

MINUTES OF MEETING OF VBA COUNCIL

Held 21 August 2013. (Meeting 9 2013)

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

Chairperson: Mr B. Thompson

The meeting opened at 5.38pm

Present:

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

In attendance:

Ms C. Lachman

David Morgan took the Chair

1. Apologies:

Mr P. Fent; Ms J. Hackett

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion 1:

That the minutes of the meeting of 15 July 2013 be accepted:

Moved: Ms K. Frazer

Seconded: Ms R. Berlinski

CARRIED

2.1 Matters Arising from the minutes & review of action items

Mr D. Morgan outlined the progress relating to establishing a separate region for Southern Region. MTC to continue to pursue this.

Mr B. Thompson joined the meeting.

Ms K. Frazer provided a draft of a new document designed to be provided to clubs annually which will provide a comprehensive summary of information relevant for clubs. The document will be circulated to council for final input.

Ms T. Kay outlined the progress in developing the Mind/Sports Games day in conjunction with the Glen Eira Council. Glen Eira Council has provided a \$500 grant for the day. Glen Eira council to be approached regarding relaxation of parking restrictions for the day.

Side Tables - a source of tables has been identified at \$9 each (i.e. \$900 for 100 tables). A sample is to be purchased for evaluation.

VCC Convenor. Neil Ewart has volunteered to convene the 2014 VCC with assistance from K. Frazer

VBA Xmas Congress Convenor - still to be determined.

3. Correspondence

Correspondence In:

1. ERBA - Application for Teaching Grant

ERBA application is for \$450 from the Future Bridge Fund for 3 sessions by Ishmael Del'Monte in 2 ERBA localities, which represents a small percentage of the total \$2800 cost. Some discussion also ensued regarding the administration of Youth Bridge, as L. Ginnan is travelling down on the Saturday for a Youth bridge training session.

Ms T. Kay expressed concern that prior assistance to ERBA had been provided and equity across all clubs and associations was not evident. Ms K. Frazer advised that very few other applications had been received.

Motion 2:

That \$100 be allocated from the Blaine Howe Foundation for L. Ginnan travel and additionally it is recommended that funding for 50% of the loss for the sessions, if any is incurred, of the session up to a maximum of \$350.

Moved: Ms K. Frazer

Seconded: Mr D. Morgan

CARRIED

2. I. Mansell - Melbourne Bridge Centre re Communication of Directing Rule Changes
The meeting resolved that the secretary will write to the ABF regarding to clubs of changes to directing rules.
3. T. Strong - Letter of Resignation & subsequent withdrawal of same.
4. ABF: Support of VBA action regarding Kings & Queens proposed disaffiliation

Correspondence Out:

1. I. Mansell - Response to question on rule changes
2. Kings & Queens - Proposed Disaffiliation/Final demand for payment of capitation fees.
3. Kings & Queens - Letter of agreement confirming a verbal agreement regarding proposed payment plan and Terms & Conditions of same.
4. Eltham - Letter of disaffiliation for non-payment of capitation fees
5. ABF - MTC letter regarding Bys at the ANC, and participation of a second team from the host state.

4. Sub-committee & Other Reports

4.1 Club Manager Report

The club manager tabled a report on activity for discussion.

Motion 4:

That the following new members: Raj Soundara; Tammy Bloom; Patricia Young; Zita Schmuki; Mary Lewin; Thomas Johannsen be accepted as members of the VBA.

Moved: Ms J. Thompson

Seconded: Mr N. Ewart

CARRIED

Capitation Fees: Agreements in place with clubs with outstanding dues. Two clubs have had amounts reduced due to discrepancies in census data. Other capitation matters resolved.

Table Nos: Decline in duplicate numbers continues to be a concern.

The council agreed to a special meeting to discuss the future direction of the VBA club activity.

4.3 Rules Review Committee

Following on from member meetings, some constitutional changes being drafted. Scheduled to be ready September 1st for distribution to members for perusal.

5. General Business

a) Clubroom Future Planning - Tivoli Club

Mr B. Thompson outlined some discussions that he & Ms K. Frazer had with Tivoli club regarding use of their premises. Some difficulties exist with an arrangement owing to existing group use in the evenings. Other options will continue to be explored.

b) Duplicate Vouchers

Mr B. Thompson advised that draft vouchers have developed with barcodes. The benefit of these is the vouchers can be tracked and lost vouchers can be replaced.

c) Session Changes

New Saturday supervised commenced; new Wednesday session - free introductory trial.

d) Director Development

Mr B. Thompson advised that a director development workshop had been conducted. A framework for development has been developed with formal and "on the job" training, and that the senior directors are developing the content in more detail.

Next Meeting: September 18th commencing at 5.30pm

A planning meeting focussing on VBA business is also set for October 12th starting 10am

The meeting closed at 7.30pm

Chairperson

Mr B. Thompson