

MINUTES OF MEETING OF VBA COUNCIL

Held 12 February 2014. (Meeting 2 2014)

By SKYPE & online

Chairperson: 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 D. Morgan	
Ms T. Kay	
Mr R. Berlinski	

Mr B. Thompson chaired the meeting

1. Also Present

Ms Cathie Lachman

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Motion 1:

That the minutes of the meeting of 6 January 2014 be accepted:

Moved: Mr B. Thompson

Seconded: Mr. D Morgan

CARRIED

3. Correspondence

Correspondence In:

1. Special Councillor Nominations
 - a. Pamela Dingwall (East)
 - b. Sarah Livingston (Melbourne Arc)
 - c. Robert Quirk (Melbourne near VBA)

Ms Frazer advised the meeting that should no further nominations be received, according to the regulations the nominees would be automatically elected and the appropriate paperwork and information regarding duties of directors would be sent to them.

2. ABF: Request for Marketing Report
3. J. Puusepp.
4. A. Stavik: re L. Allgood
5. ASIC: Confirmation of advice on Change of Directors

Correspondence Out:

1. ABF: Marketing Grant 2013 Report
2. Letters of acknowledgement to retiring councillors P. Fent; J. Hackett; P. Dingwall
3. J. Puusepp: Response.

4. Kings & Queens - Demand for payment of capitation
 - C. Lachman to advise ABF that payment has now been received from Kings & Queens.

5. ASIC: Change of Constitution filing

4. **Sub-committee Reports**

a) **VCC**

K. Frazer tabled the VCC convenor's report outlining progress to date. Ms Frazer acknowledged the significant amount of work done by the webmistress Ruth Thomson in revamping the VCC website.

T. Kay volunteered to manage the partnership arrangement activity for the VCC.

b) **Club Manager's Report**

Motion 2:

That the following new member applications be ratified

Joe Spring; Glenys Nash; Kenneth Nash; Peter Buchan; John Merkrebs; Paul McDermott; Phillip Felman; Cecile Senior; Pat Makinson; Anne Prince; Peter Hollands; Glenda Beale; Maryanne Bird; Helen Jennings; Simon Henbest.

Moved: Ms K. Frazer

Seconded: Mr. R. Berlinski

CARRIED

Table numbers: Mr B. Thompson to speak with the webmaster to request addition of a Partnership link for players in club/state events to advise when they haven't got a partner or team-mates for events to endeavour to ensure entry numbers are maximised.

Photocopier replacement. The photocopier is coming out of service and will require \$270 per service after June. Ms C. Lachman noted that the photocopier is aged and has been having continual issues and provided an estimate of replacement cost. The meeting resolved to seek additional quotes on a replacement copier.

Roof repair quote. Ms C. Lachman presented a quotation for repair works. The council resolved that Ms C. Lachman will arrange 2 alternative quotes so that a decision could be made at the next meeting.

Outstanding capitation:

Overdue notices have been sent to the 6 clubs who have debts outstanding.

The council discussed the action to be taken with clubs who have not paid and resolved that a final letter be sent to clubs with outstanding payments.

Council noted that clubs who paid on time were in effect subsidising clubs who were late in paying, and that 3 months overdue was an unacceptable amount of time. Council discussed the best method of encouraging clubs to pay in a more timely manner.

Motion 3:

That the VBA adopts the ABF late payment policy for outstanding accounts.

Moved: Mr B. Thompson

Seconded: Mr. D. Morgan

CARRIED

Match & Tournament Committee

The current membership of the MTC was discussed. Some discussion of the size of the committee and the contribution of various members ensued.

Mr D. Morgan was asked to review the total membership and present a proposal to the next council meeting for ratification.

5. General Business

a) ABF Representative

Mr Simon Hinge's term comes up for renewal in May. Mr B. Thompson noted that Mr Hinge is well respected on the ABF Management Committee and has provided reporting to the VBA on ABF activities throughout the year.

Motion 4:

That the VBA re-nominate S. Hinge as a VBA representative to the ABF for a further 2 year period.

Moved: Mr B. Thompson

Seconded: Ms K. Frazer

CARRIED

b) Future Bridge Fund

The policy as developed by Mrs P. Dingwall was discussed, and a few minor wording changes suggested.

The meeting was informed that the proposal in the policy to pay clubs by EFT from the Future Bridge Fund was not possible owing to the type of bank account used.

Ms C. Lachman to contact Q. Van Abbe regarding altering the banking arrangements to facilitate EFT payments to clubs.

Motion 5:

That the Future Bridge policy be approved subject to the discussed changes.

Moved: Mr B. Thompson

Seconded: Ms K. Frazer

CARRIED

c) "Bridge at Tivoli"

Ms C. Lachman noted that an application had been received from Alf & Leeron Branicki to establish an affiliated club called "Bridge at Tivoli".

Motion 6:

That the Bridge at Tivoli club's affiliation with the VBA be ratified.

Moved: Ms K. Frazer

Seconded: Mrs J. Thompson

CARRIED

d) Club Building Matters

Server: The server needs to be backed up daily. The meeting agreed that a second server was not required if appropriate back up was performed.

Air Conditioning: Has been serviced & is working at maximum capacity

Relocation of dealing room. Ms C. Lachman raised her concern regarding the efforts associated with moving boards up & down the stairs to the dealing room. Council agreed to relocation of the dealing room down to the office next to the director's room, provided appropriate security of boards is managed.

Terri Kay left the meeting at 7pm.

e) Bank Introduction Programs

Council agreed that taking up a bank introduction program would potentially deliver some revenue to the VBA for no cost. The council agreed to pursue the matter.

f) Treasurer Report

Mr N. Ewart provided a report for the 4 months to December. The VBA recorded a small surplus in the 1st 4 months of the financial year, a pleasing turnaround compared to the same time last year. A state/club split will be completed for the financial half year (i.e. end of Feb).

Next meeting:

March 12, 2014 at 5.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.15pm

Chairperson

Mr B. Thompson