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Committee Meeting – Minutes

Camberwell Petanque Club
7.00 pm, Monday 12 August 2019

1. Attendees

Aileen Hebblethwaite (President)
Jean Francois Veyssiere (Vice President)
Peter Wells (Secretary)
Jeff Langdon (Member)
David Shaw (ex-officio) State Director of Umpiring
Lindsay Kinghorn (ex-officio) State Director of Coaching
Robert Bossner (Visitor - Mt Macedon Petanque Club)

2. Apologies

Geoffrey Turner (Treasurer)
Martial Leconte (Member)
Max Wright (Member)

3. Correspondence

In: From PFA – Note on Umpires and Coaches (Attachment 2)
In: From Caulfield concerning Victorian Calendar Tournaments (Attachment 3)
In: From Martial Leconte (Attachment 5)
In: From PFA regarding Oceania tournament (Attachment 6)

4. Previous Minutes

Motion: That the minutes of the VPCI Committee Meeting of 17 June 2019, with the following amendment to Item 5 “Closing balance as of 1 June 2019: \$5,464.62”, are a true record of that meeting.

Proposed: Aileen Hebblethwaite
Seconded: Jeff Langdon
Vote: Passed unanimously

5. Treasurer’s Report

Geoff Turner submitted, prior to the meeting, a brief overview of the VPCI finances as:

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| Opening bank Balance as of 12 June 2019 | \$5,464.62 |
| Income to 11 August 2019 | \$1,062.00 |
| Expenditure to 11 August 2019 | \$1,168.75 |
| Closing balance as of 11 August 2019 | \$5,357.87 |

Geoff’s full report is attached to the Minutes as Attachment 1.

6. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

6.1. State Director of Coaching

Lindsay Kinghorn reported that he had attempted to arrange some coaching for the 60+ Team representing Victoria at the forthcoming State Super 6, and will accompany and support the Team in Adelaide. He also supported the view that the larger Member Clubs should attempt to have at least one of their playing members an accredited Coach at least to Club level. He felt there was a need for both Coaches and Umpires to work together at educating club players as to the correct rules of the game.

6.2. State Director of Umpiring

David Shaw supported Lindsay's view and was arranging to approach Member Clubs with a view to having more accredited Umpires, pointing out that we have too few umpires at the present time. He is working with PFA devise a more realistic coaching accreditation program.

The idea of Petanque Clubs with around 30 or more playing members having both a Coach and an Umpire in the membership, as suggested by PFA in a recent email (see Attachment 2) was fully supported by the VPCI Committee, but the Committee felt this should be sent directly to all affiliated clubs by the PFA.

6.3. 2019 ISC State Super 6 Event

In order to clarify what has happened here, the Committee had been advised that an early decision was made by PFA to cancel the SS6 Open Division due to lack of overall team numbers. This led to the Victorian representative players in this category cancelling flights and accommodation booking. For this year Victoria will only compete in the 60+ Division of the SS6 in Adelaide.

6.4. Review of the 2019 Victorian Calendar

The Victorian Championship Triples was postponed earlier this year due to extreme temperatures. It was decided to offer this to Dove Petanque Club to be held on 1 December 2019 in lieu of the Championship Mixed Doubles (that will not now be held). Clubs are reminded that in 2020 clubs wish to host Championship Tournaments must have a minimum of 20 pistes available.

6.5. Mornington Petanque Club

We have been advised by the Mornington Petanque Club that they have renamed their club as Mt Martha Mornington Petanque Club. This was required by Consumer affairs Victoria to help avoid confusion with Mornington Peninsula Petanque Club.

6.6. Member Clubs Annual Fees

VPCI thanks all their Member clubs who have renewed their VPCI Membership. According to PFA Policy we understand that all PFA-affiliated clubs in a State that has a State League (as Victoria does in the VPCI) must become Member Clubs of their State League.

6.7. VPCI 2019-2020 Budget

Geoff Turner and Peter Wells had hoped to provide a draft budget and lead a discussion on a proposed 2020 Budget. This will occur at our next meeting in October.

