

VBA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
January 25 2017 (Meeting 1 2017)
VBA Clubrooms, 131 Poath Road, Murrumbena

The meeting opened at 5.30pm

Present:

Mr B. Thompson	President
Ms K. Frazer	Secretary
Mr D. Morgan	
Mr D. Sheather	
Mr R. Quirk	
Mr C. Leach	
Ms H. McAdam	
Mr M. Phillips	
Mr R. Giles	
Mr N. Ewart	Treasurer

In attendance: Ms C. Lachman

Apologies

Nil

1. Confirm minutes of meeting of December 14, 2016

Resolution 1:

That the minutes of the December 14 meeting be accepted

Moved: Mr R. Quirk **Seconded:** Mr D. Sheather

CARRIED

2. Matters arising from the minutes

ABF Teaching Fellows: Council agreed to nominate Mary Elson for accreditation as an ABF teaching fellow.

Secretary to write to the ABF including Mary Elson bio as part of the nomination.

Website: Mr Thompson reported that the website development is progressing. Late February continues to be the milestone date for commencing changeover. Mr Phillips to be provided access to the Web Developer site.

Mr Ewart joined the meeting.

3. Correspondence

In:

- a. ABF: Marketing update
- b. K. Muntz: Summer Congress Report
- c. J. Thompson – Suggestion to name an event after Felicity Beale

Ms Frazer suggested the Women's Teams Category event at the VCC could be named after Felicity Beale and a suitable trophy acquired. Mr Leach suggested another possibility would be to name a table in the VBA Premises in memory.

Mr Morgan enquired whether a current policy existed, and subsequently offered to draft a policy which would include historical data on the specific events already named in the calendar.

Council resolved that Mr Morgan undertake the initial drafting of a policy.

d. ABF: Management Communique

Out:

e. Affiliated Clubs: Club secretaries update – January

f. Affiliated Clubs: Marketing workshop outcomes for comment

Mr Thompson queried whether any nominations had been received for the ABF delegate. The secretary stated no formal nominations had yet been received. The secretary advised the meeting she was unlikely to be able to attend the ABF AGM due to the clash with the Victorian women's team playoffs. She suggested Mr Thompson be nominated to attend in her place given his current work with the ANC review and requirement to report to the AGM on this matter. The meeting agreed to nominate Mr Thompson as substitute for the AGM.

4. Committees & Reports

a. Finance

Mr Ewart reported that revenue from table fees has declined in the past three months. He also noted that Monday night entries are particularly low. He suggested one factor is the reduction in number of red point events available.

Council resolved that comparisons between competition entries year on year need to be presented as a matter of course.

Mr Thompson will generate comparison data between events and circulate to council.

b. Match and Tournament

Mr Sheather reported that:

1. MTC will be seeking more members to renew its ranks in the months ahead.
2. MTC continue to work on development of regulations for the Simultaneous Pairs.

Ms Frazer requested the regulations be available by end of February for circulation to clubs. Mr Sheather advised the contract for scoring of the Simultaneous Pairs between the VBA and Mr Willcox has been finalised and is ready for signature.

3. A new event would be conducted in August – Champion of State champion pairs championship. Each club will be informed of terms and conditions in the next few weeks.

As a result of considerable activity in the past 10 days appertaining to the website information for the new selection processes and events, Ms Frazer raised the need for MTC to ensure website data relating to events was updated in a timely manner, and to draft content for the webmaster to use.

c. Marketing & Education

Mr Leach reported the ABF has a comprehensive marketing plan which could be utilised as an overall approach for the VBA. He advised that he has arranged to meet with the National Marketing Officer at the Gold Coast. Marketing activity is most likely to be best progressed

by employment of a professional on a part or full-time basis, but this needs to be explored in the future.

Marketing of club/state events also needs to be considered as part of general promotional activity to increase the number of players participating.

Local Government could be approached regarding funding for marketing/development activity to support. A local councillor who has expressed interest in the club's affairs should be invited to present the trophies at the Anzac Day event.

Mr Leach advised he has met with Joan Butts the National Education Officer. The ABF has a very co-ordinated approach to education and basic ground rules. Only a small number of teachers in Victoria are currently accredited under the ABF program.

The meeting discussed the factors influencing the lack of accredited teachers in Victoria. The meeting resolved that the secretary should write to ABF regarding potential conflict of interest with National Teaching co-ordinator.

Helen Schapper who had indicated willingness to be involved in VBA marketing activities has advised her circumstances have changed and she is not able to participate at this time.

d. Administration Report (C. Lachman)

Resolution 2:

That John Brownbill, Kathy Rozendorn and Brigette Stuthe be ratified as members of the VBA.

Moved: Mr B. Thompson

Seconded: Mr R. Quirk

CARRIED

Ms Lachman also advised that:

- The telephone system had experienced significant outage issues over the December/January period following storm damage in the area. The responsiveness from the supplier was unacceptable, and quotes were being sought to change providers.
- The air conditioning system continues to require repair work which has been completed.
- Some other building repairs and maintenance have been undertaken.
- Since returning from LSL all accounts have been brought up to date.
- Thursday evening duplicate session requires reinvigoration.

5. General Business

a. Life membership nomination

The meeting discussed the nomination of a member for life membership. Mr Thompson suggested the nomination be reviewed against the policy.

The secretary will circulate the policy to council.

b. VBA Summer congress

Kitty Muntz joined the meeting.

The report on the summer congress was received. The meeting discussed some concerns which had been expressed regarding the entry fee and the catering. The lack of participation of VBA members in supporting the running of the congress continues to be weak.

Mr Giles suggested offering a discount of the entry fee for members who bring a plate, which is used at Ballarat.

The council thanked Kitty for her work in running the summer congress, and asked Kitty to consider convening the Anzac Daytime Swiss Pairs this year subject to availability.

Future Meeting Dates.

March 1, April 5, May 17, June 21, July 26, Aug 30, Oct 11, Nov 20 (AGM), Nov 22 (new council 1st meeting), Jan 3

A date for a one-day Marketing meeting involving clubs to be determined.

Wednesday, March 1 at 5.30pm.

Meeting closed at 7.20pm

Chairperson

Ben Thompson