

FPUSA 2018 Board of Directors

February 2018 Agenda

Approval of January 2018 minutes

Please review the attached PDF [FPUSA_Minutes_Jan2018.pdf]

Business

Item 1– Approval of the 2018 FPUSA Umpire Roster

National Sport Director, Gilles Canesse, has submitted the 2018 Umpire Roster for Board approval. Please review the document [2018 Umpire Roster_publish.pdf].

Item 2–Approval of the 2018 FPUSA Umpire Regulations

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Item 3–Fresno Petanque Club Proposal for FPUSA Funding for Facility Expansion

FPC President, Janice Bissonnette, has submitted a proposal asking for matching funds up to \$5,000. Please review the attached proposal [FPUSA Funding Request.pdf].

Note: Additional agenda items are forthcoming.

Agenda Items Added:

Item 4–Approval of 2018 FPUSA Discipline Committee

President's nominations for the 2018 FPUSA Discipline Committee:

Jo Ella Manalan, FPUSA Board Member, South Florida Petanque Club

Juanita Celix, Milwaukee Petanque Club

Stan Tzonev, Portland Petanque Club

Item 5–Approval of 2018 FPUSA Discipline Committee Procedures

Item 6—Approval of changes to the 2018 FPUSA Title Tournament Calendar

The FPUSA Sport Committee presented five changes for approval:

1. Addition of Southwest Regional Select Doubles, to be hosted by the Los Angeles Petanque Club on March 10th. This was requested but not included with the original calendar because LAPC was not yet approved for re-affiliation. This will be the first Southwest Region tournament hosted by a club other than Fresno for several years, which is a very positive development in my view.
2. The National Capital Club du Petanque (Washington DC) made a late request to hold a tournament. This evolved to a request for the Carolina Petanque Club to change the format of the tournaments they plan (no dates yet). CPC generously agreed to change their tournament format to allow the NCCdP to offer Select Doubles on May 3rd. The Mid-America Region has hosted very few FPUSA title events, so this is another very positive development.
3. The Carolina Petanque Club will offer Select Triples instead of Select Doubles on the second day of their weekend event. This was done to accommodate the National Capital Club du Petanque request (see #2 above). Here again, this is a very positive development for the Mid-America Region, as this will be the first FPUSA title event hosted by the CPC.
4. La Boule New Yorkaise changed the date of their Regional Singles Tournament from June 3rd to June 24th. This was due to a conflict with their terrain host, Bryan Park. The FPUSA calendar is approved prior to the Bryant Park event calendar, so LBNY had no way of knowing of the conflict.
5. Fresno Petanque Club has requested the National Men's and Women's Doubles for October 6-7. The priority for this tournament was to the east for 2018, but no club bid for the tournament, either before or after the deadline. Fresno made the request in late January. The SC voted to approve earlier this month.

FPUSA Umpire Regulations

General

- The National Sport Director shall submit, to the board, at the beginning of each year the current list of umpires.
- The umpire roster requires the approval, by a simple majority, of the board.
- The umpire roster shall be approved and posted no later than January 31st of each year.
- All candidates must complete an application for each level.

Requirements

All candidates begin as club umpire's and must possess effective interpersonal skills, a sense of fairness and an aptitude for applying the rules of the game. Candidates must also have the ability to measure points accurately on one knee, no exceptions.* Any FPUSA member in good standing may become a club umpire upon meeting the following requirements:

- Be in their second consecutive year of membership.
- Be nominated by their club president, a regional or national umpire or by an elected FPUSA official.
- Receive approval from the National Sport Director.
- Possess a tape measure with metric intervals, folding rule (with extension) and calipers.
- Pass the practical and written tests.

* Any current umpires unable to position themselves on one knee are restricted from further advancement.

For promotion to Regional Umpire a candidate must:

- Have held a Club Umpire's license for three consecutive years.
- Have maintained an excellent record of officiating as a Club Umpire.
- Officiated a minimum of six tournaments during the prior two years.
- Be recommended by a Sport Committee member or by an elected FPUSA official.
- Receive approval from the National Sport Director.
- Be approved by the FPUSA Board of Directors.
- Pass the Regional Umpire test.

