

VICTORIAN BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 29th January 2002 at 8.00 PM at
the VBA Clubrooms 12 Macquarie Street Prahran

Meeting commenced at 8.00 PM

The meeting was proceeded by the Council hearing involving the complaint brought against Mr. H. Sawicki by Ms M. Yuill and Mrs. E. Linton

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	
Dr. Laurie Kelso	
Mrs. Evelyn Muirden	
Mrs. Jackie Phillips	
Mrs. Diana Smart	

Apologies:

A. Cabelli

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES - Council meeting of 6th January 2002

(a) Confirmation

Moved E. Muirden and M. Tencer that minutes be confirmed. Carried.

(b) Business Arising

A. Halmos reported that Ms. M. Erlich is not able to advise us re our legal position regarding the provision of food via contract through the canteen.

3. SPECIAL ITEM

Hearing involving Complaint against Mr. H. Sawicki

Mr. Sawicki is to be sent a letter of warning. If similar behaviour is proved to have taken place on a future occasion then a suspension will be issued.

4. ITEMS TO BE STARRED

The following were starred :

- Relocation - A. Halmos
- Parking - A. Halmos
- Youth Conference - A. Halmos
- CD/M Report - L. Kelso
- Bidding Boxes - M. Balint
- General Business

5. CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence discussed.

6. MEMBERSHIP

The following new memberships were tabled :

Dr. Colin Campbell
Ms. Vivienne Roche
Mr. Jerry Zhang
Mr. Anton Stavik
Mr. Maurice Hennessy
Mrs. Sylvia Heimer
Ms. Mary Lipp
Mrs. Eva Caplan

Moved J. Thompson and J. Phillips that the above memberships be approved.
Carried.

L. Kelso informed the Council that no joining fee is now being charged. No activation fee is being charged to lapsed members.

L. Kelso is to provide a list by the end of February, indicating non-financial members (with phone numbers) and also to provide a list of those whose membership has recently lapsed.

7. BIDDING BOXES

The discussion paper on Bidding Boxes prepared by M. Balint was tabled. The Chair thanked Dr. Balint for the work involved in preparing the report.

M. Balint then spoke about the findings of the report. It was also mentioned that more stable tables would need to be purchased if the VBA were to bring in the use of bidding boxes.

The report recommended that bidding boxes not be introduced at the VBA at this stage.

M. Balint suggested that the report be pinned up on the club noticeboard in order that further comments may be solicited from members on the issue.

G. Gaspar suggested that some bidding boxes be used so that players could become accustomed to using them in National and International events. He suggested that enough bidding boxes be purchased to fill one row in red point events.

M. Balint suggested that this may place pressure on the club to purchase more bidding boxes should they prove popular.

A. Halmos suggested that bidding boxes be offered for use at events such as pennant finals.

Motion. That the use of bidding boxes at the VBA is not to be considered at this stage and that the report be accepted and placed on club noticeboard for comment by general members.

Moved. M. Chrapot and E. Muirden. Carried.

Motion. That the Match and Tournament Committee be empowered to offer the use of bidding boxes at suitable events. Carried.

8. SUBCOMMITTEES

Relocation

A. Halmos mentioned the possibility of relocating to the corner of Glenhuntly and Kooyong Roads, Elsternwick. It may be possible to build a second storey onto this existing building. He is awaiting further talks with owner of building.

Parking

A. Halmos has spoken to Swinburne Prahran Campus regarding use of site by VBA members. They have agreed to the use of their carpark by VBA members at the weekends. (approximately 25 parking spots). Use of the carpark on weekday evenings may also be possible - this is yet to be confirmed.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS AND STARRED ITEMS

Motion - E. Muirden

"That all VBA Council decisions that impact directly or indirectly on the budget, should be determined by the moving and putting of a formal motion., and that the voting outcome should be recorded in the minutes."

It was agreed that a certain formality needs to be followed re financial matters.

Youth Bridge

A verbal report was given regarding the meeting held in Canberra with David Lusk regarding the format and content of the proposed Youth Conference.

It was decided that 2 days was far too long for the conference to last. It was suggested that 4 to 5 hours on a single day would be more appropriate. This could involve two half day sessions.

Motion. That J. Collins contact the FABCV clubs in order to ascertain what level of commitment there is to the conference and to gain some idea as to which of the two days would be more suitable.

Moved A. Halmos and E. Muirden. Carried. (1 abstention - outdoor sporting activities more suitable than bridge!)

D. Smart spoke of the need to get younger people involved in the area of Youth Bridge. Mr. Andrew Mill is to asked to take part in the conference.

ABF Representative

G. Gaspar reported that he had been contacted by Jim Borin who had suggested that one of the two ABF Representative positions be allocated to the FABCV.

Justin Stark has already been appointed to the position left vacant by the resignation of Ken Lee (term to run out March 2003).

L. Kelso is the other ABF Representative - his term expires in March 2002. L. Kelso described the ABF Council role. The Council meets

approximately 3 times per year to essentially ratify the Management Committee decisions.

It was decided that J. Stark be given a copy of all VBA Council minutes so that he is aware of the VBA Council position on certain issues.

ABF Representatives are expected to provide written reports to the VBA Council after ABF Council meetings have taken place.

Council will decide at next meeting who will fill the ABF Representative position which becomes vacant in March 2002.

CD/M Report

L. Kelso advised that Food Licence , due for renewal by December 31 2001 had not been renewed (agreed at previous Council meeting).

L. Kelso mentioned that the recent Worker's Compensation bill did not reflect the agreed reduction in fees. G. Gaspar to follow this up.

The Sunbury Bridge Club is now affiliated with the VBA.

Next Meeting

It was decided that the next meeting would be held on Sunday 3rd March 2002 at the VBA clubrooms at 5.00pm.

Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

Action Items

Letter to H. Sawicki - A. Halmos

List of non-financial/lapsed members - L. Kelso

Bidding Boxes - report placed on notice board

- MT/C informed of Council's decision

Youth Bridge Conference - FABCV clubs to be contacted - J. Collins

ABF Representative - J. Stark to receive Council minutes - M. Yuill

- reply to Jim Borin