6.8. 2020 Calendar – Call for Event Hosting

Most of our Member Clubs complied with the request, put out in the previous Minutes, to 'bid' for club-hosted events in the 2020 calendar year prior to this meeting. From this the committee have put together a Draft 2020 Calendar. This is now appended to the current (remaining) 2019 Calendar on the VPCI website.

We have, as in past years, attempted to fit in all requests but this has not proved entirely possible. We ask all Clubs to check and advise the VPCI Secretary of any changes that should be made, bearing in mind that there is not much wriggle room left. If 2 clubs agree to “swapping” dates around then please advise us and we will amend the Calendar in this way. Events where the clubs and/or events include a “?” are simply put in to reflect similar events in 2019, but may be altered and need to be confirmed.

Also please note that we have decided to remove entirely from the 2020 Victorian State Calendar both the Championship Mixed Doubles and Championship Mixed Triples. VPCI believe that the gender specific Singles, Doubles and Triples Championships only are paramount. The Shooting Competition is being reviewed Australia-wide by PFA, and a decision will be conveyed to clubs when we have further information on this.

6.9. PFA and State Leagues

In 2018 a meeting held was attended by all State Leagues plus a few other attendees from other states that do not have State Leagues. VPCI have agreed to write to all States to suggest a similar meeting is held this year, and the time suggested is while the Oceania Championships is being held in Melbourne over the period 2 – 6 October. Each League will be required to fund their own travel arrangement, but VPCI will provide the venue and food. An Agenda will be distributed if sufficient interest is demonstrated by State Leagues.

7. Other Business

7.1. Email from Caulfield Regarding VPCI Calendar

On 11 July we received an email from Caulfield Park Petanque Club (Attachment 3) that questioned some aspects of the Victorian Calendar. This was discussed and a reply approved (Attachment 4). In doing this VPCI broadly rejected the assertions of Caulfield Petanque Club, but thanked that club for raising issues and noted that we are always prepared to discuss these kinds of issues and encourage clubs to put their concerns on paper so they can be attended to in a timely manner.

7.2. Drop in PFA Licenced Players

All clubs should note that over the last 3 years or so the number of licenced players, across Australia, and in Victoria, have decreased by well over 10% so we need to build these numbers up again.

It was agreed to accept an idea put forward by Martial Leconte for Open Day (or weekend) in 2020 to be devoted to promoting the game of petanque at all clubs. However, this would only take place if a majority of the (now) 25 Member Clubs in Victoria agreed to this. The aim is to promote this across the State (VPCI will assist in this) and encourage people to “come along and try” as well as some of the main points of petanque like pointing and shooting, being demonstrated. We are tentatively setting aside the weekend of 29 February - 1 March 2020 for this state-wide activity. We ask your club to indicate a willingness to take part and provide a contact person to assist us. Martial Leconte will act as the point of contact with VPCI.

Martial Leconte’s suggestion to the VPCI Committee is attached as Attachment 5 and is strongly supported in most aspects by VPCI. We need you to on-side as well.

7.3. Longbeach Petanque Club

This club has closed due to falling player numbers. Most of the players have continued to re-new their licences with other clubs. As a result, VPCI now have 25 Member Clubs.

7.4. Victorian Championship Doubles

This event is being held on 29 September 2019 and the following arrangements have been agreed to.

Venue: Weird Petanque Club

Divisions: Men and Women

Organiser: VPCI

Directors: Jean Francois Veyssiere and Aileen Hebblethwaite

Umpire: (to be advised)

Scorer: Peter Wells

Players may register for this event in the very near future on Mypetanque.

7.5. Travel Grants

VPCI has agreed to pay the usual \$100 per representative player to Christian Lucette and Frederic Vencatasamy for the Pan Pacific Games in August 2019. In doing so, we wish them and all Australian Team players the very best.

7.7. Oceania Federation Tournament Funding Request

This event is to take place in Melbourne between 2 – 6 October, 2019. PFA has requested we pass on a note to all Member Clubs regarding support for this event; see Attachment 6 to be forwarded to all VPCI Members.

