

**VICTORIAN BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Sunday 11th August 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. J. Thompson	Vice President
Ms. Margaret Yuill	Secretary
Dr. Michael Balint	
Dr. Laurie Kelso	
Dr. A. Cabelli	

**Apologies:**

E. Muirden, D. Smart, J. Collins, M. Chrapot

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

**(a) Confirmation**

Moved G.Gaspar and A. Cabelli that minutes be confirmed. Carried.

**(b) Business Arising**

**3. ITEMS TO BE STARRED**

The following were starred :

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

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Outward :**

To Paul Burke (Glen Eira City Council) re Caulfield Recreation Centre

**Inwards :**

From Paul Burke (Glen Eira City Council) re Caulfield Recreation Centre  
From Dick Gross, Councillor, City of Port Phillip re 126 Chapel St.  
From Richard Rozen

**5. MEMBERSHIP**

3 new memberships announced.

**6.FINANCE**

## **7. CD/M Report**

L. Kelso reported on the ongoing issue of water seepage. Stonnington Council to be contacted.

Directors' Workshop. This was held in the week preceding the ANC and was extremely successful. 53 attendees, including some from Sale, Bairnsdale and Warrnambool. L. Kelso to conduct another course at Phillip Island on August 17 and later in the year at Geelong.

L. Kelso reported on yet another incidence of vandalism to club rooms - broken back window. \$600 has been spent in the last year replacing windows broken by vandals. The recently broken window has been replaced with wire reinforced glass.

Cost of repairs to computer and photocopy machine mentioned. Computer has been rebuilt with new motherboard, more RAM and new keyboard.

Photocopier cost \$1300 to repair.

L. Kelso mentioned that VBA has provided dealt boards to some country clubs when Martin Willcox has been too busy to provide them.

L. Kelso reported on last ABF meeting attended. Items discussed included next Commonwealth Games (Melbourne 2006), World Junior Championships (2005) and Bermuda Bowl (2007).

Masterpointing for 'Telco' event - masterpoints will be allocated for this event. This masterpointing to be retrospective.

Next set of lessons to start Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August. A membership fee of \$23 is to be charged after the completion of the first 4 lessons.

P/L statement discussed.

Director's performance bonus to be decided as soon as possible.

## **8. GENERAL BUSINESS AND STARRED ITEMS**

### **Relocation**

Report tabled.

A. Halmos informed Council that the Caulfield Recreation Centre will be sold soon. Discussions have taken place with Paul Burke at Glen Eira Council. Another possible site has been identified at 126 Chapel Street. Port Phillip Council approached. The site use would need to be reclassified. Council agreed that this site should be considered as a possible relocation site. Some concerns were raised re proximity of parking area to Balaclava Hotel. Agreed that A. Halmos make further contact with owners.

### **Policy of Tournament Management**

A. Halmos spoke of the problem which has arisen regarding the definition of a 'Senior' player. Matter to be referred to M/T Committee for resolution.

### **FABCV Liaison**

Quentin Van Abbe has been elected as new President of FABCV. A. Halmos reported that first task to be tackled by the State Affairs Committee is the VBA Calendar of Events.

J. Thompson suggested that if a levy is to be imposed on FABCV Clubs then details of such a levy should be made known as soon as possible so that clubs can build levy into next subscriptions (may become due very soon).

### **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. Announcements to be made at beginning of each session.

J. Thompson voiced concerns that problems with suitable parking were discouraging new players who may have been keen to play at VBA.

### **Commonwealth Games (2002,2006)**

G.Gaspar reported that unanimous approval was given to Bridge being included in the 'Festival of Friendship' to be held just prior to the Commonwealth Games, Melbourne 2006.

English Bridge Union has offered support.

Keith McDonald has indicated that the ABF is keen to run the event as an ABF event organised by the VBA. The possibility of Victoria hosting both the 2004 ANC and 2006 ANC (incorporating Commonwealth Games Bridge event) discussed.

Council expressed enthusiasm towards running event. More information will be sought before committment made.

### **Memo from R. Rozen**

L. Kelso informed Council that it is left to the discretion of the Director whether to play if someone has no partner for the session. Most directors are happy to play.

Council discussed the need for the VBA to be seen as a place where people are welcomed as bridge players, and stressed the importance of the Director in creating a welcoming environment.

The Council decided regretfully that the Monday night Duplicate sessions were not being conducted in such an environment.

Motion. A. Halmos and M. Balint. That Council thank Mrs. Norma Borin for her past services to the club and request that she retire from her position as a director at the VBA. Motion passed.

Letter to be sent to Rado Industries thanking them for their redevelopment proposal. No decision has been made regarding this proposal.

It was decided that '2 boards a round' was unpopular with players and should be avoided if possible.

J. Thompson requested that the Canteen not be cleaned with concentrated chlorine bleach.

J. Thompson reported that the Victor Champion Cup had realised a profit of almost \$4500. Council thanked J.Thompson for the excellent work she has carried out with the organisation and running of the VCC.

**Next Meeting**

It was decided that the next meeting would be held on Sunday 1st September 2002 at the VBA clubrooms at 7.00pm.

**Meeting closed at 8.30 pm.**

**Action Items**

- L. Kelso
  - inform canteen re chlorine bleach
  - '2 board a round' directors to avoid this situation
  
- M. Yuill
  - letter to Rado Industries
  
- J. Thompson
  - definition of 'Senior' to be passed to M/T C for resolution
  
- A. Halmos
  - relocation issues, C/D M bonus