

MINUTES OF MEETING OF VBA COUNCIL

Held Sunday 14th August 2011 (meeting 9 2011)
At the VBA Clubrooms, 131 Poath Road, Murrumbreena

Present:

N. Ewart	Treasurer
S. Klofa	Vice President
R.Kingham	Secretary
C. Parkin	
J. Thompson	
G. Schaller	
J.Rosen	
S.Stewart	

Apologies: J.Collins, S.Hinge, PFent, J. Hackett, J.Magee
Absent A.Stavik

The meeting opened at 4.30pm
N.Ewart was elected to be the chairperson
Moved. G.Schaller 2nd J.Rosen

1.Correspondence.

Letter from Leigh and Bianca Gold re –website grant

Email from Roy Nixon re Confirmation of proposed state/territory cost sharing arrangement for management and professional indemnity insurance

Email from Di Marler –bridge mates offer to states

Email from Ben Thompson re scoring issues on bridge nights

Email from Sue Kelso re questionable comment on membership form from Seriously Social Bridge

Email-Final Reports from Mary Betuna re 2011 VCC

Email from Kim Frazer requests for consideration by council re 2012 VCC

2.Business arising from the minutes

2.1The meeting opened with a discussion as to what should be included in the minutes of the meetings of council

The following comments were noted

- Third party documents should be included
- Minutes are important for future referencing
- It is important to have the minutes detailed sufficiently so that councillors who are not in attendance have full and proper information

2.2 The draft minutes of the 20th July meeting were discussed .

The item on tabletop scorers will read

J.Collins placed an order on behalf of the VBA.....(clarifying that it was not a personal order.)

Residential Qualifications (excluding youth players)

The word "Regulations" was replaced by "guidelines"

Paragraph 2 now reads;

2. A non Victorian resident who is a financial member of a club affiliated with the VBA and whose bridge has been played predominantly at clubs affiliated with the VBA for at least six months immediately prior to the Selection Trials.

Motion

That the amended minutes of the 20th July meeting be accepted.

Moved G.Shaller 2nd C.Parkin

Motion carried.

2.3 The following sentence was added to the statement accompanying the notice for state representation.

These guidelines do not apply to youth players as the VBA recognises that special circumstances often exist requiring more flexibility.

2.4 This will now be published in the VBA Bulletin and on the website as outlined in the minutes of the meeting of July 20th. These guidelines will also be sent to the M&T to be incorporated where appropriate for upcoming events.

2.5 Minutes on website

It was agreed that these would be brought up to date

2.6 Table top scorers purchased through the ABF

It was agreed that the council will wait for clarification from the ABF with regards to restriction on their use before making a decision to purchase

3 Matters arising from Correspondence

3.1 Previous Correspondence

The request from the Ballarat Bridge club re assistance to purchase bridgemates was discussed. The council decided to pass this on to the FABVC and make an inquiry into the funds available from the Future Fund for this request.

Action The Ballarat Bridge Club will be advised that the council has passed this request on to the FABVC.

3.2

That the council approves the payment of \$300 to Tricks and Trumps Bridge Club for the purpose of website improvement.

Moved J.Thompson 2nd S Stewart

Motion carried.

3.3 Insurance through the ABF

The council agreed that the offer made by the ABF as outlined in the document from Roy Nixon be taken up.

Council members (including club presidents present) agreed that clubs probably were not aware of what current ABF insurance cover does and does not cover. It was clear that most clubs had not covered their office bearers, which was the primary intent of this new cover and that it would be too expensive for clubs to arrange such cover individually.

Action: N. Ewart will prepare a document and include a method of payment **from the affiliated clubs.**

3.4 Bridge scoring and website placement of scores

A discussion was held as to why the scores took so long to be generated and placed on the website.

Action: G.Schaller to speak to Laurie to try and solve some of these issues.

3.5 It was decided to discuss the technology upgrade for the club at length at the next meeting

Action : S.Hinge to bring a summary of where this is up to.

3.6 The issue of whether progressive scores should be viewed on the bridge mates during play in competitions was discussed .

Action : To be reviewed by the MTC.

3.7 The council reviewed the reports by M.Bertuna on the 2011 VCC .

It was noted that many of the expenses during 2011 were one off costs.

It was noted that a more formal agreement might be needed for future persons in key positions as a safety net.

Action : R.Kingham on behalf of the VBA to send a letter thanking Mary for her work.

4.General Business

4.1 VCC 2012

Neil read out a proposal from Kim Frazer on how she wished to conduct the 2012 VCC. The Council concurred with its intent and accepted the subcommittee recommendations.

4.2 The issue of a Convenors list of duties was raised and the council decided to look at this at the next meeting. The issue of the convenors payment package was also discussed.

4.3 VCC venue 2012

The council discussed this issue at length looking at the pros and cons of the Bayview Eden and the Convention Centre

It was decided that G.Schaller would talk to the management of Bayview Eden with regards to food and parking as well as confirming all rooms on the floor were included in the price on Monday and report to N.Ewart

Following this N.Ewart in consultation with J.Collins would prepare a motion which would be voted upon by all members of the council and a decision made based on this vote as to the final decision as to the venue for the 2012 VCC venue.

4.4 VCC committee 2012

The council agreed to ratify the committee as listed by K.Frazer.

Convenor – Kim Frazer

Treasurer – Neil Ewart

Marketing – Phil Fent

Secretary – Ruth Kingham

Advisor – Jeannette Collins

The meeting concluded at 7pm

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday Sept 7th

Action Items

Letter to Ballarat Bridge Club

R. Kingham

Letter to Tricks and Trumps Bridge Club

C. Lachman

Document re insurance through ABF for all VBA affiliated clubs

N. Ewart

Letter to M.Bertuna

R. Kingham

Motion re VCC venue 2012

N. Ewart

Note to MTC regarding state representation

Note to MTC regarding viewing scores on bridgemates

R. Kingham