

## VBA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 25, 2016 (Meeting 5 2016)

VBA Clubrooms, 131 Poath Road, Murrumbeena

The meeting opened at 5.30pm

### Present:

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

In Attendance: Mr B. Morgan (ABF Delegate)

### 1. Apologies

Mr R. Giles

### 2. Confirm minutes of meeting of April 20, 2016

#### Resolution 1:

That the minutes of the meeting held April 20, 2016 be approved

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

**CARRIED**

#### a. Matters Arising & Action Items

##### i. Website

Ms Frazer had enquired with P. Gumby was available to create a website along the lines of the NSWBA site, however this offer was declined

A draft requirements document has been prepared. The document will be circulated to potential suppliers for quotation.

##### ii. Teams of 3

Ms Frazer advised that several team captains had been identified, however as she would now be interstate at an ABF Management Committee meeting, an Organiser for the day was required. Council agreed to advertise via Pianola.

##### iii. Flight centre update

Ms Frazer advised that efforts to negotiate arrangements with Flight Centre have been unsuccessful. Whilst FC were willing to come to an arrangement, the benefits to players were negligible, and the effort involved very time-consuming.

Mr Thompson advised that addition to the website of an Expedia link whereby players access a click-through method, would provide a small kickback to the VBA from bookings with minimal effort, and council agreed this was a more appealing approach.

##### iv. State Marketing & Promotion Officer

Carried over to next meeting.

v. D&E committee ratification

Two nominations received for Rob Quirk & Graham Morris.

Richard Giles & Helen McAdam also had indicated they would be willing to be nominated, however formal nominations had not been received at the closing date.

Ms Frazer noted that the effective date for the commencement of the D&E regulations had been communicated to clubs as July 1st.

**Resolution 2:**

The G. Morris & R. Quirk be appointed to the D&E committee.

**Moved:** Ms K. Frazer     **Seconded:** Ms H. McAdam

**CARRIED**

Ms Frazer advised council that the regulations may require modification to allow the VBA council to appoint members to the committee in the event that insufficient nominations are received.

2. Correspondence

**In:**

a. ABF: Marketing Seminars

Council agreed to taking up Sandra Mulcahy's offer to run marketing seminars in Victoria. Available dates to be identified; potentially run in conjunction with President's Day - suggestion August or October.

b. ABF: Player ban - A. Smirnov

c. ABF: ANC youth team rule variance

d. ABF: Certificate of Currency Public & Product Liability Insurance

e. ABF: Marketing Update

f. VBA Awards for Excellence: Various nominations

g. Q. Van Abbe: Vic Sim Pairs results

**Out:**

h. Warrnambool: Response to Funding application

i. ERBA: Response to Funding Application

j. Affiliated clubs: D&E regulations & call for nominations

k. Affiliated clubs: Certificate of Currency Public & Product Liability Insurance

l. B. Neill ABF: Restricted Pairs Prize

m. Affiliated Clubs - reminder on Congress guidelines and mandatory reporting obligations

3. Sub-committees & Reports

a. Finance

Finances looking very solid. VCC entries very strong - anticipating a record entry.

Several clubs annual capitation outstanding. Reminder notices have been distributed to tardy clubs.

b. MTC (D. Morgan)

i. Minutes of March Meeting.

**Resolution 3:**

That the MTC minutes of the March meeting be ratified.

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

**CARRIED**

Player & club survey in progress on method of selecting state teams. Approximately 35 responses received to date. Some clubs responding matter not relevant to them. Due date for feedback June 27th, after which MTC will conduct some analysis and provide a report to council.

ii. Vic Sim Pairs

Recommendation that the two restricted pairs prizes be awarded to:

Due to the number of irregularities associated with the conduct of the 2016 Vic Sim Pairs final, and the low entry, the council resolved that VBA will assume control of both Vic Sim Pairs and Restricted Pairs Prizes for 2017.

For 2017, the MTC recommendation is that the restricted pairs event be run as a stand-alone event. Council accepted with thanks the offer of Brian Morgan to co-ordinate the Restricted Pairs event in 2017.

iii. ANC Team Captain ratification

Mr Morgan reported that considerable time had been expended on identifying team captains to fill the three vacant slots, and the lack of agreement amongst team members had been disappointing.

**Resolution 4:**

That the following be ratified for ANC teams:

Mr M. Henbest be appointed as non-playing captain of the Senior team.

Ms C. Lachman be appointed as playing captain of the Women's team.

Mr J. Thompson be appointed as playing captain of the Youth team.

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

**CARRIED**

Mr Morgan outlined some issues with the duty of care issues associated with the youth team resulting from use of a playing captain, and from the ANC being hosted in a licensed club.

The council discussed some options to provide an adult who could fulfil the duty of care responsibilities for the youth team which will be pursued in the next week to ensure appropriate support is provided to J. Thompson for the youth team.

c. ABF Report (K. Frazer)

Ms Frazer tabled a comprehensive report from the ABF Annual General Meeting. She highlighted a few areas of interest including:

The ABF has requested all states to consider succession planning for Tournament Organisers for ABF licensed events

Request for states to identify teachers with appropriate skill sets who may be eligible for automatic qualification for TTP certificates.

The ABF is seeking input from states on how to identify & investigate cheating in events.

States to assist with increasing awareness of the role of recorder in ABF licensed events. As the VCC is the next licensed event on the calendar, it will be used as a trial for an increased awareness campaign.

The international Zone 7 President is stepping down in 2017, and a replacement candidate is being sought.

The Mixed Team's format will become more predominant in 2017 internationally and consideration could be given to how Mixed teams might play a more prominent role in state/national events.

The ABF mid-year meeting will be November 5th.

d. VCC

Ms Frazer reported that the event was very full, and entries would shortly be closed. The support from sponsors has allowed for prize awards such as free accommodation and similar, and she expects the event to return a profit for the VBA.

e. Administration Report (C. Lachman)

**Resolution 5:**

That the following new members be ratified:

Jim Brown and Brijesh Gupta

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

**CARRIED**

4. General Business

a. Playoff feedback - a regional perspective (H. McAdam)

Ms McAdam suggested that the playoff environment at the VBA was very daunting for new participants. She suggested that creation of a more welcoming environment for players would be well received.

Council agreed that a more welcoming approach could be taken to state events, and further agreed that a representative of council should also be available at the beginning of the event to welcome players and at the end to announce winners.

b. Joan Butts CPD Date

As proposed by Joan a date has been set for June 14th immediately after the VCC.

5. Next meeting

22nd June