

MINUTES OF MEETING OF VBA COUNCIL

Held 27 May 2015. (Meeting 5 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	
Mr R. Giles	
Ms J. Thompson	
Mr D. Sheather	

Mr B Thompson opened the meeting.

1. **Apologies**

Ms H. McAdam; Mr D. Morgan

Mr C. Lovelock has resigned from the council effective April 29, 2015. The council thanks Mr Lovelock for his contribution as a Special Councillor

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

Resolution 1:

That the minutes of the meeting of 22 April 2015 be accepted.

Moved: Ms. K. Frazer

Seconded: Mr J Fust

CARRIED

Matters Arising & Outstanding Items

Charity day for Ignacy Tyrmand. Sunday, 25th October is being considered.

The action item list was reviewed.

1. Joan Butts continuing professional development date. Suggested dates were discussed, many of which clash with congresses. Recommended date is July 11 – 12 with July 4-5 as an alternative. Cafe to be opened. Administrative support to be found in Cathie's absence.
2. Bridge Buddy program: A draft document has been prepared & circulated. Councillors to provide feedback to J. Fust by Friday 5th June.
3. The secretary will include in the next bulletin to clubs information regarding early bird discounts at congresses, and advise clubs on availability of funds for crash courses

3. **Correspondence**

In:

- i. Deniliquin Bridge Club: Application for Affiliation (Attached)

Deniliquin has sought agreement from NSW & the ABF to affiliate with Victoria. Deniliquin has been in discussions regarding affiliation for some time, and their AGM endorsed the members' wishes to transfer from NSW to Victoria. Deniliquin is located in proximity to other clubs which are affiliated with the VBA.

Resolution 2:

That the application for affiliation from Deniliquin be accepted.

Moved: Ms. K. Frazer

Seconded: Mr B. Thompson

CARRIED

Deniliquin have applied for Crash Course funding for a program that will be held in June. Funding is available as part of the ABF funding provided in 2014 for the crash course initiative, and the council agreed to support this initiative.

- ii. TBIB: VCC Sponsorship & Information on Bridge Club Insurance
- iii. ABF: Process for payment of Restricted Pairs Subsidies to the ANC
- iv. ABF: Draft MC Meeting Agenda
- v. ABF: Marketing update
- vi. L. Ginnan: ANC Youth Team Funding (Circulated)
- vii. Brian Morgan: Process for communication of Marketing Updates
- viii. ABF: Approval to field 8 person youth team at 2015 ANC
- ix. J. Puusepp: Request for intervention in dispute with Moonee Valley BC.

Out:

- i. Glen Eira Council: Grant Application
- ii. J. Puusepp: Response to request for intervention in dispute with Moonee Valley BC
- iii. Affiliated Clubs: TBIB information & notification of Club President's day
- iv. ABF: Notification of winners of Restricted Pairs subsidy for the ANC
- v. ASIC: Notification of resignation of Chris Lovelock as a Director

4. Sub-committees & Reports

a. MTC

Youth bridge team to the ANC. A proposal has been received to supplement the youth team by two players given the age of the team. The additional cost given the location of the 2015 ANC is significant.

Council acting as trustee agreed that the Blaine Howe fund would be expended. The Future Bridge Fund custodians would be approached for support, and the VBA would fund the balance.

R. Giles suggested all clubs be approached regarding supporting an annual youth fund raising initiative within their clubs to support youth bridge. Council resolved to pursue this initiative.

It was noted that Mr L. Meyer has resigned from MTC due to personal commitments. MTC chair to investigate a suitable replacement.

b. Finance

Funds from VCC entries and Capitation fees are flowing in. The next set of account preparation will be to the quarter ending May 31st.

c. VCC

The convenors tabled a report. Entries currently slightly down on 2014, particularly in restricted categories. The support in this area is disappointing.

d. Interim committee

Nothing to report.

Council noted little reporting for over one year from the interim committee. It was noted that the Interim committee had indicated it would provide an update on its continuation after the new governance arrangements of the VBA had been in place for one year. The secretary to write to the

Interim committee requesting comment on the new arrangements and future direction and status of the interim committee.

e. Administration Report

The club manager submitted a report.

Resolution 3:

That the membership of John Quayle and Andrew Muir be ratified.

Moved: Ms. K. Frazer **Seconded:** Mr D. Sheather

CARRIED

5. **General Business**

a. Poath Road Re-Development

The VBA has been approached by a developer regarding the Poath Road site. An initial meeting has been held with the Re-development sub-committee, and a basic concept put forward by the developer.

Some further exploration of move and/or development opportunities will be undertaken over the coming months and the membership will be kept informed on progress.

b. Councillor leave of absence

Mr Giles advised that he would be absent on extended leave for the next three months. The meeting endorsed the absence of Richard Giles from council duties for the next 3 meetings.

Next meeting:

Club President's Day and Council Meeting: June 13th, 2015 at 10.30am

The meeting closed at 7.15pm

Mr B. Thompson

Chairperson