

**VICTORIAN BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Sunday 5th May 2002 at 6.00 PM at the**  
**VBA Clubrooms 12 Macquarie Street Prahran**

Meeting commenced at 6.00 PM

**1. ATTENDANCE**

**Present:**

Mr. George Gaspar	President
Prof. Andrew Halmos	Vice President
Mrs. Miriam Tencer	Treasurer
Ms. Margaret Yuill	Secretary
Dr. Michael Balint	
Dr. Laurie Kelso	
Dr. Andre Cabelli	
Mrs. Jeannette Collins	
Mrs. Diana Smart	
Mr. Michael Chrapot	
Mrs. E. Muirden	

**Apologies:**

J.Thompson, J. Phillips, R. Blutstein

**2. PREVIOUS MINUTES - Council meeting of 7th April 2002**

**(a) Confirmation**

Moved M. Tencer and D. Smart that minutes be confirmed. Carried.

**(b) Business Arising**

Cordless phone purchased

Quarterly payments to be made to St. Matthews Church for parking spaces

Parking issues:

Announcement to be made advising members that Council is concerned that members are not placing parking money in honesty box. An extra box is to be placed at back entrance. If monies collected from honesty box do not match number of parking spaces filled, then council members will be rostered on to collect the parking money as members enter the car park. A. Halmos reported on talks held with Stonnington Council - waiting for reply. It seems that the VBA may be offered the use of 50 parking spaces behind the Town Hall.

Lydia Beech memorial:

W. Lowan has agreed that the President's Cup may be renamed. The cup is to be first located then suitably engraved. W. Lowan has donated 11 books to the VBA library.

**3. ITEMS TO BE STARRED**

The following were starred :

FABCV Liaison  
Match and Tournament  
Mission Statement  
CD/M Report - L. Kelso  
General Business

#### **4. CORRESPONDENCE**

##### **Inwards**

Judith Selleck - Geelong Bridge Club. Matter passed on to Simon Hinge.

#### **5. MEMBERSHIP**

The following were accepted as members of the VBA :  
Elizabeth Williams, Ann Bednarz, Lachlan Simpson, Jamie Waluisch and  
Simone Schwarz ( rejoined)

#### **6.FINANCE**

Profit and Loss statement at end of March shows that the VBA is approx. \$9600 in the red. L. Kelso explained the item referring to ANC contributions. L. Kelso stated that the situation is much the same as at this time last year - with February being better this year by approx. \$800.

## 7. CD/M Report

No report tabled.

ANZAC Congress. L. Kelso reported different demographics this year. More non VBA participants this year. Prize structure to be looked at next year. J. Collins suggests more prizes be awarded to Restricted players.

New version of Masterscore to be installed next month.

\$840 of bar-coded card packs purchased.

## 8. GENERAL BUSINESS AND STARRED ITEMS

### Match and Tournament

A. Halmos reported that the lack of communication between MT/C and Council had led to some confusion recently.

Motion. That minutes from MT/C be emailed to VBA Secretary as soon as possible after each MT/C meeting. Moved A. Halmos and E. Muirden. Carried.

D. Smart reported that the format for the Pennant Competition would probably be changed next year. (42 matches generally not popular).

### FABCV Liaison

A. Halmos reported that a 2 hour meeting with FABCV Liaison group had taken place (Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May). Present - A. Halmos, G. Gaspar, Peter Wilkinson (moderator), Q. van Abbe, M. Petrie (both from Yarra Valley Bridge Club).

The general feeling from other clubs is that they are not willing to offer financial support to VBA if they then have no say in how Victorian bridge is to be run.

Sub committee to be set up. Structure -

4 VBA (treasurer, president, MT/C, A. Halmos), \$ from other clubs (country, city and private clubs, financial expertise included )

Issues to be addressed - bridge for all, not just VBA members.

Clubs to have a say if they contribute to VBA funds. Club representatives in State events.

Next step - meeting in July.

A. Halmos spoke of the need to recognise that previously it could be argued that the VBA **was** running the club as the Prahran club only.

This situation must change.

VBA State events DO NOT subsidise that Prahran club (reverse is in fact true!). The VBA needs to demonstrate that this situation is not occurring.

Other clubs would like the VBA to be involved in promoting 'active ethics'. The clubs would like the VBA to have the power to make recommendations (no higher powers).

The Constitution (par. 53) allows council to set up above subcommittee.

E. Muirden commented that it was pleasing to see the council responding in a positive way to the feelings expressed by the other FABCV clubs.

ANC subsidies should come from profits from State events, not profits from Duplicate sessions - accounting needs to reflect this (at least at some level).

L. Kelso provided information regarding affiliation fees and masterpoint commissions.

Motion. The above subcommittee be set up Moved A. Halmos and A. Cabelli. Carried.

### **Mission Statement**

Members to notify A. Halmos of any requested changes to mission statement.

### **Computer Network**

D. Smart reported that M. Willcox was not happy with the networking software being used. M. Willcox to talk to M. Yuill about issues involved. Decision to be made before mid June.

### **Increasing numbers at VBA**

D. Smart tabled report showing possible scheduling of lessons (introductory/intermediate) and supervised sessions - following meeting including M. Yuill and L. Kelso.

Motion. That those attending Introductory lessons be presented with certificate on completion of lessons (lessons finish this week).

Moved A. Halmos and M. Yuill. Carried.

### **Newsletter**

D. Smart expressed concern about the tenor of some comments in recent VBA Bulletins. A. Halmos to pass concerns on to C. Chua.

Motion. That VBA issues be placed at beginning of Bulletin. Moved D. Smart and A. Halmos. Carried.

### **Web Site**

M. Yuill to ask S. Kelso to be responsible for web site for first 3 weeks of June.

### **Next Meeting**

It was decided that the next meeting would be held on Sunday 2nd June 2002 at the VBA clubrooms at 6.00pm.

**Meeting closed at 8.30 pm.**