For promotion to National Umpire a candidate must:

- Have held their Regional Umpire's license for three consecutive years.
- Have maintained an excellent record of officiating as a Regional Umpire.
- Officiated in six tournaments, including three regionals, during the prior two years and/or assisted at a National Tournament.
- Receive approval from the National Sport Director.
- Be recommended to the Board of Directors by the National Sport Director.
- Be approved by the FPUSA Board of Directors.
- Pass the National Umpire test.

Once a candidate has met all applicable requirements they will receive an official Study Guide which includes the following:

- a copy of the official rules
- photos and descriptions of the measuring requirements

Testing

1. Upon approval by the National Sport Director, Sport Committee or Board of Directors a time frame for testing must be provided that is no less than 48 hours and no more than 90 days from notification to the candidate.
2. The practical and written tests must be taken on the same day with the practical portion of the test being administered prior to the written. If the candidate does not pass the practical portion then the written will not be administered. No exceptions. If a candidate is given the written test first, passes it, then fails the practical they will be required to take the written again.

3. Testing for Club and Regional Umpires must be conducted by a minimum of two FPUSA members of which one must be a regional or national umpire, whom will be the administrator, and the other an elected official or Sport Committee rep, whom will be the witness.
4. Testing for National Umpire level must be conducted by a minimum of two FPUSA members of which one must be a National Umpire, whom will be the administrator, and the other an elected official or Sport Committee rep, whom will be the witness.
5. Open-book tests are not allowed.
6. Testing includes the practical measurement of boules to jack at all levels: club, regional and national.
7. The written test for Club Umpires consists of 25 questions. A passing grade is 75%.
8. The written test for regional umpire consists of 35 questions. A passing grade is 80%.
9. The written test for national umpire will consist of 50 questions. A passing grade is 85%.
10. Incorrect answers must be reviewed with the candidate by the administrator.
11. Any candidate who fails the first test may retake it no less than 48 hours from the initial test nor more than 90 days provided that all parties involved are available. Candidates are not allowed more than two attempts to pass the umpire test at any level. No exceptions are provided.

Certification and Re-Certification

1. Once all procedures described above have been completed the candidate will receive an official Umpire's License, co-signed by the National Sport Director and President.
2. Every umpire must keep a current FPUSA license. If an umpire allows their membership in the FPUSA to lapse for one year, their license will expire and will not be renewed without re-application and re-certification.
3. The license must be carried and displayed whenever an umpire is officiating a tournament.
4. Re-certification may be required for any and all umpires.

Conduct and Discipline

1. Umpires must conduct themselves in a diplomatic and professional manner that reflects positively on the FPUSA when officiating.
2. Umpires must never argue with players or with other umpires.
3. Umpires should exercise their authority respectfully, firmly and fairly.
4. Complaints regarding umpire conduct or proficiency may be filed with any elected FPUSA official or Sport Committee member. All complaints must be forwarded to the National Sport Director.
5. For a complaint to be considered by the National Sport Director, it must be filed by any of the following:
 - Two FPUSA members who witnessed an alleged incident
 - An elected FPUSA official who witnessed an alleged incident
 - A Sport Committee member who witnessed an alleged incident
 - An FPUSA Umpire who was on duty and witnessed an alleged incident
 - A Tournament Director from the event where the alleged incident took place
6. The Sport Committee will make a determination on the complaint. If there is a penalty or remedy to be applied, it must be approved by the President. If the matter is judged to be grounds for revocation of an umpire's license, the case will be referred to the Discipline Committee.
7. In all matters referred to the Discipline Committee, standard disciplinary procedure outlined in FPUSA Bylaw Article XI must be used.
8. If the complaint is brought against a member of the Sport Committee, that member will recuse themselves from the proceedings. In a case where the complaint was brought against the National Sport Director, the President or a designee of the President, will preside over the proceedings.

