

MINUTES OF MEETING OF VBA COUNCIL

Held 22 April 2015. (Meeting 4 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 J. Fust	
Ms H. McAdam	
Mr R. Giles	
Mr D. Morgan	
Ms J. Thompson	
Mr C. Lovelock	

Mr B Thompson opened the meeting.

1. **Apologies**

Mr D. Sheather

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

Resolution 1:

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

Moved: Mr D. Morgan

Seconded: Mr J Fust

CARRIED

Matters Arising & Outstanding Items

The action item list was reviewed.

1. **Website:** We have done some cleansing of data in preparation for setting up the initial site for trial of Pianola. Trial to commence in next month.
2. Investigation of alternative sites: Ms Frazer reported that an assessment had been done of Caulfield racecourse. It was unsuitable for the bridge club use, and had a prior booking for the June weekend of the VCC. She reported it was also expensive.

Further options on developing a site were discussed. Exploration of a partnership arrangement is worth consideration.

The meeting resolved that a plan outline be developed by a sub-committee comprising David Morgan, Ben Thompson & Kim Frazer

State-wide Congress Sponsor: H. McAdam reported she had made contact with the National Sponsorship Manager of Flight Centre. She has also made contact with Baker's Delight. Discussions are continuing.

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

3. **Correspondence**

In:

- i. Award of Excellence nominations (4)
- ii. B. Morgan - nomination as VBA representative to ABF
- iii. ABF: Notice of motion re changes to constitution

- iv. ABF: Marketing update for club administrators

Out:

- i. ABF: Notification of endorsement of B. Morgan as VBA representative to the ABF
- ii. Clubs: Annual Update for club secretaries

Council agreed posthumous nominations for an Award of Excellence would be considered

4. **Sub-committees & Reports**

a. Finance

Mr Ewart reported that the VBA is operating at a small surplus year to date. Expenses overall are reduced over 2014 due to saving in administrative expenses. A copy of the six-monthly financials will be uploaded to the website.

b. VCC

Ms Frazer reported that preparations are well underway. A budget has been prepared. Some reduction in entries over 2014 is anticipated due to competing events overseas and interstate.

Mr Morgan reported that the ABF has agreed the Barrier Reef Congress will be relocating to an alternate date in the year from 2016, in line with anticipated changes in QLD public holidays.

c. Education

Joan Butts Teacher Training Program: 21 participants. A further Teacher development day was requested by participants, as well as some education on 2/1 system. Joan Butts has submitted a proposal for consideration.

The council view was that the VBA should not promote or underwrite any one teacher over another.

With respect to the proposal under consideration, it was agreed that a counter offer would be put to Joan Butts for a 70/30 split for revenue share for her 2/1 training program.

A request for a Director Training program had also been received and this was to be scheduled by Laurie Kelso & MTC - possibly in a July/August timeframe.

Council noted that it was difficult to identify dates which would not clash with a congress, and that participants would need to choose based on their priorities.

d. MTC

Trials of Women and Open teams for the ANC have been completed.

Resolution 2:

That the Open Team for the 2015 ANC be ratified as Jamie Ebery, Leigh Gold, Peter Hollands, Justin Howard, Bill Jacobs and Ben Thompson (C).

That the Women's Team for the 2015 ANC be ratified as Margaret Callander, Shirley Collins, Kim Frazer, Cathie Lachman, Helen Snashall and Meredith Woods with Laurie Kelso as NPC.

Moved: Mr D. Morgan **Seconded:** Ms J. Thompson

CARRIED

e. Interim committee

Nothing to report.

f. Administration Report

The club manager submitted her monthly report.

Resolution 3:

That the following new members: John Makinson, Alistair Maule, Michael McTiernan, Barbara Neale be ratified.

Moved: Mr B. Thompson **Seconded:** Ms H. McAdam

CARRIED

5. General Business

a. ANC Matters

- i. Uniforms: Council agreed to supply a uniform similar to 2015.

The President noted that this year's ANC would be expensive given the cost of air fares to Perth.

b. Grant application to Glen Eira council

The meeting agreed to submit an application for the purchase of the defibrillator for the club. Mr Thompson to prepare the proposal for submission.

c. Charity game in memory of Ignacy Tyrmand

Ignacy who passed away recently at 103 was the longest standing member of the VBA. A suggestion was put to hold a game at the VBA in his memory this year. H. De Jong has advised he will support the day/event. J. Thompson to co-ordinate with C. Lachman regarding a suitable date. It was recommended that the day be held during a day-time session - perhaps on a Monday.

d. Website Content Management

The meeting resolved to develop a policy on website content management. The secretary to develop the policy with input from council.

e. Marketing Future Directions

Held over to next meeting

Next meeting:

May 27th, 2015

The meeting closed at 7.25pm

Mr B. Thompson

Chairperson