7.8. Other Items of Business

7.8.1. More on Umpires and Funding

David Shaw raised for discussion the current fee of \$100 per day paid by VPCI per day to the officiating umpire at Victorian Calendar Events. He felt this should be re-visited as there are now more playing Umpires and timed games (and fewer Umpires!). This will be put on the Agenda for the October meeting – any clubs or players with thoughts on this matter are asked to submit them by early October.

Some of the ideas that were raised for future discussion include:

- (a) VPCI drop the 10% player levy for club-hosted events completely
- (b) Clubs provide, or pay for, Umpires from the start of 2020 directly to the State Director of Umpiring (this would still allow PFA to get Umpires' Reports through the State Director)
- (c) Adjust the Umpire's fee (down), but include a travel allowance
- (d) VPCI to pay to Member Clubs who host Victorian Championship Events 10% of total player fee (reduced from 20%)
- (e) State Leagues to request PFA add a small amount (say between \$2.50-\$5.00) to the annual licence fee to be then be passed on in full to the State Leagues. The argument here, for VPCI, is that this would broaden the funding base across all licenced players, not just the ones who play regularly in events.
- (f) Have the VPCI Member Club annual fee based, in part, on the size of the club

Any player or club with other thoughts on this matter are invited to submit them by early October. These ideas, and any other, will be discussed in preparing a 2020 Budget that will be discussed at the next Meeting.

7.8.2. PFA Policy Changes

PFA has recently made significant Policy changes and noted these on their website and in a recent Newsletter. It was resolved that VPCI will write to PFA to express their disappointment that these policy changes were made without any reference to VPCI, and possibly other State

Leagues, and to the best of our knowledge without discussing these changes first with a significant cross-section of the petanque community, both clubs and players.

7.9. Authorised Future Payments

\$100 to Christian Lucette

\$100 to Frederic Vencatasamy

Motion: This Meeting authorises the above payments.

Proposed: Aileen Hebblethwaite

Seconded: Jeff Langdon

Vote: Passed Unanimously

8. Next Committee Meeting

The next VPCI Committee Meeting will be held at Camberwell Petanque Club on a date to be confirmed in October 2019

9. The meeting closed at 9.05 pm.

Signed

Aileen Hebblethwaite, President

Peter Wells, Secretary

Attachment 1

TREASURER'S REPORT for Committee Meeting Mon 12th Aug 2019.

This report covers the period 12th June 2019 to 11th Aug 2019.

There have been 31 financial transactions recorded on the Bendigo Bank account and no Bendigo Bank transaction fees have been debited during this period.

The following monies have been paid for the period 12th June 2019 to 11th Aug 2019.

\$100.00 paid to Guy Mercier, Umpiring Duties for State Super 6 Qualification, May 2019.

\$100.00 paid to Patrick Dufresne, Umpiring Duties, Caulfield Park Mixed Doubles, 9th June.

\$120.00 paid to Camberwell PC, Hosting Fee for State Super 6 Qualification, May 2019.

\$120.00 paid to Camberwell PC, Hire of Hall, VPCI Meetings for 2018/2019 Year.

\$50.00 paid to Christian Lucette, Travel Subsidy SS6 Adelaide September 2019.

\$100.00 paid to Medgee & Jacques Lebrasse, Travel Subsidy SS6 Adelaide September 2019.

\$100.00 paid to PFA, Entry Fee for SS6 Over 60's, Adelaide September 2019.

\$50.00 paid to Vivian Wilmann, Travel Subsidy SS6 Adelaide September 2019.

\$50.00 paid to Sue Rickarby, Travel Subsidy SS6 Adelaide September 2019.

\$50.00 paid to Kerrie Maddern, Travel Subsidy SS6 Adelaide September 2019.

\$328.75 paid to Peninsula Safety & Workwear, 6 x Victoria Jackets SS6 Adelaide Sept. 2019.

In the same period the VPCI received the following monies.

\$50.00 Membership Fee, Stella Clavisque PC.

\$50.00 Membership Fee, Grampians PC.

\$72.00 Player Levy, Caulfield Park PC, Mixed Doubles 9th June 2019.

\$50.00 Membership Fee, Apollo Bay PC.

\$50.00 Membership Fee, Nagambie PC.

\$50.00 Membership Fee, Chamarel PC.

\$50.00 Membership Fee, Smythesdale PC.

