

FPUSA 2017 Board of Directors

March 2017 Agenda

Item 1—approval of February 2017 minutes

Please review the attached PDF [FPUSA_Minutes_Feb2017.pdf]

Item 2—2017 Travel Subsidy Policy (generally) and Ghent funding and logistics (specifically)

Note: for the past few years FPUSA has relied on a policy that appears difficult to pin down in terms of documentation. At the annual board meeting on May 17, 2013 in Sonoma, it was decided that we would limit spending on international travel to no more than 20% of dues revenue, plus 100% of the registration fees from the qualifiers. There was no “action” taken, i.e. a motion/vote, and no policy document is on file to refer to; therefore, that is the task before the board here.

Item 3—2017 Club Assistance Program

Note: please review the attached PDF [2015_FPUSACAP.pdf], which is the most recent board action on this program.

Item 4—Discipline Committee Procedures

Note: please review the attached PDF [DC Procedures-2017.pdf], which the 2017 DC proposes the board adopt. There are no changes from the 2016 DC Procedures. This should be an easy administrative approval.

Possible additions to agenda if time allows:

- Umpire List (waiting on 2016 final from Etienne)
- FPUSA Bylaws, Article III Revision

FPUSA March Meeting, Agenda Item 2

Background Information:

Regarding travel subsidy for our international competitors, we have the following considerations:

1. The “big picture” issues of how much , and from where (dues revenue and/or outside fund raising), as a policy question.
2. The 2017 travel subsidy budget, which at this point is 3 teams, 11 players.
3. The Ghent team, first of the three teams to travel—departing early April.

For 2017, FPUSA will have 11 players eligible for travel subsidy:

- 2 men and 2 women for the Ghent tournament
- 4 women qualifier winners
- 3 men qualifier winners
 - *the Confederations Cup winners at this point plan to go without a 4th player
- Note that in some years we may ave 16 players eligible for subsidy if we send a team to the Junior WC

Through 2013, the following elements made up the funding for our teams:

- travel stipend (\$300/player in 2013)
- uniform allowance (\$150/player?)
- 100% of the qualifier registration fees (only medals are awarded)
- fundraising/donations (no policy?)

At the 2013 FPUSA Annual Meeting, a consensus was reached limiting travel subsidy to 20% of “dues revenue,” plus registration fees, plus donations. It appear this was never documented as “policy,” but in 2014 the following motion carried for that year’s subsidy policy:

MOTION

1. FPUSA will allocate \$4,863 for the 2014 US Teams' travel and uniforms. This represents 20% of all members dues that were paid by Labor Day, 2013.
2. 2013 Qualifier purses will be combined and divided equally among all men and women players on the teams.
3. No provision will be made for a Coach or Delegate at this time.
4. If FPUSA wishes to send a Coach or Delegate for either or both of the teams, funding would be taken up as a separate matter and would not affect player stipends.
5. FPUSA will accept tax-deductible contributions earmarked for International Travel in general, should any be offered.

6. Any donated funds will be used at the board's discretion to equitably fund the teams for up to, but not exceeding, travel costs.
7. FPUSA will not accept tax-deductible contributions that would be earmarked for specific players.

2017 Funds Available Under the Prior Policy

There is a total of \$12,798 available for 2017. There is no holdover from last year, it was all disbursed. Of the \$12,798, \$5785 is from FPUSA funds (the 20% of dues computed on FPUSA membership as of Labor Day 2016) and the balance (\$7013) is from purse monies held from the various qualifiers last year.

Other Notes:

The 2016 allocations were controversial, as the men received substantially more funds than the women. This was due, in most part, to the somewhat more expensive air fares to get the men to Madagascar compared to those for the women, who went to Canada. It should be noted that the men's team was on the "World Championship" cycle, while the women were on the "Confederations Cup" cycle.

- It is important to note that with both men and women, the "Confederations Cup" event is always a challenge due to the fact that historically Canada finishes better than the US in the prior year's "World Championship."
- The Confederations Cup differs from the World Championships in that only one team from each confederation is invited, and the "federation" who's team finishes highest in the prior year's WC is given first priority, or first right of refusal, to participate. Canada always (up to now) always enjoys this privilege.
- Most years, Canada represents the Pan American Confederation, and our CCWQ winning team is allowed to choose an alternative tournament to participate in.
- Here is a link to the FIPJP page re the "Confederation Pan America":
 - <http://fipjp.org/index.php/en/federations/panam-america-confederation>

Another complication is the FIPJP's history of announcing host country venues somewhat late in the process, and/or changing the host country venue.

Motion: FPUSA adopt a revision to the current Club Benefits Program as described below (in green).

FPUSA 2015 CLUB BENEFITS PROGRAM

FPUSA will give financial assistance to new clubs and second-year clubs as described below. Provisionally- and fully-affiliated clubs are eligible.

New clubs are eligible to be reimbursed for their first \$100 in petanque-related purchases during their first year of affiliation. During their second year of affiliation, they are eligible to receive a "50-50" reimbursement of up to \$100 for their next \$200 in purchases.

The Treasurer will notify the President and the Board of Directors if the expenditure on this program reaches \$1,200 at which time the Board may decide to revisit or reevaluate the program.

Examples

Common uses of the funds might be: practice boules, prize medals or trophies, club banners, playing circles, 20-meter tape, score boards, "sandwich board" or other sign, booth fee for local fair, etc. Other items may be proposed and considered by the Program Coordinator.

Restrictions:

All purchases must be made from a US-based company or corporation.

All petanque equipment purchases are eligible with the understanding that the equipment is for the sole use by the club -- OR -- is used for non-cash prizes at any event intended to promote petanque, such as tournaments, community outreach, club fundraisers, etc.

Club banners require the placement of a 6" FPUSA logo.

Reimbursements are for purchase prices only, and do not apply to sales tax and shipping costs.

Extensions:

- 1. If a club does not act to take its first-year club benefit in its first year of affiliation, it will be eligible to take it in its second year, and then to take its second-year club benefit in its third year of affiliation.**
- 2. If a club does not act to take its first-year club benefit in its first two years of affiliation, it will be eligible to take its second-year club benefit in its third year of affiliation.**

Administration:

John Harris is the Program Coordinator.

Proposals for purchases must be sent to John for pre-approval.

Once approved, the club can make its purchase(s), then send the receipt or proof of purchase to John. Reimbursement will be sent to the club in the form of an FPUSA check.