

## **FPUSA 2017 Board of Directors**

### **February 2017 Agenda**

#### **Item 1–New Club Approvals:**

Note: Each of the clubs listed have been "provisionally approved" per our bylaws, Article II-A-1. Per Article III-9, where provisionally approved clubs are considered for full affiliation, *"this item shall be accorded priority in the order of business."* If you have any questions regarding our requirements for club affiliation, please see Article II-A of the bylaws.

Club approvals can take place at any time during the year. In this case we are looking at five clubs from the Mid-America region, and one from the Central Region. In terms of our board process, these approvals can be done one of two ways: 1) a motion can be made to "without objection" approve the clubs as a group, or 2) with a separate motion for each club. Unless a member has an issue with one of the clubs presented here, the first option will save time and keep us moving.

The clubs are listed as follows: Name of Club; Location, Number of Members

#### Mid-America Region:

- BELL BUCKLE PETANQUE CLUB; BELL BUCKLE TN; 18
- JOEL'S PETANQUE CLUB; EAU CLAIRE WI; 8
- MILWAUKEE PETANQUE; MILWAUKEE WI, 12
- MOTOR CITY PETANQUE; ROYAL OAK MI; 8
- NEWARK OHIO PETANQUE CLUB; NEWARK OH, 10
- UPTOWN PETANQUE BALLERZ; TOLEDO OH, 15

#### Central Region:

- NELSON RANCH PETANQUE CLUB; AUSTIN TX; 25

Note for the record from the Membership Secretary:

The following three clubs have applications that have stalled although all have paid dues. One or all may never consummate the deal. If that proves to be the case I would offer them a refund (maybe that's one e-mail that would get answered!). In each case the members' info (and waivers for NH) haven't been submitted so it makes approving them a bit odd.

As per our Bylaws: *"In the case of a new club without prior history, the Board may delay the vote on full affiliation until the club has had sufficient time to demonstrate its viability and all other factors having a bearing on its membership"*

This hasn't stopped us in the past from approving some clubs with a tenuous hope of enduring, but they usually at least complete the sign-up process and get their licenses etc.

Applications Pending:

- SEACOAST BOULAINES, NOTTINGHAM NH, 9
- SW MICHIGAN PC, FENNVILLE MI, 10
- LES AMIS DE LA PETANQUE, LOS ANGELES CA, 8

### **Item 2–Committee Approvals:**

Note: These are administrative items that are generally handled as part of the first agenda of each year. In terms of our board process, these approvals can be done one of two ways: 1) a motion can be made to "without objection" approve the committees as presented (as a group), or 2) with a separate motion for each committee. Here again, unless a board member disagrees with one or more of the committee members presented, the first option will save time and keep us moving.

- Sport Committee: National Sport Director, Gilles Canesse, has appointed the following six members to serve on the Sport Committee for 2017:
  - Jean-Pierre Subrenat; Northeast Region
  - Frank Guzman; Southeast Region
  - David Keil; Central Region
  - John Harris; Southwwest Region
  - Shannon Bowman; Northern California Region
  - David Johnstone; Northwest Region
- Communications Committee: Dan Feaster has appointed the following five members to serve on the Communications Committee for 2017:
  - Nan Walter; Northwest Region
  - Ben Bull; Southwest Region
  - Brendan Cohen; Northern California Region
  - Scott Wilson; Northwest Region
- Discipline Committee: Frank Pipal has appointed the following three members to serve on the Discipline Committee for 2017:
  - Richard Symmans; Southeast Region

- Jim Schwobel; Central Region
- Bley Rose; Northern California Region

**Item 3–Approval of FIPJP Rules:**

The Sport Committee, working in anticipation of board approval, has reviewed the updated rules and presented them for board approval.

- The Committee has submitted two documents:
  - Letter of Introduction, Attached File: RulesLetter-1.pdf
  - New FPUSA Rules, Attached File: Rules-USA.pdf

Items to look for in the March agenda. Please submit your agenda items ASAP.

- further revision of Bylaws Article III, which relates to our meeting process
- creation of finance/planning committee leading to a budget process
- approval of umpire list (delayed due to incomplete list)
- 2017 club benefits program
- revised NPL program and prize structure
- board approval of Discipline Committee Procedures