

MINUTES OF MEETING OF VBA COUNCIL

Held 16 September 2015. (Meeting 8 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 J. Fust	
Ms J. Thompson	
Mr D. Sheather	
Ms H. McAdam	
Mr R. Giles	

In attendance: Ms C. Lachman

1. **Apologies**

Mr D. Morgan

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

Resolution 1:

That the minutes of the meeting of August 19 2015 be accepted.

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

CARRIED

Matters Arising & Outstanding Items

Mind Sports Day - Mr Thompson has had some communication with the organiser. Interest has been expressed in conducting a one-day bridge event. The Mind Sports Day organiser to advise next steps.

Defibrillator - The applications for grants having been unsuccessful, the meeting agreed to go ahead and purchase a defibrillator for \$1995 through St John's ambulance which includes training for up to 10 staff members.

Peter Busch training session for Compuscore2 - Mr Fust has investigated the cost & advised that it would be a more attractive option to develop a webcast that would be available to a wider audience across the state. Mr Fust will follow up with P. Busch to arrange.

3. **Correspondence**

In:

- i. Q. Van Abbe re Simultaneous Pairs

The meeting expressed some dissatisfaction with the response. The FABCV have responsibility for the conduct of the event, and as occurs with any other event organiser need to make the appropriate arrangements with respect to advertising, promotion and board security. The secretary to respond setting out the required parameters and requirements which the FABCV organisers must commit to if they wish to continue to run this event.

It was also noted that the FABCV had highlighted to the VBA the need to consult with clubs on matters, yet the FABCV had cancelled the 2016 Croft teams without any consultation with the VBA or with clubs.

- ii. ABF: Draft MC Agenda

Out:

- i. Q. Van Abbe re Simultaneous Pairs

4. **Sub-committees & Reports**

a. Finance

The treasurer presented an unaudited set of company accounts which were discussed by the meeting. The treasurer advised that the accounts, and a state/club split of the accounts, will be made available once the audit of accounts is completed.

R. Giles suggested that ANC flights for 2016 be booked via flight centre as a group booking. The VBA would receive a 1% rebate as part of the ABF travel sponsorship arrangement with Flight Centre. K. Frazer will investigate using Flight Centre for ANC team bookings for 2016.

b. VCC

Ms Frazer advised that Quest Hotels (Quest on St Kilda Road and Quest on Chapel St) have agreed to provide sponsorship for 2016. This is in addition to the two-year sponsorship arrangement already in place with TBIB. It presents good news for the VCC prizes for 2016.

c. Education

No report

d. MTC

No report.

e. Interim Committee

Nothing to report. Mr Ewart enquired how long the interim committee was going to continue to be a standing agenda item on the meeting given that there appeared to be no activity, and had been little activity for over 12 months.

Ms Frazer suggested that Interim committee matters be moved to correspondence whenever there was an inwards item, and otherwise a review will be listed 6-monthly.

f. Administration Report

Ms Lachman reported on a number of matters associated with club maintenance. She advised an on-going problem with a virus was impeding director operations. An investigation was currently being conducted.

The meeting felt an IT management plan needs to be put in place.

F. VBA Future

Secretary will arrange to set a date for a meeting via email.

g. AGM

The President sought an indication from councillors on who would be nominating for council in 2016. The secretary noted that requests for nominations for council and special councillors need to be sent out in the next week to meet the time requirement.

The meeting agreed to ask Paul Hobson to act again as returning officer for the 2015 AGM. As the regulations have been prepared in 2014, this should not be such an onerous task in 2015.

5. General Business

Congress code of conduct & disciplinary matters

Some player behaviour at recent congresses has been a source of complaints. The meeting discussed the idea of setting up a state-wide disciplinary committee to deal with complaints. There was general agreement that this would be a valuable action. It was noted that it would be important for such a committee to be comprised of a diverse group of players. The President to commence a consultation process with clubs with respect to establishing such a committee.

Some support for clubs addressing problem behaviour with specific players may also be worth pursuing. At present the main course of action is contacting the VBA Club Manager for advice.

Next meeting:

October 14th.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm

Mr B. Thompson

Chairperson