

MINUTES OF MEETING OF VBA COUNCIL

Held 19 December 2012. (Meeting 11 2012)
At the VBA Clubrooms, 131 Poath Road, Murrumbena

Chairperson: Mr B. Thompson

The meeting opened at 7.00 pm

Present:

Mr B. Thompson	President
Ms K. Frazer	Secretary
Mr P. Fent	
Mrs J. Thompson	
Mr R. Stewart	
Ms T. Kay	
Mr R. Berlinski	

In Attendance: Ms C. Lachman

Mr B. Thompson took the chair & opened the meeting.

1. Apologies:

Mr N. Ewart, Mr D. Morgan

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion 1:

That the minutes of the meeting of 7 November 2012 be accepted:

Moved: Phill Fent

Seconded: Jenny Thompson **CARRIED**

Matters Arising from the minutes

The meeting resolved that the proposal to change the articles of association as described in the minutes had been confirmed via an email vote circulated to council by the secretary on 11 November 2012.

Moved: Phill Fent

Seconded: Kim Frazer **CARRIED**

3. Correspondence

Correspondence In:

1. Melbourne Bridge Centre regarding Capitation Fee Increase & other matters
2. Ballarat Bridge Club regarding Capitation Fee Increase & other matters
3. Bendigo Bridge Club regarding Capitation Fee Increase
4. Bairnsdale Bridge Club regarding appointment of Marketing & Development Officer
5. R. Gallus - Suspension appeal

The meeting discussed whether the request for appeal should be granted. The meeting agreed that Terri Kay & Phill Fent, in conjunction with the Secretary & President, being

independent of the original decision and the participants, would be appointed to consider whether an appeal is to be held based on the correspondence to date, the decision & the appeal letter.

6. ABF: - Notification of Management Liability Insurance Certificate
7. ABF: - Notification of requirement for clubs to comply with 100% rule

Correspondence Out:

1. Letters of acknowledgement to outgoing 2012 VBA councillors - S. Weisz, R. Ellery, S. Klofa, S. Hinge, A. Stavik, H. De Jong, J. Collins
2. Letter to J. Hackett re process for appointment of regional councillors for 2013
3. Response on letters from:
 - a. Melbourne Bridge Centre
 - b. Ballarat Bridge Club
 - c. Bendigo Bridge Club
4. Affiliated clubs regarding State Masterpoint matters
5. Response to Bairnsdale Bridge club regarding Marketing Role
6. ABF: - response to request for input on Strategic Statement paper

General Business

- a) Appointment of MTC chair following the resignation of Mr S. HInge

Motion 3:

That David Morgan be appointed as Chair of the MTC following the resignation of Mr S. Hinge.

Moved: Ben Thompson

Seconded: Kim Frazer **CARRIED**

- b) Appointment of 3 Regional Representatives as allowed under Article 34

The meeting agreed that a letter to the 3 regional presidents inviting them to join the council will be sent by Ben Thompson.

- c) Appointment of Vice President as allowed under Article 33

The lack of a Vice President does not impede the operation of the council, therefore the meeting agreed to defer a decision until the new year.

- d) Confirmation of Meeting Schedule for 2013.

A proposed schedule as detailed below had been previously circulated to all councillors. The meeting agreed that the proposed dates be adopted.

Jan 12 (Planning day)
Feb 13
Mar 3 (Club President's Day)
Mar 20
Apr 10
May 8

Jun 12
Jul 3
Aug 7
Sep 11
Oct 9
Nov 6
AGM Dec 3

e) Website management

The meeting discussed the issue of website management following the death of Blaine Howe, the webmaster. The meeting acknowledged the efforts of Rob Stewart in addressing issues in the interim, however a more sustainable solution is required. The meeting appointed a sub-committee comprising Rob Stewart (Chair) Laura Ginnan, Cathie Lachman & Kim Frazer to prepare a proposal for the website development & maintenance.

Next Meeting: January 12 commencing at 10.30am

The meeting closed at 7.25 p.m.