

MINUTES OF MEETING OF VBA COUNCIL

Held 16 April 2014. (Meeting 4 2014)

By SKYPE & online

Chairperson: Mr B. Thompson

The meeting opened at 5.35pm

Present:

Mr B. Thompson	President
Ms K. Frazer	Secretary
Mr D. Morgan	
Mr R. Berlinski	
Mr R. Quirk	
Ms S. Livingston	
Ms T. Kay	
Ms J. Thompson	

The meeting opened at 5.35pm.

Also Present: Ms Cathie Lachman

1. **Apologies**

Mr N. Ewart, Ms P. Dingwall (owing to Internet issues)

2. **Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Motion 1:

That the minutes of the meeting of 12 March 2014 be accepted:

Moved: Ms K. Frazer

Seconded: Ms S. Livingston

CARRIED

1. Matters Arising & Outstanding Items

- a) Director Training - Waiting on State Director input. B Thompson to follow up with L. Kelso
- b) Air Conditioning

Waiting on contractor to provide a report and quote on corrective measures that can be taken to provide a solution to ensure better air regulation.

c) Photocopier

The recommended option is a 36 sheet/min copier from Konica which provided the most cost effective option. The estimated total cost is either \$10,500 outright or \$228 per month over 60 months.

Motion 2:

That the treasurer and club manager are authorised to proceed with the acquisition of a Konica C364e Photocopier in a rental or purchase plan as determined to be the most financially beneficial for the club. That they are also authorised to manage the disposal of the existing copier

Moved: Ms K. Frazer

Seconded: Mr R. Berlinski

CARRIED

d) Liquor Licensing

The application is progressing. Some paperwork to be completed.

The meeting agreed to limit the liability of the acting licensee, Ms C. Lachman, to the extent possible where Ms Lachman is acting in good faith as the nominee of the VBA.

The meeting agreed

Motion 3:

That a working group comprising Ben Thompson, Terri Kay and Cathie Lachman be formed to determine the implementation of the protocols relating to alcohol sales for the club including serving, storage, pricing, etc., and communication to existing club users.

Moved: Ms J. Thompson

Seconded: Ms S. Livingston

CARRIED

Mr Thompson presented a draft set of Club Rules to cover specific requirements for Alcohol Management which are required to progress the licensing application.

Motion 4:

That the club rules as presented be adopted for the VBA Club.

Moved: Mr R. Berslinski

Seconded: Mr D. Morgan

CARRIED

2. Correspondence In

a) Seniors Week 5 - 12 October

The meeting agreed that the VBA would manage an event. T. Kay will be responsible for co-ordination. The VBA will communicate the dates & deadlines to all clubs inviting participation in establishing Seniors week events statewide. The VBA will consider providing a web page link to all seniors week activities.

b) ABF: Revised Policy on Youth Discounts at ABF events - available on ABF website

c) Revised ABF Tournament & Appeals Regulations - forwarded to MTC

d) M. Yuill: Simultaneous Pairs Data Security - The comments were noted, however this event is managed by the FABCV.

e) ABF: Interstate Teams Entry Form

Correspondence Out:

Nil

3. Sub-committees & Reports

a) Finance Sub-Committee

- i. Half-yearly Financial Reports were tabled

Motion 5:

That the half-yearly accounts be accepted, and published on the website.

Moved: Ms K. Frazer

Seconded: Mr. R. Quirk

CARRIED

The President was asked if the Financials would be summarised in the Bulletin. The President responded that the Club Presidents Day on May 10th would provide an opportunity for Presidents/Secretaries to raise any questions. Mr Thompson advised that the agenda for the Club President's day had been drafted and would be available shortly

- ii. Review & approve honorariums (Masterpoint Secretary; VBA Bulletin. Webmistress) - no changes recommended

Ms Lachman questioned the webmistress honorarium, given the amount of work involved in performing this task. The meeting agreed that this should be reconsidered and a recommendation made to the next meeting.

Motion 6:

That the honorariums for the Masterpoint Secretary & VBA Bulletin Editor remain unchanged.

Moved: Ms K. Frazer

Seconded: Mr. R. Berslinski

CARRIED

- iii. Confirmation of Capitation Fee Increase for 2015

Ms Frazer noted that to provide clubs with the opportunity to plan effectively and set their member fees, communication of any changes to the capitation fee for 2015 should be communicated as part of the annual Secretaries Information Sheet which is scheduled for distribution with Capitation Invoices in May 2014.

Mr Berlinski questioned the effectiveness of using CPI given its questionable correlation to operating costs.

Mr Thompson responded that the proposal to change Capitation Fees as communicated to clubs in 2013 had stipulated CPI. However should unforeseen circumstances necessitate a change to the policy of CPI increases, this could be done in consultation with clubs if and when circumstances required it.

Motion 7:

That the Capitation Fee set for the year 1 May 2015 - 30 April 2016 be increased by CPI and that the CPI figure used will be the data available for the year to the end of March 31st of the current year with the resultant capitation fee rounded up to the nearest cent.

Moved: Ms K. Frazer

Seconded: Mr. B. Thompson

CARRIED

- iv. Late payment of invoices for GNOT & other fees by Regions

The meeting was advised of some concerns with Northern Region regarding outstanding payment of GNOT fees.

The meeting agreed that the finance committee would review and develop a recommended policy on late payment of GNOT & other fees.

b) MTC (report tabled)

Mr Morgan highlighted key areas of the report.

Some discussion ensued on plans to increase participation from regional & metro players in open playoff events.

Mr Morgan advised that the VQP system trial with the Open Team playoffs had been effective, and although some minor adjustments were required, the MTC was discussing expanding the VQP system to women and senior selection events for 2015 to enable broader participation opportunities across the state.

Motion 8:

That the minutes of the MTC meeting be accepted

Moved: Ms K. Frazer

Seconded: Mr. R. Berlinski

CARRIED

c) Club Manager Report (C. Lachman)

Motion 9:

That the following be accepted as members of the VBA: Judith Reichwald, Ann Bednarz, Abe Monester, Annette Monester, Elsbeth Naumann, Julianna Keyte, Michele Lasky, Carmella Rauchberger, Robyn O'Dell

Moved: Mr B. Thompson

Seconded: Mr. D. Morgan

CARRIED

Mr Berlinski raised some building maintenance matters, and the meeting agreed that quotes for repairs should be obtained for consideration.

4. General business

a) Proposal for formation of an Education sub-committee

Ms Frazer outlined the proposal which is to set up a committee that would operate similar to the MTC with responsibility for The Education Committee's will be responsible for oversight of the overall education plan and scheduling for Victorian Bridge encompassing:

- Club Director Qualification, Training and Development
- Club Teacher Qualification, Training and Development
- Player education programs
- Club Masterpoint Administrator Training programs

Membership of the committee ideally should include one or two councillors and some club representatives. Ms P. Dingwall had agreed to participate and had also suggested Ms Chris Heesom would participate although this would need confirmation.

Motion 10:

That the proposal to establish an Education Committee be endorsed. Initial membership is S. Livingston (Chair), P. Dingwall, C. Heesom (subject to confirmation).

Moved: Ms S. Livingston

Seconded: Mr. D. Morgan

CARRIED

The meeting noted that the committee could be augmented if necessary.

Next meeting:

Sat 10th at 10.30am

The meeting closed at 7.20pm

Chairperson

Mr B. Thompson