

MINUTES OF MEETING OF VBA COUNCIL

Held 28 July 2014. (Meeting 7 2014)

The meeting opened at 5.30pm

Present:

Mr B. Thompson	President
Ms K. Frazer	Secretary
Mr R. Quirk	
Ms J. Thompson	
Mr D. Sheather	
Ms P. Dingwall	

1. **Apologies**

Mr D. Morgan; Ms S. Livingston, Mr N. Ewart

Ms T. Kay has advised that she is resigning from the council. The council thanked Ms Kay for her contribution over the past year.

A request for nominations for a replacement councillor(s), ideally to come from the club's duplicate players to be included in the next Checkback.

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

Motion 1:

That the minutes of the meeting of 18 June 2014 be accepted:

Moved: Ms J. Thompson Seconded: Mr R. Quirk

CARRIED

Matters Arising & Outstanding Items

a) Server & Network

Progress is being made on the installation, however as many items being replaced are quite old there have been some unforeseen issues which have required resolution as the installation has progressed.

The new photocopier has been delivered and will be commissioned this week.

b) Benalla funding proposal.

A more detailed funding application was tabled. Council had dealt with the funding support for advertising at its June meeting and no further action was required.

c) Air Conditioning:

A quote to install room controllers to better manage the temperature environment in the clubrooms has been obtained for \$869. The meeting resolved to proceed with the work.

d) Subsidies for country players for state team events

A proposal is to be developed for 2015 - **Action by Finance sub-committee**

3. **Correspondence In:**

1. ASIC - notification of addition of Dale Sheather as a director
2. Shepparton Bridge Club: - Re Capitation fees
3. Sale Bridge Club - re Bridge Unlimited website

4. ABF: - Notice of death of Eilis Magner
5. ABF: Bridge for Brains 2013 summary
6. ABF: Proposal to change masterpoint awards for congresses

The meeting felt that scheme changes should be implemented across the board from a specific date. Introduction of an optional system seems flawed.

Sessional awards in match point events should be broken down per round rather than overall, so that some recognition can be awarded to everyone in the same way that most swiss pairs contestants receive some masterpoints.

K. Frazer to draft a response to the ABF for circulation to council.

7. ABF: Notice of AGM dates for 2015
8. ABF: Notification of ANC Restricted Pairs support

The ABF has advised funding support will be available for two Restricted pairs from each state to attend the 2015 ANC. Council resolved that M&TC will determine a selection process in conjunction with the clubs for the conduct of restricted gold point pairs selection event to be held prior to the ANC in 2015

9. National Tournament Office: Notice of formalisation of definitions for restricted & novice at ABF events
10. George Campbell: - Director's course & consolidated congress website entry
11. ABF: Management Committee Draft Agenda
12. ABF: Draft Governance Discussion Paper

The current governance structure of the ABF doesn't quite reflect how the ABF operates as an organisation.

The meeting discussed some aspects of the proposal. In general the meeting thought the approach was in the right direction, however some concerns were expressed on certain aspects.

B. Thompson to draft a response to the ABF and circulate to council.

13. ABF: Gold point awards for key state events

The meeting discussed the ABF trial of allowing states to award Gold points for key state events. During the trial, the VBA found that the impact on entries for VBA state events was negligible. Furthermore the general opinion was that gold point events should be reserved for national events or events which create a pathway to a national event such as GNOT heats.

K. Frazer to write to the ABF outlining VBA's opinion.

14. Traralgon Bridge Club Advertising

Owing to the receipt of the application earlier in the day, the matter was deferred to the next meeting.

K. Frazer suggested that consideration of a standard funding amount for advertising teaching events per club would be helpful. A position paper on funding allocations to be developed.

Correspondence Out:

1. Benalla Bridge Club re funding request
2. ABF: VBA response to proposal to include Restricted teams at ANC

4. **Sub-committees & Reports**

a. VCC (K. Frazer/N. Ewart)

The Tournament Organiser's report, Supplementary Report for the VBA, Financial Report and Chief Tournament Director's report were tabled, having been previously circulated.

Ms Frazer noted a strong financial return for the event this year was achieved.

Ms Frazer advised that given the popularity of the venue, the Bayview Eden had been re-booked for 2015. Some other matters on event format and staffing were also highlighted to the council.

Ms Dingwall commented on how well the event had been run and received by players.

Ms J. Thompson asked the meeting to express its thanks to K. Frazer & N. Ewart for organising such a successful event.

b. Interim committee (J. Thompson)

No meeting

c. Club Manager Report (C. Lachman)

Tabled

Motion 2:

That the new members Jack Frydman, Sandra Newns, Ann Carew, Michael Butas, Phyl O'Flynn, Kathleen Zarebski, Arnold Dexter, Paul Nolan be ratified.

Moved: Mr B. Thompson

Seconded: Mr D. Sheather

CARRIED

5. **General business**

a. Women's bridge co-ordinator

Anna St Clair has offered to take on a role as women's bridge co-ordinator. The council agreed to the appointment and Anna is to be asked to put together a proposal. The VBA rooms would be available to host training days or other activities as required.

b. VCC & BRC date clash

The clash of dates between the VCC and the Barrier Reef Congress is detrimental to entries for both events. K. Frazer to draft a letter to the ABF regarding this matter.

c. Congress entry consolidated website

Sale and Traralgon Bridge clubs have raised some concerns with the timeliness of their congress events on the Bridge Unlimited website. Some options for providing a more integrated service for Congress event listings were discussed.

K. Frazer to write to clubs seeking feedback on a proposal to create a consolidated congress entry facility.

B. Thompson to contact the web mistress regarding effort required for implementation and any possible issues.

d. Other business

Ms Dingwall commented on the passing of Frank Power and asked if funeral arrangements could be put on the VBA website. Council acknowledged Frank Power's outstanding efforts

in developing a school's program in Eastern Region and expressed its desire to provide support for his work to be continued

Next meeting:

Wed Sep 3rd at 5.30pm

The meeting closed at 6.50pm

Chairperson

Mr B. Thompson