

**VICTORIAN BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Sunday 7rd April 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
Mrs. Miriam Tencer	Treasurer
Ms. Margaret Yuill	Secretary
Dr. Michael Balint	
Dr. Laurie Kelso	
Mrs. Diana Smart	
Mr. Michael Chrapot	
Ms. Ros Blutstein	
Mrs. E. Muirden	

**Apologies:**

A. Cabelli, J. Phillips, J. Collins

Council is delighted to hear that Mrs. Jackie Phillips has given birth to Maxwell John Phillips. Congratulations to Jackie and Michael.

**2. PREVIOUS MINUTES - Council meeting of 3rd March 2002**

**(a) Confirmation**

Moved A. Halmos and M.Chrapot that minutes be confirmed. Carried.

**(b) Business Arising**

none discussed

**3. ITEMS TO BE STARRED**

The following were starred :

- Relocation
- FABCV Liaison
- Match and Tournament
- Special Events
- CD/M Report - L. Kelso
- General Business

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Outwards**

Mr. P. Wilkinson - discussed under FABCV subcommittee

**Inwards**

Hearing of Industrial Commission regarding 'Alleged Unfair or Unlawful Termination of Employment' of Ms. S. Taboo. VBA has settled. Four weeks pay is to be paid to Ms. Taboo. Mrs. Nikki

Christidis has been hired to replace Ms. Taboo. J. Thompson suggested that an item be placed in the newsletter regarding new appointment.

## **5. MEMBERSHIP**

Ms. Patricia Thompson accepted as member of VBA

L. Kelso reported that there are 273 financial home club members and approximately 80 financial non-home club members.

Council members are requested to contact those non-financial members known to them in an effort to increase membership numbers.

Office assistant to contact others on list. R. Blutstein to provide suitable wording of message.

L. Kelso stressed the need for memberships to be finalized within 5 weeks to avoid reactivation fees with the ABF.

R. Blutstein queried whether the cordless phone had been purchased. L. Kelso reported that the phone had not yet been purchased.

## **6.FINANCE**

L. Kelso reported that a Profit and Loss statement is prepared each month and passed on to the Treasurer. It was decided that Councilors would be provided with summary figures each month showing current state of financial balance.

## 7. CD/M Report

Report tabled. The following items were discussed.

### Finance

Revenue is down on similar period for last year. Discussion took place on ways to encourage greater use of facilities. Options may be to run Workshops and/or Clinics, and offer daytime beginners/supervised sessions. D. Smart and M. Yuill to report back on feasibility of these options.

Motion. That entry fee for duplicate sessions be raised by \$1 per session. Moved M. Balint and M. Chrapot. Carried.

Motion. That a free voucher be awarded at each duplicate session. Criteria for awarding voucher to be at director's discretion. Moved J. Thompson and R. Blutstein. Carried.

### Parking

L. Kelso to ask St. Matthews if VBA can pay by the month rather than by the year. L. Kelso reported that last year \$3300 was paid to St. Matthews. Only about \$300 has been collected in the last 5 months. Item to be placed in newsletter with this information. Members are to be reminded at beginning of each session that the parking money is to be placed in 'honesty box'. It was decided to document how much money has been collected by the end of the session if amount falls short of expected amount.

Motion. That parking fee for places behind St. Matthews Church be increased to \$2 per session.

Moved M. Balint, seconded E. Muirden. Carried (in favour 5, against 4, abstain 1).

Directors to announce this. Item to be placed in next newsletter.

**ABF meeting.** Report tabled

### Other

R. Blutstein has volunteered to process subsidies etc for ANC entries.

## 8. GENERAL BUSINESS AND STARRED ITEMS

### Special Events

VCC J. Thompson reported that the Victor Champion Cup would be held on 6-10 June at the Carlton Crest. Entries to be received by the VBA and processed by J. Thompson.

2004 ANC J. Thompson reported on matter of finding a suitable venue. Hilton Hotel is not available. Eden on the Park is a possible venue at \$3000 per day. Parking would be \$5.50 per day, free to organisers and guests of hotel. Conference rate at the moment is \$170 per room. The issue of subsidising coffee was discussed. Eden on the Park will run a kiosk, with coffee being \$4 per cup.

Motion. That a deposit be put down with Eden on the Park, guaranteeing a rate of \$3000 per day for 2004 ANC, such deposit being redeemable up to 2 months prior to date of 2004 ANC.

