

**FPUSA Board of Directors
February 2017 Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order February 1, 2017

Note: Due to the nature of FPUSA monthly board meetings being conducted via group email, the meeting is considered called to order on the first day of the month and adjourns on the last day of the month.

Members Present:

Due to the nature of FPUSA monthly board meetings being conducted via group email, all members are considered present.

Approval of Minutes:

January Minutes: No minutes to approve, as there was no board business conducted during the month of January 2017.

Business

Agenda Item 1: 2017 Annual Publication

Motion by Frank Pipal that the FPUSA commissions the annual publication for 2017. The publication will be edited by Ed Porto. As editor he is charged with seeking stories, photos and competition results from clubs, players and officials while welcoming and encouraging submissions from those and other sources. Final edit and copy decisions go with the job. The publication shall be prepared and submitted for print with a view to a mailing date as close to the beginning of the new year as feasible.

The total budget for the publication shall be \$5,000.00. The editor shall be paid \$1,500.00 for editorial, design, layout, and will communicate as necessary with the printers to assure a quality production.

\$3,500 shall be budgeted for printing, direct mail to the membership, extra copies, and related shipping. Any amount exceeding the original budget must be approved by a majority vote of the FPUSA Board of Directors.

Motion referred (see below)

Resolved: referred, no vote taken

Motion by Dan Feaster that the motion currently on the floor be referred to the Communications Committee for review. After a review, not to exceed 30 days, the Communications Committee shall present its findings to the FPUSA board for further action. During this period, the FPUSA board shall continue with its normal course of business, most importantly the administrative actions that are to take place at the beginning of the year. In the interest of expediency, I ask that discussion be limited to 48 hours followed by an additional 48-hour voting period.

Vote: 14 Yes, 4 No, 0 Abstained

Resolved: Motion carried

Agenda Item 2: New Club Approvals

Motion from Frank Guzman to approve new clubs currently in provisional status:

1. Bell Buckle PC, Bell Buckle, TN; Mid-America, 18 members
2. Joel's PC, Eau Claire, WI; Mid-America, 8 members
3. Milwaukee Petanque, Milwaukee, WI; Mid-America, 12 members
4. Motor City Petanque, Royal Oak, MI; Mid-America, 8 members
5. Newark Ohio PC; Newark, OH; Mid-America, 10 members
6. Uptown Petanque Ballerz, Toledo, OH; Mid-America, 10 members
7. Nelson Ranch PC, Austin, TX; Central, 25 members

Vote: 18 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained

Resolved: Motion carried

Agenda Item 3: Committee Approvals

Motion by Frank Pipal to approve the Discipline Committee and Communication Committee as presented:

Communications Committee: Dan Feaster has appointed the following four 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
- Bleys Rose; Northern California Region

Motion passed: 18 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained

Motion to approve the Sport Committee as presented with the following caveat paragraph:

The Board acts aware that the committee is larger than specified in the bylaws. We believe the benefits of broader engagement warrant taking this step. Upon approval of the committee as presented, the Board instructs Chairman Canesse to consult with the MidAmerica counselors, and they with the club presidents of the MidAmerica region, to find and add a committee member from that region. The board relies on the judgement of the region's counselors to appoint someone who has the approval of the majority of the clubs in their region, without further approval by the Board.

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; Southwest Region
- Shannon Bowman; Northern California Region
- David Johnstone; Northwest Region

Vote: 18 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained

Resolved: Motion carried

Agenda Item 4: Approval of FIPJP Rules

Motion by Frank Guzman that FPUSA approves adoption of the OFFICIAL RULES FOR THE SPORT OF PÉTANQUE as presented by the FIPJP for use by all member federations beginning in January, 2017.

Vote: 17 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstained

Resolved: Motion carried

.