

Victoria Petanque Clubs Inc.

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Committee Meeting - Minutes

Conducted by Videoconferencing
Monday 13 April 2020
Meeting Commenced at 7.00 pm

1. Attendees

Aileen Hebblethwaite (President)
Jean Francois Veyssiere (Vice President)
Max Wright (Treasurer)
Peter Wells (Secretary)
Martial Leconte (Member)
David Shaw (ex-officio, State Director of Umpiring)

2. Apologies

None

3. Correspondence

Out: Letter of Appreciation to Geoff Turner in his role a VPCI Treasurer.

Out: Letters of Appreciation to those who supported the promotion at Como House late in 2019.

4. Previous Minutes

Motion: That the Minutes of the VPCI Committee Meeting of 10 February 2020 are a true record of that meeting.

Proposed: Aileen Hebblethwaite

Seconded: Jean Francois Veyssiere

Vote: Passed unanimously

5. Treasurer's Report

Max Wright presented an overview of VPCI's current financial position.

Max's report is attached (Attachment 1)

Opening Balance as at 10 February	\$4,612.72
Income	\$1,925.00
Expenditure	\$1,239.40
Closing Balance as at 13 April	\$5,298.32

Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Proposed: Max Wright

Seconded: Aileen Hebblethwaite

Vote: Passed unanimously

6. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

6.1. VPCI 2019-2020 Budget – Promotional Activities

This item will be re-visited when the COVID-19 outbreak is resolved.

6.2. Increasing Umpire Numbers

David Shaw will explore with the National Director of Umpiring, Ray Beaumont, ways to continue the training and examination of new Umpires. David also requested that clubs use this break in the playing of petanque to consider the suggestion that all clubs should attempt to have at least 1 accredited umpire within their membership. The game of petanque cannot survive without accredited umpires and an appreciation by all players that umpires must be treated with respect. Please encourage interested players to contact David.

6.3. Upcoming Tournaments

At the present time it is not possible to foresee the time when we will be back playing petanque. Until then all scheduled tournaments are cancelled.

6.4. The Big Blue Tournament

It is hoped that this event will be rescheduled once play re-commences.

6.5. Payment to Camberwell Petanque Club

It was agreed to pay Camberwell Petanque Club the sum of \$100 for the use of their rooms for a possible 5 meetings in 2020.

6.6. Bank Signatories

Aileen Hebblethwaite is now able to sign account transactions.

6.7. Trans-Tasman 2020

It had been earlier agreed that all Victorian players selected for the 2020 Australian Trans-Tasman Team would be provided with a grant of \$100 each. This event has now been cancelled and no payments will be made.

7. Other Business

7.1. Teams in Victorian Championship Events

VPCI wishes to remind all clubs and players that when referring to the Gender/Age makeup of Teams:

“Open” means any gender makeup

“Men” means men only

“Women” means women only

“Mixed” means both genders must be represented

“Junior” means all players are no older than 18

7.2. Draws in Victorian Championship Events

VPCI's preference now will be for the use of the Random Round for Qualifying Events. In our view the confusion over the use of BHN and the Swiss System is not in the best interests of either players or Tournament Organisers. The Sport version of the Swiss System performs the Draw by random selection for Teams on the same win-loss ratio. There is no use of additional ranking, including the BHN, in the Draws preceding each new Round. BHN is only applied (if requested) after the Event is complete. This is inappropriate in the view of the VPCI Committee.

7.3. Best Players Awards

It was resolved that as play continued for 10½ months of the previous 12 months that these Awards will be made as usual. They will be decided upon using the Ranking data on Mypetanque as of 30 April 2020.

Awards will be made to the Best players in Men, Men 60+, Women and Women 60+ categories at the earliest opportunity after 1 May, but there is almost certainly going to be a delay in this presentation due to the petanque 'shutdown' as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic.

7.4. Review of documentation

VPCI have reviewed the documents that appear on the VPCI website and brought them up to date.

7.5. Jeff Langdon

As Jeff Langdon has been appointed to the PFA Board at the recent PFA AGM, he is unable to continue as a VPCI Committee Member. VPCI thanks Jeff for the work he put in during his time on this Committee. A letter of appreciation will be sent to Jeff to thank him for his service and wish him all the best in his new role. VPCI are now seeking at least one more Ordinary Member to join the VPCI Committee. If you or anyone in your club are interested please contact us.

7.6. Re-Start Calendar

When allowed to re-start play, it has been broadly agreed that the Victorian Calendar will pick up events at that time as they currently are listed on the VPCI website.

7.7. 10% Player Fees

The VPCI Committee have been looking at ways to simplify, and make as fair as possible, the "10% player fee" payment following club-hosted Tournaments. It was resolved that, effective immediately that we are able to restart play, VPCI will invoice a club after they have held a Calendar Event at the rate of \$100 per day if they had an Umpire provided by the State Director of Umpiring. Then, upon receipt by the State Director of Umping of the club-hosted Tournament Umpire's Report, VPCI (as we do now) will pay the Umpire. The "10% player fee" is discontinued forthwith.

7.8. Annual Fees for Member Clubs

VPCI are also looking for a fairer way to levy clubs to cover its modest operating expenses. This will be decided upon at the next VPCI Committee Meeting. All VPCI Member Clubs are welcome to provide input to this discussion if they wish.

7.10. Expenditure Authorisation

Motion: That the VPCI Committee authorises Max Wright to make the following payments:

- (a) \$100 payment to Camberwell Petanque Club for the use of their rooms for 5 meetings in 2020.

Proposed: Aileen Hebblethwaite

Seconded: Jean Francois Veyssiere

Vote: Passed Unanimously

8. Date of Next Committee Meeting

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

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

Signed:

Aileen Hebblethwaite
President

Peter Wells
Secretary

(Date) -----

Attachment 1

TREASURER'S REPORT

This report covers the period 10 February 2020 to 13 April 2020

There have been 15 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 10 February 2020 to 13 April 2020

\$200.00 Payment to David Shaw, Umpire Duties Pyrenees PC, Avoca Open Triples 16 & 17 November

\$100.00 Payment to David Shaw, Umpire Duties Woodend Hanging Rock PC, PATR Mixed Triples, 24 November

\$100.00 Payment to David Shaw, Umpiring Duties Weird Entertainers, 12 January

\$680.00 Prize Money paid for Vic Singles Championship 1 March 2020

\$59.40 Medallions for Vic Shooting Competition 29 February, Ballarat Trophies & Gifts (Paid to Peter Wells)

\$100.00 Payment to Camberwell PC, Hosting Fee for Vic Singles Championship, 1 March 2020

In the same period the VPCI received the following monies.

\$187.50 Player Levy from Apollo Bay PC, Open Triples Sat/Sun 8/9 February, 10% of entry fees

\$102.00 Player Levy from Dove PC Twilight Comp January/February, \$2 Per Player

\$106.00 Player Levy from Dove PC, Open Doubles Sunday 23 February, 10% of entry fees

\$70.00 Victorian Shooting Comp 29 February at Camberwell Petanque Club 14 × \$5

\$925.00 Entry Fees for Victorian Singles Championships at Camberwell PC 1 March 2020

\$100.00 Player Levy from Camberwell PC, Open Triples Sun 16 February

\$126.00 Player Levy from St Kilda PC, 2 + 1 Sunday 19 January, 10% of entry fees

\$106.00 Player Levy from St Kilda PC, Winter Comp 2019, \$2 per player entry fees

\$202.50 Player Levy from Pyrenees PC, Avoca Doubles 14/15 March, 10% of fees

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Max Wright – Treasurer VPCI

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