

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF VBA COUNCIL

Held 19 August 2015. (Meeting 8 2015)

The meeting opened at 5.40 pm

### **Present:**

Mr B. Thompson	President
Ms K. Frazer	Secretary
Mr R. Quirk	
Mr J. Fust	
Ms J. Thompson	
Mr D. Sheather	
Mr D. Morgan	
Ms H. McAdam	

In attendance: Ms C. Lachman

Mr D. Morgan opened the meeting as the President was delayed.

### 1. **Apologies**

Mr R. Giles, Mr N. Ewart

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

#### **Resolution 1:**

That the minutes of the meeting of 8 July 2015 be accepted.

**Moved:** Ms. D. Morgan    **Seconded:** Mr D. Sheather

**CARRIED**

### **Matters Arising & Outstanding Items**

Review of action items was deferred

### 3. **Correspondence**

#### **In:**

#### i. Affiliation application from Tahbilk Nagambie Bridge

Mr Morgan outlined the content of the application. The matter of sponsorship from Tahbilk was discussed, and high interest was expressed in pursuing this.

#### **Resolution 2:**

That the affiliation from Tahbilk Nagambie Bridge be accepted.

**Moved:** Ms. D. Morgan    **Seconded:** Mr D. Sheather

**CARRIED**

#### ii. Glen Eira Council re Application for Grant

Notice that the VBA's application for funding was declined by the Glen Eira Council . The meeting discussed how the defibrillator would be acquired, and agreed that the defibrillator should be purchased.

H. McAdam advised she could investigate alternative funding sources, and will advise.

iii. Glen Eira Council - Stronger Communities Grant Information

iv. ABF: Continuation of Restricted Pairs Subsidy for ANC

The ABF has advised a \$2000 subsidy for two restricted pairs to attend the ANC in Queensland in 2016 would be offered once again. The secretary to ask the Pairs who received the subsidy in 2015 to write an article for the next bulletin on their experiences at the ANC in Fremantle.

v. ABF: Management Committee Meeting Summary

vi. Q. Van Abbe re Simultaneous Pairs & Croft Teams

Mr Van Abbe had previously raised some issues regarding the conduct of the VSP, and the declining participation. Following the VBA response to his initial concerns, he has further advised that the Croft teams has been discontinued. The meeting felt strongly that if the FABCV was to continue to hold responsibility for the VSP, it needed to address the issues with respect to board security, promotion and other matters associated with running a state event. The secretary to write to the FABCV requesting a detailed plan from the FABCV on how these concerns would be addressed for the 2016 event.

Mr Thompson joined the meeting at 6.10pm

**Out:**

- i. Club Secretaries Information July re Youth Bridge Week
- ii. Q. Van Abbe re Simultaneous Pairs & Croft Teams

4. **Sub-committees & Reports**

**a. Finance**

No report.

**b. VCC**

Ms Frazer reported on potential sponsorship arrangements for the 2016 event. Discussion is continuing and she is optimistic that an arrangement will proceed.

**c. Education**

Mr Fust indicated that due to the change in his personal circumstances he is unable to continue as chair of the Education sub-committee, and stated it would be difficult to continue in a very active role on the council. He stressed the importance of appropriate lessons for players. The President invited Mr Fust to remain on the council in a consultative capacity.

**d. MTC**

Mr Morgan noted that the calendar for next year was being finalised. MTC's goal was to have a rolling calendar covering at least the next 12 months available online. In addition to helping players, the intention was to enable congress organisers to plan their events around the dates of state and national events.

He also noted that the changes to the club program made to run a Swiss Pairs event during the ANC were well received. He acknowledged the efforts of Neil Ewart in running this event.

**e. Interim Committee**

Some feedback was received on subsidising director training courses in the regions. It was noted that Northern Region had arranged a course and other courses in regional locations would be welcomed. This would be considered in scheduling for 2016.

**e. Administration Report**

The club manager's report was tabled.

### **Resolution 3:**

That the following new members be ratified: Sue Lazarus, Ron Aarons, Sandra Faber, Taylor Spence.

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

**CARRIED**

The club manager noted that all state capitation has been paid for 2015. Future year rates to be communicated in the next club secretaries update to clubs.

Preparation of the 2016 Calendar underway. MTC will have overarching responsibility for development. C. Lachman to email clubs seeking applications for Congress dates for 2016.

VBA Summer Congress: The council agreed to the appointment of Neil Ewart as convenor for the event.

### **5.      General Business**

#### **a.    Calendar Clashes**

Ms McAdam raised the concern from country clubs regarding clashes between events and congresses. It was noted that the calendar was very full, and clashes were inevitable. Ms Frazer advised that in previous years the clubs with which a clash was likely were contacted prior to the scheduling to, however this had been overlooked in the clash with the recent event which conflicted with Phillip Island. It was noted that the teachers who might attend events are less likely to be congress participants, and general congress participation is down.

The VBA will ensure impacted clubs are contacted in the event of future clashes prior to scheduling.

#### **b.    Compuscore 2 Workshop Proposal (H. McAdam)**

Ms McAdam indicated ERBA's desire to have a workshop run on Compuscore 2, and whether there would be interest in a workshop in the metro area for clubs. Mr Fust offered to contact P. Busch regarding this request.

#### **c.    Mind Sports Olympiad**

The VBA has been contacted by the co-ordinator of the Mind Sports Olympiad regarding potential for an event in mid-2016. Mr Thompson to respond indicating interest and seeking further information.

Mrs Thompson joined the meeting at 7.15pm

#### **d.    VBA Future**

Mr Morgan outlined some recent discussions that have occurred concerning the site location in Poath Road and potential opportunities. Contact from a developer has instigated a series of conversations and thought about how the VBA might progress in the future. Further thought and consultation with members and other stakeholders is required before any decision can be made.

The meeting agreed a council meeting devoted to this topic is desirable and a date will be arranged.

### **Next meeting:**

September 16th, 2015.

The meeting closed at 7.25pm

Mr B. Thompson

Chairperson