\$50.00 Membership Fee, Pyrenees PC.

\$50.00 Membership Fee, Woodend Hanging Rock PC.

\$50.00 Membership Fee, Sunbury Petanque Players.

\$50.00 Membership Fee, Bellarine Peninsula PC.

\$50.00 Membership Fee, St Andrews Beach PC.

\$50.00 Membership Fee, Benloch Boules of Steel PC.

\$50.00 Membership Fee, Main Ridge Bowls & Petanque Club.

\$50.00 Membership Fee, Mornington Peninsula PC.

\$50.00 Membership Fee, Dove PC,

\$50.00 Membership Fee, St Kilda PC.

\$50.00 Membership Fee, Flinders PC

\$50.00 Membership Fee, Portsea PC.

\$90.00 Player Levy from Weird Entertainers PC, Open Triples 4th Aug. 10% of Entry Fees.

Account Summary for the period 12th June 2019 to 11th Aug 2019.

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Geoff Turner – Treasurer VPCI
Monday 12th Aug 2019.

Attachment 2

Umpiring workshop

Sport Director PFA

to David shaw , 'Delys Brady ', Graham Smith , leja, Monique Thibault, 'Pete B... Show details **Inbox** ●

11 Aug (5 days ago)

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B/Cc All leagues

All State directors of Coaching and Umpiring,

A new season is upon us and there is a need to run workshops for both umpires and coaches.

- **More umpires are needed in all states**

The PFA Board has indicated that clubs with a membership of 30 + members should aim to have an umpire Level 1 minimum and a coach/educator level 1 as well.

State director of umpiring and state director of coaching you are invited to get together and plan your joint workshop. (Umpiring and Coaching)

- To be a coach you must have the umpiring level corresponding to your coaching qualification (Check policy on PFA website)
 - No one can coach without having a knowledge and understanding of the rules of the sport of Petanque
 - Coach qualification will be reviewed during the year to ensure that coaches are complying

Coaches qualification are linked to their relevant umpiring qualification, Coaches are not required to umpire but must be well aware of the rules of the sport of Petanque.

Umpires exam are available through the umpire commission (Ray Beaumont).

Regards,

Andre Deramond
PFA sport director



Attachment 3

11 July 2019 email from Caulfield Park Petanque Club to VPCI

Andre Deramond

11 Jul (3 weeks ago)

to peter_wells, geoffturner38, aileenheb, Secretary, ali.lin, diyeomans, graham... Hide details Inbox ●

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From: Andre Deramond <secretarycaulfieldpetanque@gmail.com>

To: peter_wells@fastmail.com.au, geoffturner38@gmail.com, aileenheb@hotmail.com, Secretary@petanqueattherock.com.au, ali.lin@bigpond.com, diyeomans@bigpond.com, grahamj894@gmail.com, jeff@langdonconsulting.com.au, jfveyssiere@hotmail.com, martileco@hotmail.com

Subject: Re: Calendar 2020

Date: Thursday, 11 July 2019 3:49 PM

Size: 14 KB

Dear VPCI committee members,

Could you please consider our comments regarding the VPCI calendar

We have far too many events on our actual calendar which in our view is creating a diminution of attendance by asking same number of players to attend an event every weekend and now on the Saturday as well.

We believe that a review is needed to revigorate Petanque in Victoria

VPCI should privilege its state championships

Single, double, triple, mixed double, shooting

then have some majors events i.e Avoca, Weird, Camberwell, Caulfield, WHRPC, St Kilda etc.. bringing the number of events to say one main event every fortnight.

Those above events to be considered for the VPCI ranking system, ensuring that players participate in those major events

NSW tend to run event every fortnight allowing clubs to have some activity of their own used for promoting their club, run come and try day

The VPCI should control its calendar and club should not add events as they wish avoiding competing against other clubs, all sports have their calendar set up by their main body.

