

VICTORIAN BRIDGE ASSOCIATION
Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Sunday 7th July 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. J. Thompson	Vice President
Mrs. Miriam Tencer	Treasurer
Ms. Margaret Yuill	Secretary
Dr. Michael Balint	
Dr. Laurie Kelso	
Mrs. Jeannette Collins	
Mrs. Diana Smart	
Mr. Michael Chrapot	

Apologies:

A. Cabelli, E. Muirden, J. Phillips

2. PREVIOUS MINUTES - Council meeting of 5th May 2002

(a) Confirmation

Moved A. Halmos and D. Smart that minutes be confirmed. Carried.

(b) Business Arising

3. ITEMS TO BE STARRED

The following were starred :

FABCV Liaison
Parking
Mission Statement
CD/M Report - L. Kelso
General Business

4. CORRESPONDENCE

Outward :

To Mrs. J. Selleck - resolution of incident at Geelong Bridge Club
To Jim Borin from George Gaspar

Inwards :

From Ray Anderson - use of VBA premises for ABTA seminar .
Request approved
From Jim Borin - requests VBA minutes sent electronically.
From Kim Ellaway - requests info on ANC subsidies
From Corowa Visitor Info Centre - hosting of Bridge Tournament

From FABCV - notice of AGM and FABCV Teams Championship
From Sue Lines - suggestions re parking
From ABF - e-mail address list of players
From Dennis Yovich - non affiliated bridge clubs

5. MEMBERSHIP

4 new memberships announced. L.Kelso informed council that home club membership of VBA stood at approx. 380, with over 50 non home club members.

6.FINANCE

Profit and Loss statement at end of May shows that income is down \$28,000 compared to same period last year. It was decided that the Finance Subcommittee would examine the financial statements to determine if any cost cutting measures can be introduced.

7. CD/M Report

Report tabled.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS AND STARRED ITEMS

FABCV Liaison

Halmos reported on latest meeting with FABCV Liaison group (Sunday 7th July).

A. Halmos stated concerns raised by FABCV in regards to support given by VBA.

It was shown that VBA State events DO NOT subsidise that Prahran club. A. Halmos tabled figures showing that the VBA loses \$45,000 to \$50,000 in the running of State events (including subsidies). The Prahran club is making a profit in the order of \$45,000 to \$50,000, thus the VBA is definitely not subsidising the Prahran members.

The VBA has agreed to the setting up of a State Affairs Committee.

The council agreed in principle with the following guidelines.

This committee will examine Profit and Loss statements from VBA. It will set up a code of conduct for clubs and State representatives.

The calendar will be negotiated with State events being allocated first and dates of other congress events to be determined via a consultative process.

Membership numbers of bridge clubs are lower in Victoria than in most other states. The FABCV is to become involved in a marketing campaign. \$5000 has been allocated from Future Bridge funds over the next 18 months.

The next ABF representative will be nominated by the FABCV.

A Director accreditation system will be set up.

FABCV notices/results will be included in VBA newsletter, with relevant items also sent for inclusion in ABF newsletter.

The FABCV will encourage their members to enter State Events held at VBA.

It was agreed that the SAC committee would comprise the following VBA representatives - A. Halmos, L. Kelso and J. Thompson.

Mission Statement

Mission statement to be displayed on VBA notice board and also to be displayed on VBA web site.

Parking

Sufficient money is still not being collected. It was agreed that a volunteer would move around the tables at the beginning of each session to collect the parking fees. J. Collins agreed to collect the money on the following Monday and M. Balint to collect money on following Wednesday.

Report on Mrs. J. Selleck

A. Halmos reported that matter had been resolved.

2003 Event Schedule

Membership suggestions to be sought re length, format and timing of 2003 VBA Calendar events. A. Halmos to rework glossary of events (this information to be passed on to FABCV). M. Balint volunteered to be responsible for management of major State events - ie to create a flyer for each major event approximately 4 weeks before event takes place.

Zero Tolerance - A. Halmos. Document tabled.

Motion That a register, called the Conduct and Proprieties Register be set up. Players may request that any incidents which breach the ethical laws of bridge, and any incidents which are seen to be against the general spirit of the game be recorded in this register. The register is to be maintained by the Director.

Moved Michael Balint, seconded Andrew Halmos Passed unanimously

Electronic Scorers

Count Fausto Terlizzi demonstrated the electronic scorers. He has suggested that the VBA become a distributor for these. The VBA would make a profit of over \$10 per calculator. Stocks of these calculators due to arrive in about 4 weeks time.

VBA listing on ACBL web site. M. Yuill to determine how VBA will gain a presence on this web site.

ABF committee meeting. Minutes tabled. The VBA council opposes the suggestion that the cheque limit for cheques requiring one signatory only be raised to \$15,000.

ANC 2004 J. Collins has agreed to act as Convenor for this event.

Entry Fees

Motion That entry fees be reintroduced for all competitions.

Moved D. Smart and G. Gaspar. Passed unanimously

Ros Blutstein Memorial. The VBA intends to establish something in memory of Ros Blutstein.

The Elizabeth Sawicki Fundraising event was cancelled due to lack of numbers. It was agreed that the word 'fundraising' should be dropped from the title and that the Open Pairs should be renamed the Elizabeth Sawicki Open Pairs.

Next Meeting

It was decided that the next meeting would be held on Sunday 11th August 2002 at the VBA clubrooms at 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Action Items

Collection of Parking Fees

ACBL web site

Finance subcommittee to examine financial statements

Flyer for next State event