



MINUTES OF MEETING OF VBA COUNCIL

Held 13 February 2013. (Meeting 2 2013)
At the VBA Clubrooms, 131 Poath Road, Murrumbena & by SKYPE

Chairperson: Mr B. Thompson

The meeting opened at 6.12pm

Present:

Mr B. Thompson	President
Ms K. Frazer	Secretary
Mr N. Ewart	Treasurer
Mrs J. Thompson	
Mr R. Stewart	
Ms T. Kay	
Mr R. Berlinski	

In Attendance: Ms J. Hackett (NRBA), Ms C. Lachman

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

1. Apologies:

Mr. D. Morgan, Mr P. Fent

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion 1:

That the minutes of the meeting of 12 January 2013 be accepted:

Moved: Mr . R. Stewart

Seconded: Ms T. Kay
CARRIED

2.1 Matters Arising from the minutes

Mrs J. Hackett advised that she will accept the position as regional appointee for NRBA.

Motion 2:

That Mrs J. Hackett be appointed to the VBA Council as Northern Region representative

Moved: Ms K. Frazer

Seconded: Mrs J. Thompson
CARRIED

Mrs J. Thompson queried what had happened with Dendy Park. The President advised that the State Masterpoint Secretary had written to Dendy Park regarding red masterpoint discrepancies in 2012, and the matter is to be resolved through the masterpointing process. If the VBA subsequently need to write to Dendy Park on the matter this could be done at a later time.

The secretary advised that no correspondence has been received from the interim committee as expected. Mrs J. Thompson advised that the IC intended to write to all the clubs regarding the outcomes of the voting processes to date. She also advised that the IC would also write to the ABF regarding the outcomes.

Mrs J. Thompson requested the secretary to re-instigate the action item list utilised in 2012 to track matters arising from the minutes.

3. Correspondence

Correspondence In:

1. G. Ridgeway - Declining invitation for Western Region participation on VBA Council.
2. Club de Bridge - Promotion on International Bridge/Golf Tournament Spain - for action by Marketing & Promotion officer
3. ABF: Proposal to introduce a butler pairs event annexed to GNOT Final - for action by M&TC
4. Several letters of commendation on the January VBA Bulletin & in particular the President's column.

Correspondence Out:

1. Ballarat - VBA response to letter on Capitation Increase

3. Treasurer Report

The treasurer highlighted the key points from the financial report year to date. The treasurer noted that capitation payments have been slow to come in from clubs. Other revenue is lower due to a reduction in playing numbers across all events.

The treasurer also noted that costs have been in line with expectations.

The meeting noted that whilst some steps have been taken to turn around playing numbers, these will take time to gain momentum.

4. Sub-committee Reports

a) VCC - tabled

The major concern at present is getting the entry system online for 2013. Ms K. Frazer advised that a target date for activation is March 12th which will enable commencement of marketing & promotion activity for the event.

b) IT

Motion 3:

That Ruth Thomson be appointed as the new webmaster at an initial rate of \$50 ex GST per week.

Moved: Mr R. Stewart

Seconded: Ms T. Kay
CARRIED

R. Stewart proposed the purchase of a data projector that could be connected wirelessly for use in teaching sessions, at the VCC and in other events. Mr Stewart noted that this acquisition had been discussed in 2012, however the purchase had not been completed. The council agreed to the purchase. Mr Stewart to identify a suitable projector set up & put a

proposal to the Finance sub-committee for funding approval. The funding will be taken from the previously approved expenditure allocated from the VBA Foundation.

c) MTC - circulated

On behalf of the MTC Chairman, Mr B. Thompson outlined the proposed regulations governing the running of the new event "the Victoria Cup" which are being developed. Marketing of the event will commence soon.

4. General Business

a) Confirmation of sub-committees for 2013

The secretary detailed a number of changes based on discussion with council members over the past month. These are outlined below.

The work of the Calendar sub-committee has largely been concluded. The remaining re-balancing of the annual congress calendar can be managed via the Match & Tournament Committee.