Andre Deramond
Secretary
Caulfield Petanque

Attachment 4

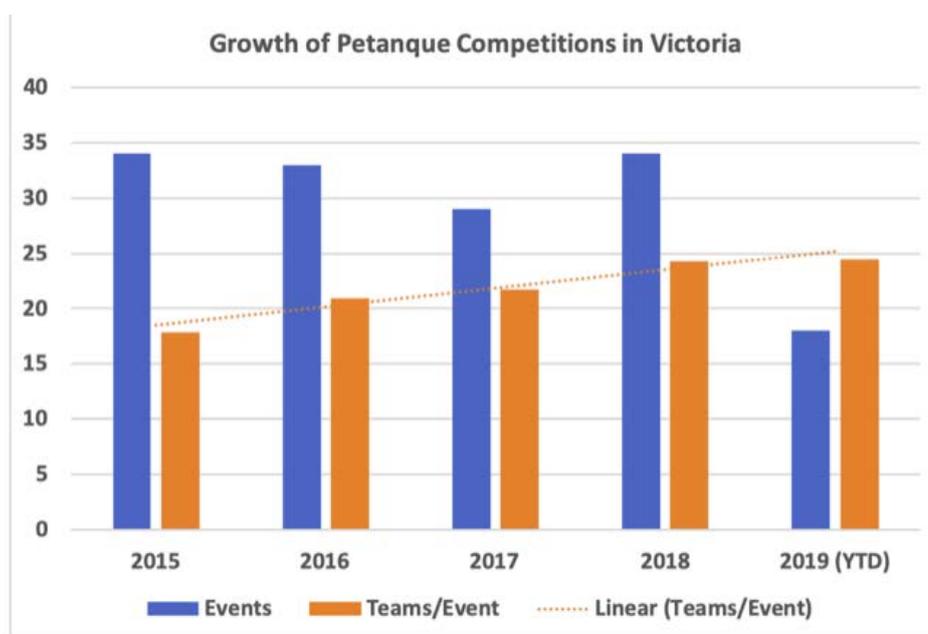
Suggested response to Caulfield Park Petanque Club (see Attachment 1)

On 11 July we received an email from the Caulfield Park Petanque Club Committee concerning attendance at Calendar Events. This is our suggested response.

After a correct/polite opening:

You state that attendance at Victorian Petanque Tournaments is decreasing. This is not true, and can be demonstrated by accessing the data held within the Mypetanque database since the start of 2015. By looking at the events that used Mypetanque to register teams but omitting the Easter Nationals where a significant number of players come from interstate and, in fact, only used Mypetanque 2018 and 2019, and also omitting some winter events that either do not use Mypetanque or only use it sporadically, the data is illustrated below.

This clearly shows that while the total number of events per year has remained fairly constant (in blue) the number of team per event, on average, (in orange) that register with Mypetanque has actually risen slightly. This has also occurred over the period there the number of Victorian licenced players has fallen slightly (whilst remaining at approximately 50% of all PFA licenced players).



In our Rules of Association it states that our main objective is “To promote petanque, increase player participation in Victoria and provide an environment and an organisational structure in which petanque can be enjoyed.” In our view we do not have far too many events and will not reduce them as this would conflict with our Rules.

We reject your view (stated without specific evidence) that Petanque in Victoria is in need of reinvigoration. We will continue to strongly promote the State Championship events and allow all clubs to bid for club-hosted event as we have done in previous years. Why would we reduce events to 1 per fortnight like NSW? To compare the two states in this way is not valid; Victoria has 25 clubs to 4 in NSW; we have about 750 licenced players (as of mid-July 2019) compared to around 200 in NSW. Yes, we have issues to address, but cutting out petanque tournaments is not the way to proceed in our view.

We intend retaining the current Ranking system as it seems to have the support of the majority of Victorian players and is used to provide awards to the Best Players at the end of each season.

VPCI most certainly controls its Calendar, and the only times Calendar events clash are when both clubs agree and they are more than about 150 km apart. We would point out that Caulfield Park Petanque Club requested last year to run an event on the same weekend as Apollo Bay Petanque Club. Both clubs agreed and both events were well attended, and no issues were raised then.

It is true that clubs occasionally conduct events that clash with Calendar events, but they agree do that only with very restricted advertising and limited to just their own clubs' members or as annual challenge events of some standing between 2 clubs. VPCI believes this balance is the correct way to run the Calendar.

