

Victoria Petanque Clubs Inc.

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Videoconference
Monday 16 August 2021 Commencing
at 7.00 pm

1. Attendees

Aileen Hebblethwaite (President)
Michael Lacase (Vice President)
Max Wright (Treasurer)
Claire Sampson (Member)
Shirley Marshall (Member)
Peter Wells (Member)
Guy Mercier (State Umpire Manager: ex-officio)
Jean Francois Veyssiere (State Coach Manager: ex-officio)
Andrew Milligan (Sports Central, Ballarat – invited)

2. Apologies

Martial Leconte (Member - Overseas)
Mike Forsyth (Secretary)

3.1 Correspondence

Out: Consumer Affairs Victoria re appointment of Mike Forsyth as Secretary VPCI.
Out: Notes to all Clubs on COVID-19 Guidelines (on the VPCI website, regularly updated and on Facebook).
In: PFA Invitation for two VPCI delegates to attend PFA – State Leagues Meeting 29 July 2021.
In: Tom Humphries, Bayside Municipality request for requirements about setting up petanque terrain.
In: PFA Jeff Langdon regarding Coonawarra, SA, Tournaments in 2022.

4. Previous Minutes

Motion: That the Minutes of the VPCI Committee Meeting of 14 June 2021 are a true record of that meeting. These Minutes is also available on the Committee page of the VPCI website, and these Minutes are approved.

Proposed: Aileen Hebblethwaite
Seconded: Shirley Marshall
Vote: Passed unanimously

5. 1. Treasurer's Report

Max's report is attached to these Minutes.

Opening Balance on 12 June 2021:	\$8151.93
Income:	\$3,660.00
Expenditure:	\$215.80
Closing Balance on 5 August 2021:	\$11,596.13

Motion: That the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Proposed: Max Wright

Seconded: Claire Sampson

Vote: Passed unanimously

5.2. State Coach's Report

Jean Francois Veysiere noted that training of the Junior squad had to be called off due to the covid restrictions. He also informed the Committee of a new PFA National Event being proposed, the National clubs Championship (NCC).

5.3. State Umpire's Report

Guy Mercier noted that a couple of Clubs had requested to be involved in umpire training (Dove and Bellarine) but not able to due to covid restrictions at the moment and would prefer to wait till he had a group of maybe 5 or more willing to do the umpire's course.

He was also contacting Clubs who regularly run Events to consider using fixed pins at the corners of all lanes so a string could be readily run between them to avoid disputes over the precise line of the lane boundary.

6. Business Arising from the Previous Minutes

6.1. Draft Calendar 2022

Many Clubs have put in their requests for hosting 2022 Events, based on Metropolitan Clubs having 4 dates and Regional Clubs 2 dates. This item will be revisited in the next Meeting, but in the meantime a draft 2022 Victorian State Calendar will be put on the VPCI website. Clubs that have yet to request 2022 dates will be reminded when these Minutes are sent out.

6.2. Shooting Competitions

The State Shooting Competition was discussed, and it was decided that Clubs will be asked to conduct their own qualifying Rounds, prior to a State Shooting Competition that will require a Qualifying standard to be reached from the Clubs Qualifying Rounds. More details will be provided at the next VPCI Committee Meeting in October. A Pointing Competition was also raised with PFA.

6.3. Recognition by Sports and Recreation Victoria

An application to Sports and Recreation, Victoria for seeking recognition of petanque as a sport is progressing. This was discussed in more detail in Item 7.1.

6.4. Event clashes

Clubs are reminded that it was agreed some years ago that clashes of Calendar Events on the same date may only take place with the 2 Clubs agreeing and being well separated by a suggested distance of at least 150 km.

7. Other Business

7.1. Strategic Plan.

Our invited guest, Andrew Milligan from Sports Central, Ballarat was asked to outline the process of producing a Strategic Plan suitable for the requirements of requesting recognition as the State Peak Body for Petanque. If recognised this way, it may open the way to additional funding from Sports and Recreation Victoria.

Peter is to follow this up with Andrew.

7.2. Annual Fees.

Max noted that 17 of the current 27 PFA affiliated Clubs in Victoria had paid their \$50 annual Membership fee to VPCVI. Max will send out a reminder to the Clubs who are yet to pay, noting that it is now a condition of PFA affiliation to be a Member of a State Leagues in those State where they exist.

7.3. PFA-State Leagues Meeting

Aileen and Michael briefly outlined the topics that were discussed at the recent 29 July PFA-State Leagues Meeting. They included:

- PFA to include a Calendar of Events on their website
- Structure of PFA and Player Licences
- Current Player and club Numbers
- State League fees from Member Clubs
- Shooting and Pointing Competitions at the Easter Nationals
- Day Licences at Club-Hosted Events
- Increasing Umpire and Coach numbers
- A National Club Championship Tournament
- Report from State Leagues on expenditure of the \$1000 grant from PFA
- Review of PFA Constitution

7.4. 2021 International Championships

The 2021 FIPJP International Championships to be held in Thailand have been cancelled. These Tournaments have been re-scheduled in Spain, but Australian covid-19 restrictions currently in place will almost certainly not allow Australian players to attend.

7.5. Request from Bayside Municipality

Tom Humphries, Bayside Municipality requested information as to the requirements of petanque pistes set up. Referred to Kerrie Maddern, and Max Wright, and will be followed up.

7.6. New Club

The Fusion Petanque Club of Springvale South was recently affiliated with PFA. Details will be provided in due course. A note will be sent to the Fusion Petanque Club by Aileen and Mike in the near future to welcome them.

7.7. Covid Restrictions

As the Victorian Government lists covid-19 restrictions for Community Sport these are written up and placed on the VPCI website and also conveyed to all Clubs by email.

7.8. Authorised Expenditure

There were no items of future authorised expenditure raised.

8. Date of Next Committee Meeting

The next VPCI Committee Meeting will be held on Monday 11 October.

The meeting closed at 20:45.

Signed:

Aileen Hebblethwaite
President

Mike Forsyth
Secretary

(Date) -----

Attachment

TREASURER'S REPORT

This report covers the period 6 June 2021 to 5 August 2021

There have been 21 financial transactions recorded on the Bendigo Bank account during this period.
The 21 transactions relate to:

Income:

Club Event Fees (1): \$60

Covid19 Grant from Department of Jobs, Precincts and Regions: \$2,750

Club Membership fee (17): \$850 (2021-2022 year)

less

Expenditure:

VPCI Committee Member badges: \$196

Postage: \$19.80

In relation to outstanding VPCI Annual Club Fees the following clubs are yet to pay:

Apollo Bay, Ballarat, Camberwell, Chamarel, Flinders, Portsea, Smythesdale, Somers, Sunbury and Fusion.

Account Summary for the period 6 June 2021 to 5 August 2021

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Max Wright – Treasurer VPCI

5 August 2021