Officiating

Unlike most other federations FPUSA Umpires are permitted to play in competitions in which they are officiating. Umpires must respond immediately to calls to officiate outside of the game in which they are playing and are forbidden in making reference to their position as an umpire in those games in which they are playing.

1. Umpires must be present before the start of the competition for assignment and to assist the organizing committee.
2. Umpires must have the FPUSA issued Umpire's badge in a visible position.
3. Umpires must have all the necessary instruments to carry out their duties: tape measure, folding rule (with extension) and calipers. No exceptions.
4. Umpires must, before the start of the competition, describe the limits of the terrain and the rules being enforced in the competition.
5. Umpires must make decisions expeditiously and move off without discussion. The decision of the ruling umpire is final and may not be appealed.
6. Umpires must inspect boules that appear irregular and judge their conformity to the official rules.
7. Where situations arise that are not covered in the official rules, the umpire must call for the jury appointed for the competition.
8. Umpires must never criticize decisions of another umpire publicly.
9. Umpires must dress appropriately.
10. Complete a report if requested by the organizing committee or the National Sport Director.
11. Only National Umpires may serve as head umpires at national tournaments. Regional umpires may be used for assistance, at the discretion of the Head Umpire.
12. Only Regional Umpires should serve as head umpires at regional tournaments. Club and National Umpires may be used for assistance. Absent of a Regional Umpire, a National Umpire may serve as the head umpire and be assisted by club umpires.
13. Club Umpires may officiate at any club tournament at the request of a tournament director.
14. The National Sport Director has the right to request or deny staffing selections in advance of any national or regional tournament.
15. Head Umpires may not leave a tournament until all games are completed.

Umpire Emeritus

The Board of Directors may upon a recommendation by the Sport Committee, and by majority, bestow upon a retired umpire the honorary title of "Umpire Emeritus" in recognition of their service to the organization. Each Umpire Emeritus shall be issued an official license on an annual basis. Upon request, an Umpire Emeritus may serve on FPUSA tournament juries, assist and advise the umpire staff at FPUSA events and assist in the administration of umpire exams.

TO: FPUSA BOARD

RE: REQUEST FOR DONATION

Fresno Petanque Club has the opportunity to add up to 20 pistes adjacent to the existing terrain in Cary Park, but it needs your help.

The City of Fresno has given the club exclusive use of the roller hockey rink that is adjacent to the existing pistes. This is a fenced, secure and fully lit facility that will accommodate up to 20 additional pistes, making it possible for the club to provide nearly 40 excellent pistes for daytime events and 20 for nighttime events. We will have new and larger bathrooms and new pedestrian access to the Cary Park parallel to the baseball fields that should keep other park users from meandering through the pistes.

The City has not approved any significant funding for the project, so the majority of the cost for the improvement is on the club. Our job includes covering the rink with dirt, which the City is providing delivered ringside. We will then surface the dirt with DG or something of a similar nature, of our choosing. Our club member, landscape architect Bob Boro, is designing shade structures for the rink to make it pleasant for play on all but the worst summer days. The budget for this work—dirt movement and compaction, special aggregate surfacing, shade structures, wood piste dividers, and appropriate benches and racks, is estimated between \$15,000 - \$20,000. The club has received donations and commitments from its members and the business community of \$3,100 and continues with its fund-raising efforts.

When the project is completed, Fresno and the West Coast will have a large and versatile Petanque facility that is suitable for world class open tournaments, which will benefit both FPC and the FPUSA financially. This Petanque terrain is directly on a main thoroughfare that in both night and day play that will pique public interest and help us grow participation in the sport.

