

**VICTORIAN BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Sunday 8th September 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. Laurie Kelso	
Dr. A. Cabelli	
Mrs. D.Smart	
Mrs. J. Collins	

**Apologies:**

E. Muirden

**2. PREVIOUS MINUTES - Council meeting of 11th July 2002**

**(a) Confirmation**

Moved A. Halmos and J. Thompson that minutes be confirmed. Carried.

**(b) Business Arising**

**3. ITEMS TO BE STARRED**

The following were starred :

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

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

none discussed

**5. MEMBERSHIP**

3 new memberships announced.

**6.FINANCE**

Bank statement not yet available for previous month. Financial year for VBA ended 31 August, 2002. Time line discussed for providing figures to Finance sub committee and VBA accountant so that reports can be compiled by AGM deadline (6 weeks before AGM). Laurie Kelso to inform secretary of issues to be addressed prior to AGM.

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

Issue of psyche bidding discussed.

Motion : That a 'Psyche Registrar' be set up and maintained by the CD/M. The registrar to be 'self' reporting'. Moved J. Thompson and J. Collins. Carried.

Issue of psyche bidding to be discussed with FABCV. It is hoped that the 'Psyche Registrar' will involve all Congress and other state and FABCV events.

Parking monies. Some monies are being collected. St. Matthew's Church yet to invoice VBA for previous quarter rental.

- A. Halmos to investigate parking at Swinburne at weekends as several members have reported Swinburne carpark locked on the weekend.

Lexington Gardens Retirement Village has approached VBA with proposal to sponsor a Congress at their site in Springvale. VBA Summer Congress was suggested as a possible event.

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

### **Relocation**

G. Gaspar reported that three real estate agents have been approached. These agents have been asked to provide a valuation of the present VBA site. It has been suggested to these agents that if they wish to sell the present site on behalf of VBA then a suitable replacement site must be found.

Andrew Halmos reported that the site previously identified in Chapel Street East St. Kilda is prohibitively expensive (owners asking approximately \$2 million for site).

No response has been received from MSAC. The fact that bridge will not actually be a Commonwealth Games event in 2006 is seen to count against us in our bid to use MSAC premises.

The need to approach State Government for funds was discussed.

D. Smart mentioned possibility of seeking assistance from ABF (James O'Sullivan Fund).

### **Policy of Tournament Management**

D. Smart reported that the MT/C had confirmed that the definition of a 'Senior' player used in VBA competitions was consistent with that used by ABF.

MT/C has requested that VBA and FABCV be responsible for which deciding which events would be placed in the Calendar. A discussion took place regarding how to make events more attractive to players in general.

A. Halmos, G. Gaspar and J. Thompson to liaise with FABCV (Q. van Abbe) and draw up suggested calendar of events for 2003 as soon as possible.

2003 Butler selection to be altered. Event will take place in 3 stages. Section one will take place over 4 weeks. Second qualifying stage (including Country pairs) to take place over one weekend. Third qualifying stage to be held over a number of night sessions (parallel sessions for non qualifiers). VBA to contribute towards accommodation for country players who are successful in qualifying for third stage.

### **FABCV Liaison**

G. Gaspar spoke of need for funds to cover cost of running state events and subsidies. \$40,000 needed to cover costs. It is hoped that FABCV members will contribute \$20,000 per annum towards running of events such as 2004 ANC, 2006 Commonwealth Games event. It is hoped that some sort of 'Congress levy' will provide extra funds so that Prahran Bridge Club is not subsidising the running of state events (as is the case at the moment).

### **Other Items**

J. Thompson requested again that the Canteen not be cleaned with chlorine bleach. Bleach being used still contains high levels of chlorine. Possibility of using a non-chlorine based cleaner to be considered.

GNOT event to be held during Yom Kippur. It was decided that it be suggested to the MT/C that 12 board matches would allow the competition to finish by around 4.00 pm. J. Collins to provide sandwiches for lunch, thus allowing a shorter lunch break (30 minutes).

CD/M bonus discussed. L. Kelso informed of amount of bonus to be paid to him.

The need for the CD/M bonus criteria to be reviewed was discussed. Next VBA Council to undertake this task.

### **Next Meeting**

It was decided that the next meeting would be held on Sunday 6th October 2002 at the VBA clubrooms at 7.00pm.

**Meeting closed at 8.30 pm.**