Motion 4:

That the Calendar sub-committee be dissolved

Moved: Ms K. Frazer

Seconded: Mr. N Ewart

CARRIED

The work of the VBA Duplicate Sessions sub-committee concluded and initiatives implemented. The remaining activities have been passed to the Marketing & Promotions Officer.

Motion 5:

That the VBA Duplicate Sessions sub-committee be dissolved

Moved: Ms K. Frazer

Seconded: Mrs J. Thompson

CARRIED

iii) The House sub-committee work needs to continue to ensure playing conditions & member needs are addressed. The meeting agreed that the house sub-committee can co-opt other members as required.

Motion 6:

That the House sub-committee membership be revised to R. Berlinski, T. Kay, C. Lachman, L. Ginnan.

Moved: Mr N. Ewart

Seconded: Ms K. Frazer

CARRIED

Mr R. Berlinski joined the meeting.

Motion 7:

The IT sub-committee work needs to continue to ensure on-going management of the IT requirements of the VBA. The secretary recommended this should become a permanent committee with changes to membership as appropriate from time to time.

Motion 8:

That the IT sub-committee membership be revised to R. Stewart (Chair), N. Ewart R. Berlinski

Moved: Mr R. Stewart

Seconded: Ms T. Kay

CARRIED

The Policy Review sub-committee work should continue however the membership needs review.

Motion 9:

That the Policy Review sub-committee membership be revised to K. Frazer, N. Ewart, M. Bryan, Mrs J. Thompson (Chair) and M. Woods

Moved: Mr B. Thompson

Seconded: Ms T. Kay

CARRIED

The Finance sub-committee work should continue however the membership needs review.

Motion 10:

That the Finance sub-committee membership be revised to N. Ewart (Chair), B. Thompson, K. Frazer and J. Thompson

Moved: Ms K. Frazer

Seconded: Mr N. Ewart

CARRIED

Motion 11:

That the Match & Tournament sub-committee be re-appointed for 2013. Membership is D. Morgan (Chair), S. Hinge, L. Kelso, L. Gold, J. Stark, L. Ginnan, B. Thompson, A. Robbins, P. Schroor.

Moved: Mr B. Thompson

Seconded: Ms K. Frazer

CARRIED

Motion 12:

That a Marketing Sub-committee be formed with membership of B. Thompson (Chair), L. Ginnan, T. Kay, P. Fent

Moved: Mr N. Ewart

Seconded: Ms T. Kay

CARRIED

Motion 13:

That the RRR Sub-committee be dissolved & the responsibilities be subsumed into Finance sub-committee.

Moved: Ms K. Frazer

Seconded: Ms T. Kay

CARRIED

The relocation sub-committee cannot perform any meaningful function unless a suitable site is identified. Potential sites for relocation will continue to be identified by all councillors and should a suitable site be found the council will re-institute a sub-committee to pursue any proposal.

Motion 14:

That the Relocation Sub-committee be dissolved.

Moved: Ms K. Frazer

Seconded: Ms T. Kay

CARRIED

b) Councillor Leave of Absence

Motion 15:

That David Morgan be excused from the February & March council meetings due to work commitments.

Moved: Ms K. Frazer

Seconded: Ms T. Kay

CARRIED

c) Club Manager Report (tabled)

Motion 16:

That the new members as presented in the club manager's report be ratified.

Moved: Mr. R. Stewart

Seconded: Mrs J. Thompson

CARRIED

d) Library

The meeting discussed how to make the books more accessible to the members. The first step would be to create a database of books. Mr R. Berlinski to develop a proposal to make the library more accessible & to review & update the database.

e) Club Secretary information on Website

The secretary raised the request from Eastern Region to continue to expand the club secretary information section on the website. The meeting resolved that this task would be managed by the newly appointed webmaster - Ruth Thomson.

Mrs C. Lachman advised that a Convenor for the Daytime Swiss Pairs Championship needs appointing. K. Frazer agreed to convene the event.

Next Meeting: March 3rd commencing at 10.30am

The meeting closed at 7.25pm