

VICTORIAN BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Sunday 6th January 2002 at 7.00 PM at
the VBA Clubrooms 12 Macquarie Street Prahran

Meeting commenced at 7.00 PM

1. ATTENDANCE

Present:

Mr. George Gaspar	President
Prof. Andrew Halmos	Vice President
Mrs. Jenny Thompson	Vice President
Ms. Margaret Yuill	Secretary
Mrs. Miriam Tencer	Treasurer
Dr. Michael Balint	
Mrs. Jeannette Collins	
Dr. Laurie Kelso	
Mrs. Evelyn Muirden	
Mrs. Jackie Phillips	
Ms. Ros Blutstein	
Dr. Andre Cabelli	

Apologies:

D. Smart

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES - Council meeting of 5th December 2001

(a) Confirmation

Moved J.Collins and J.Phillips that minutes be confirmed. Carried.

(b) Business Arising

1.Match and Tournament Committee. J. Thompson reported that Ben Thompson has agreed to head up this committee. Di Smart and Justin Stark have accepted positions on MT/C. It is hoped that Tim Lee will continue on committee. Motion to approve MT/C structure carried.

2. Bidding Boxes

M. Balint to issue full report before next meeting. In brief advantages were stated as :

- used internationally
- no cheating

disadvantages:

- expense
- nuisance, cumbersome

use of bidding boxes at clubs in NSW also discussed - general feeling towards BB's negative.

3.Facilities

R. Blutstein reported. Canteen contractor, Alice Tomkin is happy to upgrade - hot soup, cappuccino making etc.

R.Blutstein suggested purchase/rental of water cooler - costing report to be presented next meeting.

Motion that R.Blutstein purchase magnification glasses of various strengths to be made available for general use. **Carried.**

3. ITEMS TO BE STARRED

The following were starred :

Special Events - J.Thompson
Youth Conference - R. Blutstein
Pre-Dealt Boards - J.Collins
VBA Competitions - J. Phillips
Meeting Dates
CD/M Report - L. Kelso
VBA Newsletter - J. Phillips

4. CORRESPONDENCE

It was agreed that the Secretary would provide folders containing inward/outward correspondence to be available to Council members 30 minutes prior to commencement of meeting.
No correspondence discussed.

5. MEMBERSHIP

New member - Mr. Henry Sawicki - application approved. Application form to be filled in.
L. Kelso reported that condolence cards had been sent to families of recently deceased members. Get Well cards sent to members who have been hospitalised.

6. SUMCOMMITTEES

Relocation

G. Gaspar reported on the need to have membership endorsement of decision to relocate. Ms. Michelle Erlich has agreed to be Honorary Counsel to VBA Council. It was agreed that M. Erlich be asked to examine VBA Constitution to ascertain how agreement to continue with process is gained from the Members.
A. Halmos to contact M.Erlich.
A. Halmos to report back to next meeting on this issue.

FABCV Liaison

G. Gaspar reported that a meeting is to be organized next February.

Special Events

J. Thompson suggested formation of subcommittee to oversee 2004 ANC. Subcommittee to consist of J. Thompson, R. Blutstein and L. Kelso.
J. Thompson commented on the need to decide on venue for 2004 ANC by midway through 2002. A deposit should be put down by this time. The venue should also be a location that offers accommodation.

Parking

A. Halmos tabled report on Parking. He has spoken to Swinburne Prahraan Campus regarding use of site by VBA members. Will talk further next week and report back.

7. GENERAL BUSINESS AND STARRED ITEMS

Newsletter

Ms. Cathy Chua has kindly offered to take responsibility for the newsletter. J. Phillips to provide Duplicate section information. G. Gaspar to be Council liaison with C. Chua. J. Phillips to provide information to C. Chua and Council regarding costs etc.

Australian Bridge Contributor

Mr. Simon Hinge has agreed to take on this role.

Worker's Compensation

G. Gaspar reported that the VBA's Worker's Compensation rate (by about 50%) is to be reduced following discussion/ correspondence with CGU Worker's Compensation. Further negotiations may produce a lower rate again through reclassification of VBA - away from Sport and Recreation.

ABF Representative

Mr. Justin Stark has applied for the ABF Representative position. Council approved the appointment of J. Stark. Secretary to inform J. Stark. CD/M to continue with his role in this area.

CD/M Report

Secretary to email report to all Council members.

