

MINUTES OF MEETING OF VBA COUNCIL

Held 8 May 2013. (Meeting 6 2013)

At the VBA Clubrooms, 131 Poath Road, Murrumbena & by SKYPE

Chairperson: Mr D. Morgan/Mr B. Thompson

The meeting opened at 5.35pm

Present:

Mr B. Thompson	President
Ms K. Frazer	Secretary
Mr N. Ewart	Treasurer
Ms J. Thompson	
Mr P. Fent	
Mr R. Stewart	
Ms T. Kay	
Mr. D. Morgan	
Mr R. Berlinski	
Ms J. Hackett	

In attendance:

Mr D. Morgan was elected to chair the meeting until Mr B. Thompson arrives.

1. Apologies:

Ms P. Dingwall (due to problems with computer/skype)

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion 1:

That the minutes of the meeting of 10 April 2013 be accepted:

Moved: Mr P. Fent

Seconded: Mr N. Ewart

CARRIED

2.1 Matters Arising from the minutes & review of action items

Mr D. Morgan reported that the matter of increased participation in the pennant by "Southern Region" clubs would be discussed at the next MTC meeting.

The secretary advised that a proposal on census date change has been sent out to clubs for comment with a due date of June 30th. This item would be revisited in the July meeting.

Mr Ewart raised a question regarding the lack of circulation of MTC minutes to council. Mr D. Morgan advised that MTC minutes would be circulated henceforth & also put up on the website for general player information.

3. Correspondence

Correspondence In:

1. Q. Van Abbe - notification of intent not to stand for ABF Council
2. ERBA - Revised request for Funding from Future Bridge Fund
3. Ballarat - Request for funding assistance for training day (2 letters)

The secretary outlined the exchange of correspondence with Ballarat. Further information provided by Ballarat detailed an expected revenue of \$1000 with costs of

\$800. Given that the event was expected to return a small profit, the request for funding assistance was declined for this event.

Mr B. Thompson joined the meeting at 5.50pm

4. Yarra Valley - Capitation Fee Increase
5. Knox - Capitation Fee Increase
6. ABF - New System Card & Alert Procedures

Mr Morgan advised the meeting that anyone wishing to provide input on the new format is welcome.

7. ABF - Notice of 2013 AGM
8. ABF - Notice of motion re Proposed amendments to the Constitution & Bylaws
9. ABF - Certificate of Currency for Insurance
10. ABF - Call for reports for the 2013 AGM
11. ABF - Proposal for restructure of fees for State Entry to ANC
12. ERBA - Feedback on Joan Butts Seminar

Correspondence Out:

1. Affiliated Clubs - ABF Representative Nomination Reminder notice
2. Shepparton re State Capitation
3. C. Campbell - notification of increase in State MP Secretary honorarium
4. W. Jacobs - notification of increase in State Bulletin Editor
5. Q. Van Abbe - Letter of appreciation
6. B. Morgan - Notification of appointment as VBA rep to ABF.
7. Ballarat - Response to request for funding assistance
8. Sale - Notice of intent re Capitation Date review
9. Yarra Valley - Capitation fee increase
10. Sale - Discrepancies in capitation payment paid
11. ABF: Notice of intent for VBA to participate in Marketing Workshop
12. B. Morgan - Response on Southern Region Proposal
13. Club Secretaries - Notices for April
14. Knox - Response on Capitation letter
15. Club Secretaries - Request for feedback on proposal to change state capitation fee date
16. Melton - Welcome letter on affiliation
17. ABF - Notification of appointment of B. Morgan as VBA representative to ABF
18. ABF - Request for GNP decision to be added to the Agenda at 2013 AGM
19. Kings & Queens - clarification of congress allocation policy
20. ABF: Proposed review of changes to ANC Bye Policy

Mr B. Thompson reported that several states were against the changes which allow the host state to field two teams to avoid teams having byes. The general consensus was that Victoria should vote against this proposal at the forthcoming AGM.

