

MINUTES OF MEETING OF VBA COUNCIL

Held 18 February 2015. (Meeting 2 2015)

The meeting opened at 5.40 pm

Present:

Mr B. Thompson	President
Ms K. Frazer	Secretary
Mr N. Ewart	Treasurer
Mr R. Quirk	
Mr D. Sheather	
Mr D. Morgan	
Mrs J. Thompson	
Mr C. Lovelock	
Mr J. Fust	
Ms H. McAdam	

Mrs J Thompson opened the meeting.

1. **Apologies**

Nil

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

Resolution 1:

That the minutes of the meeting of 10 January 2015 be accepted.

Moved: Mr R. Quirk **Seconded:** Mr D. Morgan

CARRIED

Mr Thompson joined the meeting and took the chair.

Matters Arising & Outstanding Items

- i. Revised Draft Affiliation Policy for ratification

Resolution 2:

That the revised affiliation policy recommendation be accepted.

Moved: Ms K. Frazer **Seconded:** Mr B. Thompson

CARRIED

- ii. VBA Website - web master, congress management & member database software

Mr T. Crawford has put forward an application to take on the role of webmaster

Resolution 3:

That Mr T. Crawford be appointed as webmaster.

Moved: Ms K. Frazer **Seconded:** Mr B. Thompson

CARRIED

iii. Marketing & Grants - grant applications

Ms McAdam reported on some investigation she has done on potential grants.

iv. Communication plan for Simultaneous Pairs Restricted event

Mr Morgan reported on a draft communication plan that is being developed to be sent out to clubs. A multi-faceted approach is being planned to ensure the widest number of players are contacted.

Table fees for the state final will be \$30 per player for the day.

It was noted that the finance sub-committee had recommended an allocation to each region annually at the January meeting and that subsidies for country player attendance at State finals could be financed from this subsidy. As the restricted pairs event was not part of the consideration in determining this allocation, an additional subsidy for attendance will be considered.

v. Teaching Congress

Saturday 24th October will be allocated for the Teaching congress one day event.

vi. Other actions from Planning Day (c/o)

Mr Fust reported on progress to date on making movies on how to fill out system cards.

Other items will be transferred to an action item list for next meeting.

3. Correspondence

In:

ABF: Request for annual marketing reports.

The treasurer circulated the report which will be sent. Clubs are to be advised that some funds were still available to support running crash courses in the regions.

Western Region: Notice of candidate for Western Zone Representative

Resolution 4:

That Richard Giles be appointed Special Councillor for Western Zone subject to appropriate consultation being carried out with clubs in the Western Zone

Moved: Ms K. Frazer Seconded: Mr B. Thompson

CARRIED

Out:

Clubs - Notification of request for nominees for the ABF representative position

Clubs - State-wide Awards of Excellence notice & nomination forms

4. Sub-committees & Reports

a. Treasurer

The treasurer tabled a report from September to end January 2015. A State/Club split for the first half-year to be prepared when the accounts are available.

b. VCC

Ms Frazer noted that the website is now up and running, and entries are starting to trickle in. She acknowledged the extensive work that the webmistress, Ruth Thomson has done on redeveloping the VCC website this year. Most of the staff for the event have been appointed - we are running with most of the same team from 2014.

c. Education

Discussion to date has been largely on facilitating player transition between levels. The sub-committee is working on establishment of a mentor program to assist with this.

d. MTC

Mr Morgan outlined some of the commentary on the women's & senior's selection trial changes and the feedback, particularly from female players on the changes.

Some discussion ensued about the overall selection process. The meeting resolved MTC will review the process for 2016 selection trials.

e. Interim committee

Nothing to report.

f. Administration Report

The club manager supplied a report on club matters.

Resolution 5:

That the following new members be ratified: Harry Procel, Louis Cukierman, Cecile Kruss, Barbara Cohen, Jack Huang, Kailu Zhang, Lynne Conway, Rodney Carr, Adam Roberts, Colleen Bourke, Gwen Maeleya, Margaret Yuill.

Moved: Mr B. Thompson

Seconded: Mrs J. Thompson

CARRIED

The club manager advised on her upcoming leave arrangements in April. Some cover would be arranged by council for critical issues with other matters to be held over for the club manager's return.

5. General Business - Planning Matters

a. Anzac Day Congress Convenor

Council resolved that Robert Ellery be re-appointed as convenor.

b. ANC Subsidy Policy

The per diem to be reviewed for 2016. Given the ANC is in Perth in 2015, the council felt that the anticipated subsidy cost for travel made revising the per diem unviable for 2015

c. Teams of Three

It was resolved that Laura Ginnan would be approached about co-ordinating the event. A. St Clair also to be approached regarding entering some women's teams from the women's training group.

Next meeting:

March 18th, 2015

The meeting closed at 7.20pm

Chairperson

Mr B. Thompson