

MINUTES OF MEETING OF VBA COUNCIL

Held 16 October 2013. (Meeting 11 2013)

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

Chairperson: Mr B. Thompson

The meeting opened at 5.40 pm

Present:

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

In attendance:

Ms C. Lachman

Mr B. Thompson chaired the meeting

1. **Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Motion 1:

That the minutes of the meeting of 18 September 2013 be accepted:

Moved: Mr B. Thompson

Seconded: Mr. D. Morgan

CARRIED

2. **Matters Arising from the minutes & review of action items**

Director Accreditation process review continuing - should have a completed process for review next month.

Other items carried forward.

3. **Correspondence**

Correspondence In:

1. Northern Region re VQP System
2. ABF: Governance Committee Review & Draft Constitution Revision
3. ABF: Acknowledgement of GNOT response.

The council maintained its view that the GNOT should be a National responsibility and not devolved to the states. The secretary will respond to this effect.

4. Joan Butts: Inviting Requests for Teaching Seminars for 2014.
5. ASIC: Notification of resignation of LZR as auditors.
6. M. Brumer: Issues in playing session

Correspondence Out:

1. Northern Region re VQP System
2. Affiliated Clubs re 2014 State Capitation - 1st Installment
3. Affiliated Clubs - Secretaries Information Pack
4. ABF: GNOT Response
5. ABF: Interim Committee Update
7. ABF: State Restricted Pairs Event
6. M. Brumer: Issues re playing session.

The meeting agreed no further action was required on this matter.

4. Sub-committee & Other Reports

4.1 Treasurer Report

The treasurer presented the annual accounts for adoption by the council.

Motion 2:

That in the opinion of the directors:

- (i) the Financial Statements and notes thereto
 - (a) comply with the accounting standards
 - (b) give a true and fair view of the financial position and performance of the Company
 - c) be in accordance with the Corporations Act 2001, and
- (ii) at the date of this meeting, there are be reasonable grounds to believe that the Company will be able to pay its debts as and when they become due and payable.

Moved: Mr N. Ewart

Seconded: Ms J. Thompson

CARRIED

Motion 3:

Pursuant to section 295 of the Corporations Act 2001 , the Council authorises the signing of the Directors' Declaration on the Statements by the President and Treasurer.

Moved: Mr D. Morgan

Seconded: Mr P. Fent

CARRIED

4.2 Rules Review Committee

A summary of the feedback received to date on the proposed changes to the Articles of Association was reviewed.

The council agreed that most of the commentary received would be incorporated.

The council discussed the need to have a privacy policy that ensured compliance with the Act, and this would be developed by the Rules Review sub-committee.

Ms K. Frazer reported that work would commence on developing the draft regulations that support in the Articles of Association so that members would be able to consider these in context with the articles at the AGM.

The meeting discussed the timelines for finalisation of the changes.

5. General Business

5.1 Club Manager Report

The club manager tabled a report on activity for discussion.

Motion 4:

That the following new members: Neil Dowd; Peter Milevski; Bebe Margulies be accepted as members of the VBA.

Moved: Mr B. Thompson

Seconded: Mr R. Berlinski

CARRIED

A summary of state capitation invoices issued was provided. Only 3 payments received to date.

Mind/Sports Day. Mr B. Thompson reported on the Mind/Sports Day held at the club on October 11. The event was very well received by participants who came. Unfortunately participation wasn't high, due to missing being included in some of the advertising for Seniors week such as the printed publications, and council's booklet. Council agreed that in 2014, the date would be locked in earlier to ensure we get in the publications to take advantage of the free promotion. Council also agreed that co-ordinating events across the state in 2014 is desirable.

5.2 Library

Mr Berlinski reported that Albert Braunstein has agreed to take on the role of Chief Librarian.

Mr Berlinski also outlined some of the progress in developing the library, and the requirements for managing the library moving forward.

The meeting resolved to include a request for donations for specific books from members to augment the titles available.

The meeting noted that the VBA library also provided a source of books for new clubs.

Motion:

That \$500 be initially allocated to maintain the library to cover book covering and other tasks.

Moved: Mr R. Berlinski

Seconded: Ms K. Frazer

CARRIED

5.3 Joan Butts Teaching Seminars for 2014

Ms K. Frazer reported that Joan Butts had advised some options for dates for a TTP in 2014. The meeting agreed that a TTP could be scheduled for 2014. Suggested timeframe is March and a date coinciding with the ASP would be convenient as players likely to attend the TTP were not likely to go to the ASP event.

5.4 VBA Xmas Congress

Robert Ellery has been progressing the event with Cathie Lachman. The entry form is under development.

The meeting discussed the concept of a Super Congress in Victoria, similar to Coffs Harbour or Albury. Ms K. Frazer suggested one of the larger congresses such as Yarra Valley might be

a candidate given their normal 50+ table participation. Mr B. Thompson agreed to raise the matter with the President of Yarra Valley.

5.5 ABF Governance Committee Proposal

Mr D. Morgan outlined the proposed changes to the ABF constitution as put forward by the ABF governance committee.

The council agreed that it broadly approve the principle that ABF is the peak governance body, and the direction being taken.

The council felt that the maximum continuous term for a management committee representative should be 10 years. A representative must then be off MC for 2 years before eligible to re-stand for a position.

Majority for Special resolution should remain at 3/4. Given that there are 8 states, the council felt that 2/3 (or 5 states) was an insufficient majority to pass a special resolution.

The meeting noted that ABF council meeting agendas and material are not being received in a timely manner. This prevents the VBA from providing appropriate instructions to its representatives on voting. The secretary was instructed to write to the ABF reminding them of this requirement.

Next meeting: November 6th at 6.30pm to approve AGM Papers

The meeting closed at 7.25pm

Chairperson

Mr B. Thompson