

their region. The committee will have the power to conduct their own investigations into complaints arising from Congress players, or to appoint others to investigate complaints.

- g) C. Campbell - Masterpoint issues from Vic Sim Pairs Final
- h) D. Upsall - Masterpoint issues from Vic Sim Pairs Final

The secretary briefed the council on the issues with Masterpointing from the Vic Sim Pairs Final. She noted that the files had only been submitted in late December for the event run in May, and that this was the second year running that the masterpoint files had been submitted well after the conclusion of the event.

Council discussed the possibility of reintroducing a restricted and/or novice pairs state event, and this matter was referred to MTC for consideration in the calendar.

- i) G. Johnson - re Disciplinary Matter
- j) ABF: Marketing Update
- k) ABF Management Committee Communique
- l) M. Millar - Schools Bridge Co-ordinator position

The secretary reported that Mr Michael Millar, has volunteered to take up the advertised position of Schools Bridge Co-ordinator. Mr Millar is a current bridge teacher at U3A, and also held a teaching position in his professional career.

Resolution 2:

That Mr Michael Millar be appointed the Schools Bridge Co-ordinator

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

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Out:

- a) Q. Van Abbe- response to various emails on Interim Committee
- b) J. Puusepp - continuing correspondence
- c) J. Hackett - response to various emails on Governance matters
- d) Yarra Valley Bridge Club - Notice of D&E Ruling regarding G. Johnson
- e) J. Fust - acknowledgement of service
- f) D. Upsall - Masterpoint issues from Vic Sim Pairs Final
- g) Affiliated Clubs - Copy of Handbook/Calendar
- h) B. Thompson - various emails on Interim Committee
- i) Affiliated Clubs - Club Secretaries December Update Notice; Schools Bridge Overview
- J) ABF - Interim Committee Update

5. **General Business**

a) VBA Directions.

The council discussed a number of options concerning VBA Directions presented in a briefing paper prepared by Mr David Morgan on behalf of the sub-committee. The council resolved that the sub-committee will continue to progress with the recommendations as submitted in the briefing paper, focussing initially on operational items.

The council thanks Mr Morgan for his efforts in preparing such a comprehensive briefing paper.

b) ABF Strategy

Mr Bruce Neill, President of the ABF, joined the meeting at 12.30pm

Mr Neill spoke to a change in direction the ABF is undertaking to provide more direct support and materials to clubs to enable the growth of bridge. Key activities to be developed include:

- Online tournaments to make bridge accessible to a broader audience
- Availability of online material such as resources, templates & guides for clubs & volunteers
- Expansion of the national teacher development program
- Building a national director development program; and expansion of the 'apprentice' director program at national events.
- Pursuit of selected new technology areas beyond the existing website and ABF App.

The ABF will provide updates via their communication processes and on the website.

ABF Delegates:

Mr Neill advised that in several states, the ABF delegates were also members of council, however in Victoria, this situation had changed since the resignation of Simon Hinge from the VBA council, and he felt it was important that the delegates have good knowledge of Victoria's issues.

The council agreed and resolved to invite the two delegates - Mr B. Morgan & Mr S. Hinge to the council meetings in the month prior to the ABF meetings - ie. April/October - to enable better two-way feedback between the VBA & ABF.

c) VBA AGM - Report on conduct of elections

The secretary noted the report from the Returning officer, Mr Paul Hobson, had been received and circulated. The council thanked Mr Hobson for his work in this position.

Next meeting: February 17th.

The date for the following meeting was set at March 23rd.

The secretary will circulate proposed dates for the balance of the year.

The meeting closed at 2.35pm

Mr B. Thompson

Chairperson