

**VICTORIAN BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Sunday 22nd December 2002 at 5.00 PM**  
**at the VBA Clubrooms 12 Macquarie Street Prahran**

Meeting commenced at 5.00 PM

**1. ATTENDANCE**

**Present:**

Mr. G. Gaspar (chair)	President
Prof. A. Halmos	Vice President
Ms. M. Yuill	Secretary
Dr. M. Balint	
Mr. M. Chrapot	
Mr. L. Meyer	
Mrs. M. Tencer	
Mr. B. Tencer	
Mr. I. Webb	

**In Attendance:**

Dr. L. Kelso

**Apologies:**

Mrs. J. Thompson  
Mrs. J. Collins  
Mr. D. Thompson  
Mrs. D. Smart

**2. PREVIOUS MINUTES - Council meeting of 3rd November 2002**

**(a) Confirmation**

Moved A. Halmos and M. Chrapot that minutes be confirmed. Carried.

**(b) Business Arising**

**3. ITEMS TO BE STARRED**

The following were starred :

Relocation  
CD/M Report - L. Kelso  
General Business

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

Letters tabled from M. Chrapot and M. Elson

**5. GENERAL BUSINESS AND STARRED ITEMS**

## **Relocation**

131 Poath Rd, Hughesdale.

G. Gaspar reported that the Glen Eira Council will know of any objections raised by local residents by the 24<sup>th</sup> December. Settlement could then be as early as 6<sup>th</sup> March 2003. It was decided that settlement should be delayed for at least 30 days after that given interstate commitments (ANC and Surfer's competitions).

It was decided that the official opening ceremony be held after the move and all associated requirements had been successfully completed. It is hoped that we may be able to acquire the services of Mr. Tony Barber as 'Master of Ceremonies' for the opening.

General discussion took place regarding a wide range of issues covering the new premises.

Ian Webb suggested that four subcommittees be formed.

The subcommittees are:

1. Playing committee  
This will look at what sessions are offered and decide which groups could be best targeted at different sessions. The issue of bridge lessons to be re-examined. This group to be chaired by Ian Webb. Other members M. Yuill and D. Smart.
2. Design and Facilities  
Chaired by A. Halmos. Other members M. Tencer, M. Balint, M. Chrapot. It was decided that Jessel and Carole Rothfield be asked to join this group.
3. Marketing and Member Communication  
Chaired by B. Tencer. Assisted by I. Webb, J. Collins and L. Meyer. It is hoped that Mrs. Felicity Beale will be prepared to join this group also.  
Sponsors will be actively sought. The role of Primelife Australia in the recent Summer Congress was acknowledged. It is hoped that Primelife Australia will become further involved with the VBA, perhaps as the main sponsor of the opening ceremony.
4. Finance and Contract  
Chaired by David Thompson. Other members to be J. Thompson and G. Gaspar.

The issue of a 'Smoking Room' was discussed. Legal issues regarding insurance liabilities will be researched. The council feels that a pleasant undercover should be provided outside. Such an area to front on to the car park and not on to the main streets where the noise may be of annoyance to local residents. The Facilities and Design Committee will look at this issue further.

A suggestion box is to be provided so that feelings/ideas of the members regarding relocation issues be appropriately canvassed. An appropriate notice to be placed on VBA web site to canvass opinions by email.

M. Tencer and A. Halmos to start getting quotes etc. for new chairs. It is hoped that samples of suitable chairs be obtained so that member satisfaction with any new chairs to be purchased is gained before actual purchase of such

chairs.

M. Chrapot has volunteered to obtain a supply of mugs which will be available for use in preference to the use of paper cups.

The present caterer has indicated that she is keen to become involved at the new premises. This issue to be taken up by relevant subcommittee.

It was agreed that the VBA web page could be revamped somewhat. M. Yuill to report to next meeting.

### **FABCV**

It has been suggested that Mr. Charles Baker be asked to put a marketing plan together. This plan would be aim to find ways of increasing bridge participation in all of Victoria. The Future Bridge Fund (controlled jointly by the VBA and FABCV) presently has a balance of approximately \$30,000. It is anticipated that an amount of between \$10,000 and \$20,000 be spent on this campaign.

Motion: That the VBA as a club pays \$3 per home club member to the VBA State body. Moved A. Halmos. Seconded M. Tencer. Carried.

L. Kelso to meet with David Thompson. It is felt that it is essential that State and Club Events be recorded as separate financial items.

The Simultaneous Pairs financial details to be examined also. This event to be run by the FABCV in 2003.

### **Seniors Week**

L. Kelso reported that the relevant paper work had been completed. It is hoped that J. Collins will act as Director. Catering issues not discussed.

I. Webb suggested that the possibility of conducting lessons at Primelife venues during Senior's week be investigated.

### **Correspondence**

A letter of complaint against Mr. Henry Sawicki was tabled by Mr. M. Chrapot.

A letter of complaint against Mr. Corey Haugh was received from Mrs. M. Elson.

Formal hearings will be set up to examine these complaints.

### **Christmas Party**

M. Balint mentioned that the Christmas Party had been very successful. J. Collins was thanked for her organization of this event. Thanks also to L. Kelso and M. Yuill.

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

L. Kelso will be in Canberra for the ANC. All arrangements regarding his absence are under control.

ANC organization needs to be clarified. J. Collins will convene this event.

The Summer Congress was deemed to have been very successful. Thanks were conveyed to the Convenors (M. Tencer and M. Chrapot). Primelife Australia has indicated their interest in holding a similar event early in 2003 at their Brighton site. The possibility of holding the VBA Anzac Congress at the Primelife Brighton site will be examined.

L. Kelso reported that 4 players were absent from the final round of the Christmas Mixed Pairs resulting in sit-outs in two sections. These players have been asked to account for their absences.

**Next Meeting**

It was decided that meetings should be held regularly on the first Sunday of each calendar month at 5.00 pm (7.00pm when Congresses are being run). Next meeting scheduled for 2<sup>nd</sup> February 5.00 pm.

**Meeting closed at 7.10 pm.**