L. Kelso summed up key items in report :

- Deficit this financial year (1/9/01 start) \$2500 after 3 months.
 - Bank signatories changed over. Signatories need to be identified to bank if no ANZ bank accounts held by them.
 - Reported damage caused by water seepage. A neighbour has asserted that the seepage comes from VBA premises. S. E. Water confirms that it is not a leak from VBA water mains. Continuing problem with rising damp reported.
 - Event numbers - a decline noted in numbers compared with last year.
 - Ramsden Handicap Pairs. \$5 entry charged to cover prizes, as this is a Club Red Point event that attracts no entry fee.
 - Free Duplicate lessons. L. Kelso reported on numbers attending last year's free lessons and on the number continuing on to supervised play on Tuesday night. Next set of free lessons to start on Tuesday 28 February. Advertising to be placed with local papers.
- R. Blutstein suggested need for Intermediate Classes. G. Gaspar and L. Kelso to report back on this proposal. J. Phillips commented on the need for some division between novice/advanced within supervised play groups.
- Members have allocated pigeon holes.

- Car Vandalism . L. Kelso reported on the alarming incidence of car vandalism (8 incidents recently). Robbery from cars has also occurred.
- St. Matthew's Church. L. Kelso informed Council that the VBA pays the church for use of parking spots. Due to renewed in March 2002 at a cost of \$3200
- L. Kelso requests leave in January. J. Phillips to take over responsibility for Banking during this time.

Pre-Dealt Boards

L. Kelso reported that a cost of \$3500 per year is incurred in this area. Outside contractor paid \$5.50 per 32 board set to pre-deal cards. J. Collins requested clarification of position of Office Assistant and CD/M. It was agreed that the Office Assistant be assigned all duties regarding the pre-dealing of boards. Motion that L. Kelso be given approval to spend up to \$800 for bar-coded cards to be used in dealing machine. Carried unanimously.

L. Kelso to purchase cordless phone for use by Office Assistant when situated at dealing machine etc.

Food Licence

L. Kelso advised that Food Licence was due for renewal by December 31 2001. L. Kelso proposed that licence not be renewed as the VBA does not sell food to the members. Canteen Manager (contracted position) deemed to be responsible for any legal issues arising through poor food hygiene etc. Legal Counsel to be asked to advise on this matter.

Complaint against Henry Sawicki

New hearing has been set for January 29th February at 7.00 p.m. Registered letters to be sent to H. Sawicki and to E. Linton informing them of time and location of the hearing. H. Sawicki to inform any witnesses he may wish to be present. R. Blutstein suggested that the penalty system be codified. J. Phillips to inform S. Hinge of the date. E. Muirden commented on the need to meet before commencement of meeting to discuss Hearing format. This was not deemed necessary.

Senior Citizens Week

E. Muirden volunteered to take responsibility for this event to be held on Tuesday 19 March. Lunch to be provided. J. Collins has volunteered to be the Director. R. Blutstein and M. Yuill to help also.

Sunday teams

J. Phillips moved that the next Sunday teams competition be cancelled 'VBA on Sunday' competition to replace Sunday Teams.

J. Phillips would like information regarding Club Championship events to be placed in Newsletter. J. Phillips to collate existing details etc. on Club Championship events and to email Council members. Issue to be discussed at future meeting.

Reports tabled by A. Halmos

- A. Halmos spoke briefly on these discussion papers/reports.
Comments to be emailed to A. Halmos.

Youth Conference

David Lusk has funding from ANC. Wishes to set up weekend conference aimed at those interested in youth bridge. J. Collins to liaise with Andrew Mill on this issue. The Youth Conference is to be held on weekend 23/24 March 2002 at the VBA clubrooms. J. Collins to contact all FABCV clubs informing them conference details . FABCV clubs have already been informed that the conference will take place on 23/24 March. R. Blutstein will provide copy of WA itinerary to J. Collins.

It was suggested that the VBA should be making an effort to conduct free bridge lessons at secondary schools. Mrs. R. Frenkel has expressed an interest in this area.

Next Meeting

It was decided that the next meeting would be held immediately after the Council Hearing on Tuesday 29th January 2002 at the VBA clubrooms. No regular meeting time has been set as yet. It has been suggested that meetings be held immediately after the conclusion of the regular 'VBA on Sunday' competition.

Meeting closed at 9.05 pm.