Moved J. Thompson, seconded A. Halmos. Carried.

J. Thompson proposed that a suitable memorial be identified in memory of Lidia Beech. A possible memorial may be to relabel the 'President's Cup'. G. Gaspar to talk with Mr. Walter Lowan (donor of President's Cup). Council agreed that a suitable memorial should be found.

### **Relocation**

Discussion took place regarding architect's proposal for redevelopment of Macquarie St. site, which would provide approximately 22 extra parking spots. No decision made at this time as to whether Council will take this proposal further.

A. Halmos to approach Stonnington Council with idea of building above carpark at rear of Coles Supermarket.

Discussion took place regarding general ambience of present club rooms and attitudes of members in matters of courtesy and friendliness. A.

Halmos reported that signs will be placed in the club rooms, fostering an atmosphere of courtesy and politeness.

The need to monitor standards of behaviour was seen to be important.

Motion That a special meeting be called of all directors, the VBA President and Vice Presidents to discuss issues of behaviour and courtesy, in an effort to lift the profile of the VBA.

Moved M. Balint, seconded R. Blutstein. Carried

L. Kelso to arrange meeting asap.

R. Blutstein expressed concern that on Saturday afternoons, players are not always able to gain entry to the Club Rooms more than 15 minutes before start of play.

### **Match and Tournament**

D. Smart reported that a meeting had been held that morning. Selection of Youth teams discussed. Members of Youth Team must play in the Rothfield Cup as a team (no entry fee required).

Discussion took place regarding encouragement of young people to play

Motion. That members who are both full-time students and under the age of 26 will be asked to only pay half the normal table fee at all events held at the VBA. Moved D. Smart and M. Chrapot. Carried.

### **FABCV Liaison**

Letter received from Peter Wilkinson (facilitator for FABCV/VBA). He has proposed an agenda for the first meeting. Lengthy discussion took place over the item 'Options for Bridge in Victoria'. The 4 options proposed were :

1. No change
2. Greater interaction - FABCV to support VBA State activities
3. VBA delegates all State matters to some sort of committee
4. State matters to be completely distinct from clubs (as in SA)

Copies of letters from Peter Wilkinson to be distributed to all council members. A. Halmos and G. Gaspar to arrange meeting with Peter Wilkinson / FABCV

### **Youth Bridge**

R. Blutstein reported informally. Representatives from the Geelong Bridge Club attended. No other Bridge Clubs sent representatives to conference. Ms. Rachael Frenkel also attended and has offered help if the proposal to offer Bridge lessons to students over school holidays. The target group was seen to be primary school children. The Conference agreed that there was a need to target schools and universities. J. Collins is requested to present a further report at the next meeting.

### **Water Cooler**

R. Blutstein reported. Choice between 'Unlimited Water' (connected to main supply, water filter to be replaced once or twice a year) vs 'Neverfail' and 'Linton' (these options too expensive). R. Blutstein to request that 'Unlimited Water' visit the VBA premises and give quote.

### **Soft copy storage of documents**

J. Phillips has suggested that a secure directory structure be set up on VBA server to store council documents. L. Kelso to implement appropriate structure on VBA server.

### **Bulletin**

L. Kelso responsible for passing on 'Club' information to C. Chua in the absence of J. Phillips.

### **Next Meeting**

It was decided that the next meeting would be held on Sunday 5th May 2002 at the VBA clubrooms at 7.00pm.

**Meeting closed at 10.15 pm.**

**Action Items**

Flowers to J. Phillips

Items for newsletter (L. Kelso)

appointment of N. Christidis as office assistant

new fee for duplicate session

new fee for parking

reduced fees for youth players

unfinancial members

other items usually provided by J. Phillips

Unfinancial members - council members to contact 'acquaintances'.  
Office assistant to contact remainder (R. Blutstein to provide text of telephone message).

Purchase of cordless telephone - L. Kelso

Pay parking to St. Matthews Church by the month? - L. Kelso

Set up directory structure on server for archived storage of council documents. - L. Kelso

Lidia Beech memorial - G. Gaspar

Approach Stonnington Council - build behind Coles car park ? - A. Halmos

Convene special meeting of Directors plus President and VPs - L. Kelso

Distribute letters from Mr. P. Wilkinson - A. Halmos

Report of Youth Bridge - J. Collins

Quotation from 'Unlimited Water'

Investigation re Workshops/Clinics/day time sessions - D. Smart and M. Yuill