1,133.00

Expenditure \$874.50

Closing Balance as at 5 April 2021 was \$7,950.93

Max Wright – Treasurer VPCI

Monday 5 April 2021