It is my request that the FPUSA consider matching our local fundraising contributions up to \$5,000.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,


Janice M. Bissonnette,

FPC President

FPUSA 2018 Umpire Roster

National Umpires

Last	First	Affiliated Club	Region
Biltsted	Yngve	Los Angeles Pétanque Club	SouthWest
Canesse	Gilles	Manasota Boules	SouthEast
Chambers	Christophe	Nelson Ranch Pétanque Club	Central
Feaster	Dan	Port Townsend Pétanque Alliance	NorthWest
Gravier	Pascal	Lamorinda Pétanque Club	NorCal
Harris	John	Oakhurst Pétanque Club	SouthWest
Jones	Gary	Carolina Pétanque	MidAmerica
Lofaro	Antonio	La Pétanque Marinere	NorCal
Martin	Joe	Portland Pétanque Club	NorthWest
Porto	Ed	Petaluma Valley Pétanque Club	NorCal
Strong	Andre	Maine Boules Club	NorthEast
Toulon	Louis	La Pétanque Marinere	NorCal
Vaughan	Lisa	Club Français de Sacramento	NorCal

Regional Umpires

Last	First	Affiliated Club	Region
Allport	Troy	Club de Pétanque - San Diego	SouthWest
Trevino	Robert	Club de Pétanque - San Diego	SouthWest
Brun	Pierre	Portland Pétanque Club	NorthWest
Campbell-Mann	Mary Jane	Oakhurst Pétanque Club	SouthWest
Conyers	Gregory	Seattle Pétanque Club	NorthWest
Cooper	Michael	Valley Of The Moon Pétanque Club	NorCal
Cortwright	Joseph	Portland Pétanque Club	NorthWest
Dupin	Arsene	Heart Of Texas Pétanque Club	Central
Jones	Albyn	Portland Pétanque Club	NorthWest
Long	Richard	National Capital Club De Pétanque	MidAmerica
Manalan	Jo Ella	South Florida Pétanque Club	SouthEast

Club Umpires

Last	First	Affiliated Club	Region
Moua	Thomas	Fresno Pétanque Club	SouthWest
Najah	Mohamed Amine	Heart Of Texas Pétanque Club	Central
Roberson	John	Amelia Island Boules	SouthEast
Smith	Daniel	Boules de Leon	SouthEast
Stroud	Cynthia	Maine Boules Club	NorthEast
Symanns	Richard	Oh-la-la Pétanque Association	SouthEast
Thiam	Amadou	La Boule New Yorkaise	NorthEast
Vang	By	Fresno Pétanque Club	SouthWest
Wellington	Peter	Valley Of The Moon Pétanque Club	NorCal
Whitelaw	Ian	Eugene Pétanque International	NorthWest
Wildner	John	South Florida Pétanque Club	SouthEast
Yang	Tho-Po (Paul)	Fresno Pétanque Club	SouthWest
Zuev	Artem	Los Angeles Pétanque Club	SouthWest
Armstrong	Richard	Heart Of Texas Pétanque Club	Central
Boujeke	Emile	La Boule New Yorkaise	NorthEast
Cragg	Christine	La Pétanque Marinere	NorCal

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Fecteau	Raymond	Mill Park Pétanque	NorthEast
Garcia	John	Eugene Pétanque International	NorthWest
Greenberg	Mark	Los Angeles Pétanque Club	SouthWest
Hodge	Shannon	Zanesfield Pétanque Club	MidAmerica
Johns	Justin Bo	Zanesfield Pétanque Club	MidAmerica
Julliard	Thierry	New York Pétanque Club	NorthEast
Keil	David	Mile High Pétanque Club	Central
Latorre	Joe	Valley Of The Moon Pétanque Club	NorCal
Lessard	Steve	Mile High Pétanque Club	Central
Maguire	Irene	Eugene Pétanque International	NorthWest
Boujeke	Emile	La Boule New Yorkaise	NorthEast
Creasy	Larry	Boules de León Pétanque Club	SouthEast
Milliord	Corey	Oh-la-la Pétanque Association	SouthEast

Emeritus

Last	First	Affiliated Club	Region
Krauer	John	La Boule d'Or	NorCal
Legrand	Felix	New York Pétanque Club	Northeast
Moilanen	Eldon	Redwood Empire Boules Club	NorCal
Morrison	Robert	National Capital Club De Pétanque	MidAmerica