We are always willing to hear from clubs with ideas that might be beneficial to the sport of petanque, but in this instance we believe your points are not valid. If you wish to see the raw data from the Mypetanque database, we are happy to provide that if requested.

Regards,

etc.

Attachment 5

Email from Martial Leconte to VPCI Committee on 2 August 2019

Dear all,

I won't be able to attend our next VPCI meeting as I will be overseas.

If I understand correctly, Peter will send a survey to all Vic clubs to find out how many clubs will support the promotion day.

If we get at least 50% of clubs supporting the promotion day, I believe the event should go ahead.

We will have to propose a date on the Vic calendar.

In relation to all the above points, I have 5 important questions/points to communicate:

1. Who in the VPCI committee will assist me organizing the event?
2. Ask all participating clubs to provide us 1 nominated club member (contact details etc) who will be our contact representative?
3. Ask PFA if they agree to offer 2 years free license for each winner of the small pointing/shooting competition on that specific day?
4. Do VPCI agree to offer 1-year free license for the runner up of the small pointing/shooting competition?
5. Ask all participating clubs if they agree to offer 1year free license for visitors who want to join their club on that specific day.

Best Regards to all of you

Martial

Attachment 6

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7th August 2019

Letter to all Clubs and State Leagues

Oceania Championships, Australia 2019

The FIPJP is represented through out the world by confederations – Oceania, North America, Asia, Europe etc.

Confederations committee are elected by their respective National federations and in some case by leagues e.g. in Oceania with Wallis & Futuna and New Caledonia.

Australia is a member of the Oceania confederation and must direct all inquiries and request to the FIPJP through the Oceania confederation.

The Oceania committee is elected for a 4 years term it is made up of a president, secretary and treasurer plus a representative of each league and Federation sitting as V-president.

PFA is represented by Andre Deramond PFA director and as its Chief Umpire.

The confederation set up rules and regulations and controls its main event e.g. Oceania championships, set up confederation umpire exam and appoints its umpires. Run regular workshop in the Pacific and seek new members e.g. Fiji, Tonga, Samoa, Cook Islands.

The confederation is now trying with the assistance of its members to join and participate in the Pacific Games.

The Oceania's championships are held every 2 years between the Men's world championships and the Oceania's championships are used for qualification purpose for the Men's world championship of the following year e.g. Oceania 2019 in Melbourne to qualify for 2020 world championships in Lausanne Switzerland. It is also use to qualify men and women team for the confederations cup. Oceania championships are awarded on a rotation base amongst its members and it held every 2 years New Zealand 2017 - Australia 2019 – Tahiti 2021.

Oceania championships include 5 events

- Single, double, triple, pointing and shooting for men and women in separate competition

Medals are attributed to each winner and a trophy is presented to the winning country in each category (men and women). Winning country decided through number of medals

- Gold, silver and bronze

The confederation has an appointed chief umpire, Andre Deramond from Australia International umpire is the actual holder of the position having been appointed by FIPJP committee and Confederation committee, the chief umpire is responsible for running umpire examination to the confederation level, exams are taking place during the Oceania's championships.

Candidates are presented by their national federations they must be of national level and must be experienced and have umpired national and international competitions.

A successful candidate in the confederation exam can then sit the FIPJP international umpire exam at a world championship. The candidate will be presented by the confederation.

This year the Oceania championships will be held in Melbourne – Caulfield Park Petanque club from the 2nd to the 6th of October 2019. The PFA Board has budgeted for the event but needs extra funds to face the cost of hosting such event. PFA is responsible for the accommodation and transport of 10 members per delegation and providing food for the duration of the event, which will cost an estimated \$35,000.

An appeal has been made in our July newsletter and will be repeated in the August edition, for donations from our leagues and clubs alike, our players attending events in Asia and Oceania are always warmly welcome and looked after by their host and it is our turn to show some good Australian hospitality to our visitors.

Please show your generosity by donating to PFA to assist with these costs, such an event only comes our way every 10 years.

PFA Bank Account

BSB 063 143
ACC 1040 5152

When making a donation please indicate your league's or club' name.
I look forward to your support for PFA to make this event a success

Regards

PFA Board