



MINUTES OF MEETING OF VBA COUNCIL

Held 3 March 2013. (Meeting 3 2013)

At the VBA Clubrooms, 131 Poath Road, Murrumbena

Chairperson: Mr B. Thompson

The meeting opened at 10.35am

Present:

Mr B. Thompson	President
Ms K. Frazer	Secretary
Mr N. Ewart	Treasurer
Mrs J. Thompson	
Ms P. Dingwall	
Mr P. Fent	
Mr R. Stewart	
Mr R. Berlinski	

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

1. Apologies:

Mr. D. Morgan, Ms T. Kay, Mrs J. Hackett

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion 1:

That the minutes of the meeting of 13 February 2013 be accepted:

Moved: Ms J. Thompson

Seconded: Ms K. Frazer

CARRIED

2.1 Matters Arising from the minutes

Motion 2:

That Ms Pam Dingwall be appointed to the VBA council.

Moved: Mr B. Thompson

Seconded: Mrs J. Thompson

CARRIED

Review of outstanding Action Items:

Mr R. Berlinski presented a proposal relating to the management of the VBA library.

A volunteer to act as chief librarian (and assistant librarians) will be sought in the next newsletter. Members will also be asked to consider donations of books from their own libraries that they have read and no longer require. Mr R. Berlinski will continue to progress the project.

The secretary advised that the MTC has developed a position on the ABF proposal to hold a Butler Pairs event in conjunction with the GNOT, and that Mr D. Morgan would be responding on the VBA's behalf.

3. Correspondence

Correspondence In:

1. Oz Bridge re Capitation Fees

2. Bendigo Bridge Club re Capitation Fees
3. Valerie Trice - letter of commendation on changes at the VBA
4. Interim Committee - report to clubs
5. ABF: TBIB renewal offer
6. Ballarat re Capitation Fees
7. RACV letter of commendation on Masterpoint support

The VBA will continue to make efforts to obtain a representative on Council for the Western Region clubs.

The secretary advised that responses to the Bendigo and Ballarat letters had not been done due to absence at the Gold Coast.

Correspondence Out:

1. ANZ Bank – Closure of V2+ account
2. Helen Jennings from B Jacobs re complaint
3. Sam Herskope from B Jacobs re complaint
4. OZ Bridge from B Thompson re State Capitation
5. ABF: Report on 2012 Marketing Grant (from N. Ewart)

3. Treasurer Report

Motion 3:

That as per the VBA policy, the subsidies for the ANC team to compete in Adelaide be set as follows:

- Payment of airfare based on the lowest available as at June 1, 2013
- Per Diem of \$30 per day
- Attendance at Victory Dinner

Moved: Mr N. Ewart

Seconded: Ms K. Frazer

CARRIED

The secretary was requested to write to Chris Hughes as captain of the Pennant Team, Laurie Kelso & the 3 Regional Presidents.

4. General Business

a) Club Manager Report:

Motion 4:

That the new members as presented in the Club Manager report be accepted.

Moved: Mr B. Thompson

Seconded: Ms K. Frazer

CARRIED

b) Free Membership Trial

Mr B. Thompson noted that the ABF free membership trial which has been running over the past 2 years is due to expire at the end of March 2013. Feedback from the clubs had been that this hadn't been terribly successful in attracting new members to the game.

Mr Thompson outlined an idea for the development of a new member brochure for use by clubs. The existing VBA club kit should be reviewed. The meeting had a general discussion about how information is communicated with clubs and the lack of recognition about information that is sent out. This would be discussed further at the President's meeting to follow this council meeting.

Motion 5:

The meeting resolved to offer new VBA members who have never been an ABF member previously 50% membership fee for the first year only - i.e. \$25.

Moved: Ms J. Thompson

Seconded: Mr P. Fent

CARRIED

The meeting also agreed that it would be advantageous to develop a list of post-beginner books to offer to new members who have completed classes & are looking for the next step to improve.

Next Meeting: April 10th commencing at 5.30pm

The meeting closed at 11.30am