

VBA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2016 (Meeting 4 2016)

VBA Clubrooms, 131 Poath Road, Murrumbena

The meeting opened at 5.30pm

Present:

Mr B. Thompson	President
Ms K. Frazer	Secretary
Mr R. Quirk	
Mr D. Morgan	
Mr R. Giles	
Mr N. Ewart	
Mr D. Sheather	

In Attendance: Mr B. Morgan (ABF Delegate)

1. Apologies

Ms J. Thompson; Ms H. McAdam

The meeting noted that Ms McAdam may also be absent from the May meeting due to travel.

2. Confirm minutes of meeting of March 23 2016

Resolution 1:

That the minutes of the meeting held March 23 2106 be approved

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

CARRIED

3. Correspondence

In:

- a. ABF: Marketing Update (circulated to Club contacts)
- b. L. Kelso: ANC Interstate Teams General Information
- c. ABF AGM notices (circulated to council)
- d. Warrnambool: Funding application

The application was received after the event. The Finance sub-committee reported it was reluctant to approve funding for an event where application was made post event, since this was outside the policy guideline. The sub-committee reported there had been no opportunity to comment on the proposed training event ahead of time or make recommendations which may have enabled the event to break even.

Mr Giles advocated on behalf of Warrnambool, stating that Warrnambool had not been a recipient of funding previously, that the club was endeavouring to grow through this activity, and that knowledge of policy requirements was not widespread amongst clubs.

Ms Frazer commented that the shortfall partly included the cost of lunch which was not normally covered by funding grants.

Resolution 2:

That funding of \$150 be granted to Warrnambool towards the costs incurred for the training weekend.

Moved: Mr R. Giles **Seconded:** Ms K. Frazer

Following further discussion which indicated this was the amount that would have been funded had the application been received prior to the event, Mr D. Morgan proposed an amendment to the motion:

Amendment to Resolution 2:

That funding of \$100 be granted to Warrnambool towards the costs incurred for the training weekend.

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

CARRIED

The amended motion was now put, and carried.

Mr Brian Morgan of Rye Bridge Club stated that he felt the fee of \$10 per session charged for a teacher of Joan Butts calibre was low.

The secretary to write to Warrnambool, and to also undertake a broader communication campaign on the policy

e. Ballarat: Funding application

A subsidy towards the development of the annual event in the amount of \$200 was approved.

f. ERBA: Funding application

Secretary to seek further information from ERBA. Council feel \$10 per session is low.

g. ASIC: 2016 Company Statement

h. ABF: Draft MC Agenda

i. Knox: Invitation to Clubroom Opening.

Out:

j. ABF: Notice of VBA Delegate

k. VBA Foundation: Application for funding for equipment

President to follow up regarding responses to application.

l. Ballarat: Funding application

m. Club Secretaries updates: Funding Policy, 2016 Information for Club Secretaries, VBA Congress Guidelines; Grant Writing Guide.

4. Sub-committees & Reports

a. Finance

A Terms of Reference for the Finance sub-committee which formalises governance arrangements was presented to the council for ratification. Ms Frazer suggested that other sub-committees should also have terms of reference established.

Resolution 3:

That the Finance sub-committee terms of reference be ratified.

Moved: Ms K. Frazer **Seconded:** Mr R. Giles

CARRIED

b. MTC (D. Morgan)

i. Senior/Women's Teams ratification

Mr D. Morgan advised the meeting that the youth team entries had closed today, and as only 3 pairs entered, the entered pairs should be ratified as the team. He noted that there was a greater mix of experienced & less experienced players this year.

Resolution 5

That the senior team be ratified as F. Beale, R Van Riel, A. Robbins, D. Newlands, A. Krolikowski, M. Gurfunkiel.

That the women's team be ratified as C. Lachman, H. Snashall, J. Magee, J. Collins, J. Hackett, K. French.

That the youth team be Jamie Thompson, Finn Rennie, Conor Hosking, Patrick Clifford, Aiden Robertson, Liam Robertson

Moved: Mr D. Morgan **Seconded:** Mr B. Thompson

CARRIED

Team Captains are to be finalised for all teams.

Format of team selections

A questionnaire has been prepared using Survey Monkey to circulate to players regarding the format of the trials to ascertain feedback on the manner in which the playoffs have been conducted this year and in previous years, and also seeking input on the VQP system.

Minutes of February Meeting.

A copy of the minutes of February 3rd were submitted to council. Ms Frazer suggested a "management communique" style summary may be more useful for uploading to the website than the minutes.

c. VBA Future

Nothing to report.

d. VCC

Mr Ewart advised there are some minor issues with the Entry management system. Mr Ewart advised that he is in communication with P. Busch regarding these.

e. Administration Report (C. Lachman)

New Members:

Resolution 5

That J. Brown be ratified as a new member.

Moved: Mr B. Thompson **Seconded:** Mr D. Sheather

The club manager's report also noted that:

Due to a timing clash with Mother's Day, the Teams of 3 is rescheduled to 16th July.

State capitation – all invoices issued – as of Monday 18th April, \$4,250 received of \$53,098.50 billed.

5. General Business

a. Youth Bridge - Victorian Player Database

Ms Frazer raised the lack of information on youth players, and the need to re-appoint a youth bridge co-ordinator to replace Laura Ginnan. Council resolved to advertise for a youth bridge co-ordinator. Targetting of specific players &/or parents as well as general promotional email via pianola & in VBA Bulletin.

b. State Team Subsidy Date & Flight Centre

Council resolved that the state team subsidy will be moved forward to be set on May 1 given the earlier schedule of the ANC in 2016.

Ms Frazer also reported she is in discussions with Flight Centre regarding a group booking arrangement and trailing commissions similar to the ABF/Canberra Bridge Club.

c. Event Promotion & Management

Ms Frazer raised the requirement for improved marketing & promotion of events. The meeting discussed the viability of state-wide congress marketing and promotion officer for events, particularly congresses. Further investigation work is required and consultation with clubs to determine the requirement and benefits of this type of service.

d. Report from ABF delegate

Mr B. Morgan reported that he chairs the ABF Marketing and Teaching sub-committee. S. Mulcahy keen to visit Victoria to run a marketing workshop for club administrators. He also reported he is keen to continue to seek improvements to the national event format for restricted players, since the demise of the GNRP several years ago.

The ABF AGM is scheduled for 21-22 May. Mr D. Morgan asked the council to advise the 3 ABF representatives of any items to be raised at the ABF meeting.

6. Next meeting

May 25th 2016.