4. Sub-committee & Other Reports

4.1 Club Manager Report

Motion 2:

That the following 14 new members: Tim Blizard (reactivated following census), Leo Bloumis (New), Daisy Bloumis (New), Joni Feldman (ex NSW), Ernie Mandile (new), Maurice Bolling (reactivated following census), Indira Wettasinge (reactivated following census), Ming Zhang (reactivated following census), Sean O'Sullivan (reactivated, moved to Melbourne from Canberra), Caroline Marks (new), Brendan Murray (new), Lachlan Henderson (reactivated,

moved to Melbourne from Canberra), Kay Leeton (reactivated following census), Shirley Rodrigues (reactivated, been inactive since March 2007)

be accepted as members of the VBA.

Moved: Mr P. Fent

Seconded: Ms K. Frazer

CARRIED

Mr Thompson also reported that based on April data, table numbers are increasing.

4.2 VCC

A report from the VCC convenor, Ms K. Frazer, was tabled. Entry numbers are level with the same time last year. Increased promotion over the next month is planned.

4.3 Anzac Daytime Swiss Pairs Report

The convenor Ms K. Frazer provided a detailed report on the event together with recommendations for improvements for future events. The recommendations would be followed up by the relevant sub-committees.

4.4 Finance Sub-committee

- i) Table Fees, and
- ii) Normalisation of variable Entry fees for State events

A proposal had been circulated by Mr Stewart. Some discussion on revising the fees to remove the entry fee and create a table fee ensued. The meeting agreed the Finance Sub-committee should develop a comprehensive proposal taking into account these factors for a decision at the June meeting.

Finance committee to prepare a detailed proposal for the June meeting.

4.5 MTC Report

4.5.1. The new WBF point scale is being adopted for events.

4.5.2. Ratification of Victorian Open Team

Motion 3:

That the Open team to the ANC comprising Chris Hughes, Neil Ewart, Dan Hohor, Traian Chira, Ben Kingham and Hayden Blakeman with M Willcox a non-playing Captain be ratified.

Moved: Mr P. Fent

Seconded: Mr D. Morgan

CARRIED

Jenny Thompson joined the meeting at 6.10pm.

4.5.3. Mr Morgan outlined a proposal circulated to council for a Victorian State Qualifying Points scheme to be used for future selection processes. The proposal is designed to increase participation in the congress circuit and provide congress bridge players an opportunity to win the right to play-off in the finals.

There was general approval of the concept but there was some concern that the scheme may appear complex to the regular congress player. This would need to be managed via a clear communication strategy to clubs and other interested parties. The concomitant ability of the scheme to name a congress champion was well received.

The proposal also included an option to consider restructuring fees to align with this change, however the meeting felt this would make the proposal overly complex. The meeting agreed state fee structures would remain unchanged at this time.

Motion 4:

A concept paper regarding a Victorian Qualifying Points (VQP) process would be circulated to clubs for comment, with responses required prior to June 30th.

Moved: Mr D. Morgan

Seconded: Ms J. Thompson

CARRIED

4.6 Marketing Sub-committee

Mr Thompson reported that a proposal to the ABF to fund a state teacher to run Crash courses & other teaching activity across the state was being prepared.

4.7 Interim Committee

The IC is disappointed that the VBA is progressing with the NSW Model with 3 or 4 Special Councillors, rather than majority that they want. A financial model is continuing to be developed by the IC, and a further meeting was planned for 21st May.

5. General Business

5.1 President's Day debrief (club info kit & new club kit)

K. Frazer will lead development of this after the VCC commitments are completed.

5.2 Senior's week activities

This activity is being managed by Laura Ginnan.

5.3 Grant applications

These are being developed by L. Ginnan. T. Kay volunteered to assist with their development.

5.3 Director accreditation process

B. Thompson meeting with key parties in September to develop a formalised State Director accreditation process for Victoria which can be communicated to all.

5.4 Staff Meeting feedback

Mr Thompson outlined the feedback from the staff meeting. The council agreed efforts will be undertaken to address the issues raised where practical.

Ms Frazer advised she would obtain quotes on side tables

The remaining General Business items will be carried over to the June meeting.

Next Meeting: June 19th commencing at 5.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.20pm

Chairperson

Mr B. Thompson