

Victorian Bridge Association
Minutes of meeting 5th December 2001

Meeting commenced at 6.30 PM

Attendance

Present: G. Gaspar, M. Balint, M. Chrapot, J. Collins, L. Kelso, E. Muirden, J. Phillips, J. Thompson, M. Tencer, M. Yuill
Apologies: R. Blutstein, A. Cabelli, A. Halmos, D. Smart

Agenda Format

It was agreed that meeting times be limited to a maximum of 60 minutes.
An agenda will be drawn up prior to each meeting. Discussion on any individual agenda item will be limited to 10 minutes. If the item requires further discussion, it will be referred to a subcommittee.
Copies of subcommittee reports will be given in writing to council members prior to their presentation at a Council meeting. These reports should be made available to members one week before the scheduled Council meeting.

Business Arising from General Meeting

Bidding Boxes

Michael Balint to investigate issue of bidding boxes. Report requested within 30 days (copies to Council members one week before presentation at meeting).

Alternative Clubhouse

Michael Chrapot (head), Andrew Halmos and George Gaspar to comprise subcommittee to investigate proposal(s).

Other Business

Assignment of Responsibilities

News Bulletin

Jacqui Phillips will continue to take responsibility for the newsletter (shortened form).

Web Site

Margaret Yuill to take responsibility for the VBA web site.

Duplicate Sessions

Evelyn Muirden to take responsibility for issues here.

Facilities

Ros Blutstein is requested to take responsibility for issues regarding VBA clubroom facilities - e.g. quality of coffee, table service etc.

Match and Tournament Subcommittee

Jenny Thompson to ask Ben Thompson to continue in his capacity as Chairman of this subcommittee. Ben to choose other members of subcommittee. Di Smart is requested to be the Council liaison member.

Special Events

Jenny Thompson to take responsibility for preparations for ANC 2004. Jenny to report to Council on current state (if any) of preparations.

The issue of the Victor Champion Cup was also mentioned. This is no longer a VBA event.

FABCV

George Gaspar and Andrew Halmos to take responsibility in this area. The Council is aiming to re-establish the good relationship it had with the FABCV.

A group will be formed comprising two VBA members (Andrew and George) and two FABCV members. Peter Wilkinson will act as moderator and will also be responsible for preparing meeting agenda and convening of meetings.

Ethics Committee

Di Smart and Andre Cabelli asked to assist in this area. Simon Hinge is currently Chairman of this committee.

Marketing

Jeannette Collins to be responsible.

Finance

Miriam Tencer(head) and Andrew Halmos to comprise this subcommittee.

Evelyn Muirden suggested that the Constitution needs to be looked at. Laurie Kelso to organize copies of constitution for distribution.

Michael Balint will draw up a questionnaire to be put to VBA members. Questions to be submitted to Michael. Suggestions so far include quality of coffee, ambience of clubrooms and online access to newsletter.

ABF Representative

Justin Stark has applied for the ABF Representative position relinquished by Ken Lee. Laurie Kelso to distribute copies of Justin's application to Council members.

Complaint lodged by Erica Linton and Margaret Yuill against Henry Sawicki

In accordance with Constitution, a hearing has been set for Wednesday 19th December at 6.00 p.m. The Secretary to inform Mr. Sawicki and to provide him with copies of complaint and relevant extract from Constitution. Erica Linton to be informed of time and location of the hearing. The following members have asked to be excused from this hearing : George Gaspar, Miriam Tencer, Jenny Thompson and Margaret Yuill.

Next Meeting.

It was decided that the next meeting would be held at 7.00 p.m. on Sunday 6th January 2002 at the VBA clubrooms. No regular meeting time has been set as yet.

Meeting closed at 7.35 pm.