

MINUTES OF MEETING OF VBA COUNCIL

Held 18 March 2015. (Meeting 3 2015)

The meeting opened at 5.30 pm

Present:

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

Mr B Thompson opened the meeting.

1. Apologies

Mr D. Morgan, Mr C. Lovelock.

The President welcomed Richard Giles to the council.

2. Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Resolution 1:

That the minutes of the meeting of 18 February 2015 be accepted.

Moved: Mr B. Thompson **Seconded:** Mr D. Sheather

CARRIED

Matters Arising & Outstanding Items

The action item list was reviewed.

1. Mr Giles suggested VBA approach Flight Centre regarding Statewide Congress sponsor. H. McAdam to follow through.
2. K. Frazer & B. Thompson to attend a briefing held by Glen Eira council on grant applications
3. It was agreed that "development of participation rewards" would be addressed at a later date.
4. It was agreed that the schools bridge program outside ERBA would be postponed until an active co-ordinator was available, as other activities could be progressed first.

Other action items being progressed by sub-committees or pending.

3. Correspondence

- i. Macedon Ranges: Endorsement of Giles nomination
- ii. Western Region: Notice of candidate for Western Zone Representative
- iii. ABF: Management Committee communique
- iv. ABF: Notice of AGM

The secretary noted that the ABF had moved its meeting date forward, and nominations need to be put to the AGM by April. Clubs to be notified regarding the change of date and the request for nominations for the position from clubs to be received by March 31st, with council to approve the nominee via email circular.

The secretary noted that at this time, only one person has indicated their intention to nominate.

- v. ERBA: Funding applications
- vi. Bairnsdale Bridge Club: Funding Application

Resolution 2:

That the application for funding from Bairnsdale be approved and that the application from ERBA be funded in the amount of \$650 from the Future Bridge Fund which is 50% of the outstanding amount.

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

CARRIED

Out:

- i. Selected Clubs - Notification to clubs in Western zone on nomination for council.
- ii. ABF: 2014 Marketing report
- iii. M. Willcox: re Unfounded allegations against VBA and rude and aggressive behaviour and requesting an apology.

The meeting noted that to date an apology has not been forthcoming. The meeting decided that further action will only be taken if allegations against the VBA continue to be made. The meeting also noted that the issues raised by M. Willcox had been resolved by him.

- iv. Moonee Valley - Notice of funding subsidy approval for website

4. Sub-committees & Reports

a. VCC

Entries have commenced rolling in. The website is functioning although some minor modifications are being identified as necessary.

b. Education

Development of videos on how to do system cards has commenced, and some other video material is being progressed.

Establishment of a mentoring system. Rename to "buddy" program. Identification of people in clubs who can assist people progressing from one level to the next.

c. MTC

Mr Thompson outlined some of the concerns that had been raised with the running of the Yarra Valley Congress. He reported MTC will develop a set of congress regulations to assist with governance of congresses for all clubs.

Minutes for February & March will be circulated to council for approval at the April meeting.

Mr Ewart noted that the Rye Congress had used the old WBF VP scale. Requirements for use of WBF scales should be included in the congress regulations. Ms Frazer noted that the use of different scales was confusing for players.

Ms Frazer requested that in addition to regulations for State events being posted in the clubrooms, the state event regulations should also be posted to the VBA website as part of the MTC documents to ensure better awareness of regulations amongst players.

e. Interim committee

Nothing to report.

f. Administration Report

The club manager supplied a report on club matters.

Resolution 3:

That the following new member, Merlyn Armer, be ratified

Moved: Mr B. Thompson

Seconded: Mr J. Fust

CARRIED

The meeting agreed to the club manager 's recommendation to change alarm monitoring companies.

The meeting agreed that The Anzac Day Congress brochure should be distributed as soon as possible, rather than waiting for the April mailout to clubs.

5. General Business

a. Website

Mr Fust reported on the option of utilising the Pianola platform for the VBA website. The demonstration provided to several members of council last week was favourably viewed.

Discussion needs to be held with the manager and state director to ensure that Pianola meets their requirements.

The meeting discussed how a trial with Pianola might proceed. J. Fust and B. Thompson to follow through with Pianola and instigate a trial.

b. First aid / Defibrillator

Ms Frazer raised the question of First Aid training for directors & the option of acquiring a defibrillator from St John's Ambulance together with associated training.

Mr Giles reported that he had attended a briefing which outlined some of the implications of reviving a person who did not wish to be revived. An Opt-out list could be prepared to address this issue.

Resolution 4:

That the club acquire a defibrillator and ensure that relevant training is carried out.

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

CARRIED

The level of First Aid training of Directing staff would be reviewed and refresher training arranged as necessary.

Next meeting:

April 22nd, 2015

The meeting closed at 7.05pm

Mr B. Thompson
Chairperson