

7. CD/M Report

L. Kelso reported on the outcome of a meeting held to discuss next year's VBA Calendar. This meeting was attended by A. Halmos, J. Thompson, L. Kelso and Q. van Abbe.

- The following changes have been made to scheduled events -
- Thwaites Mixed Pairs reduced from 6 weeks to 4 weeks.
- Interstate Preliminary Final. This event to be a 3 stage event. Stage 1 to be held over 4 Wednesday evenings. Stage 2 to be held over 1 weekend (including country pairs). 24 pairs to contend stage 2. Stage 3 to be held over 1 weekend. 12 pairs to contest this final event.
- 'No Fear Pairs' event - a 3 week event.
- Eclectic Pairs - up to 9 sessions to be played.
- The Ramsden will be held in the 2nd half of the year. It will be a handicapped Swiss Pairs event (improving scoring).

It was reported that the FABCV is keen to run the next Simultaneous Pairs event.

L. Kelso reported on financial issues relating to the next AGM. Full financial details have been given to David Thompson. L. Kelso outlined the various reports that are usually tabled at the AGM.

A 2 page precis will be provided to all members.

A 'collating' session will take place on Sunday October 27 in order that the 'short report' will be made available to members at the VBA premises. Uncollected reports will then be mailed out to reach members at least 3 weeks before AGM.

L. Kelso reported that the CD/M contract ends on March 2, 2003. The VBA executive to meet and decide changes to be made to CD/M contract and report such decisions at next meeting.

8. GENERAL BUSINESS AND STARRED ITEMS

Relocation

G. Gaspar reported that a possible site had been located at 131 Poath Road, Hughesdale. This site has been viewed by most council members and by other members whose input and opinions were deemed to be useful.

The council was keen to pursue this possible relocation site in view of the many favourable comments received. It was advised that the VBA Constitution allows for decisions of this nature to be made on behalf of the members. The Constitution also allows for the convening of an extraordinary General Meeting.

The possibility of holding an extraordinary General Meeting was discussed. This option seemed inappropriate given the proximity of the next Annual General Meeting. Relocation will be an agenda item at the AGM.

Issues regarding obtaining a Council permit for the use of the property as a bridge club were discussed - including issues of access (public transport,

and demographic issues), parking, resident input, architect report, traffic management and other Town Planning reports. The issue of selling the present premises was also outlined.

Mr. B. Tencer presented useful advice to the Council. The Council would like to express their appreciation to Mr. Tencer for the work he has done in this matter.

Motion. That the VBA Council goes ahead with plans to purchase the property at 131 Poath Road, Hughesdale, and that members of the VBA be informed of the details of such proceedings at the next AGM to be held Sunday December 2, 2002. The Council will make an offer for this property subject to Glen Eira Council approval. Moved A. Halmos and E. Muirden. Carried (10 in favour, including 3 votes confirmed via telephone and 1 abstention).

A short meeting (Monday 14) will take place after scheduled consultation with our Town Planning advisor (Thursday 10).

FABCV Liaison

L. Kelso and A. Halmos reported on meeting with Q. van Abbe. The following contribution has been proposed - such contribution to be used for the administration of bridge in Victoria, convening a congress in 2006 associated with the Commonwealth Games, the 2004 ANC, future bridge etc.

Congresses - \$1 per head contribution. Capitation fee of \$3 per head for all bridge players in Victoria. The details of such a contribution are yet to be finalised.

Other Items

Summer Congress

Miriam Tencer has volunteered to be the convenor of this congress with the assistance of Michael Chrapot. It is proposed to hold this at the Lexington Gardens Retirement Village. This will depend on the health of the manager. L. Kelso reported that the manager would return to work Monday 41 October after spending considerable time in hospital. L. Kelso to contact manager on his return to work.

Senior's Day

This event will be supported next year.

Next Meeting

It was decided that the next meeting would be held on Sunday 3rd November 2002 at the VBA clubrooms at 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

