

MINUTES OF MEETING OF

VBA COUNCIL

HELD Tuesday 28th February 2006 6pm

At the VBA Clubrooms

Present:	J Collins	JMC
	D Smith	DS
	K Lee	KL
	M Woods	MSW
	M Bertuna	MB
	J Leach	JL
	L Hickman	LH
	B Howe	BEH
	J Hall	MJH
	K Muntz	KJM
	M Yuill	MY
	B Stokes	BS
Apologies:	C Lachman	
	K Chan	

The meeting opened at 6 pm.

Martin Wilcox attended and gave the council a short talk about his representation of Victoria on the ABF and the ABF and its committees in general.

Ray Anderson attended and told us of the future plans for the Waverley Bridge Club premises and possible opportunities for the VBA to join in these plans. No decision was made about how to proceed with this.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted. Business arising from the minutes:

Ken Lee now would like our accounts to be distributed by email or mail rather than displayed on our web site. The minutes of council meetings are to go on the VBA web site after production of the second draft (ie after feedback on the first draft from meeting attendees) - marked as DRAFT minutes. However they will not be displayed in the VBA premises until after ratification at the following council meeting,

MJH has made enquiries about the Glen Eira Council Community Grants Program - the maximum grant is \$5000 and guidelines will be on their web site in April/May.

JMC has spoken to M Petrie re the letter from the Waverley Bridge Club.

A second representative on the VBA council from other clubs has not yet been appointed.

Representation for Affiliates Report:

DS gave an update from the meeting of the committee looking at separation of state functions and representation for affiliated clubs (see separate minutes for that meeting).

President's report.

JMC went to a meeting with Jessel Rothfield at Alzheimers Vic, re the VBA event in support of Alzheimers disease. Jessel has the support of Steve Bracks and Zelman Cowan and others. The date for the event is the same as the ABF Alzheimers event. Affiliated clubs will be invited to have one session and donate to Alzheimers Vic.

Administration Report:

There were 13 new applicants for VBA membership, these were elected - moved DS, seconded MSW. Current membership total is 501.

Approximately 14 clubs have still not paid capitation fees. CVL has had advice from the ABF Masterpoint Administrator, John Hansen, that clubs may not participate in the ABF masterpoint scheme unless affiliated with the State body. A reminder letter with a time limit for payment is to be sent to those clubs whose fees are still outstanding.

Paul Lavings will be here between the VCC and the teaching seminar the following weekend. JMC will talk to BS re the schedule in between. Retention of students after lessons was discussed. BEH to email clubs and ask about their experience.

Ballarat has applied for a teaching grant from Future Bridge. Clarification is required about what they are asking for. This is to be sorted out by a rep from the FABCV and a rep from the VBA (MB).

Financial Report:

We have a YTD profit of \$16K. ANC costs are expected to put us in a loss. But the increase in fees should make up the shortfall, giving us a likely break even for the year.

The costing of State and Club activities has been completed and the report for the 2005/6 budget issued to Affiliated clubs. MB will send a Year to Date financial statement to clubs in the near future.

Secretary's Report:

An application has been received from a local dentist re use of part of the VBA building for a temporary dental practice, for possibly 4 months. KL moved that CVL commence negotiations, seconded DS, motion passed. MB will work out an appropriate rental and make a recommendation to the Council.

A letter from Paynesville Bridge Club was received with their capitation fees, similar to that received from Lakes Entrance etc last month.

A letter from the FABCV was received re governance of bridge in Victoria.

Other Business.

The ANZAC Congress is to be convened again by KJM and MSW. There is a question as to why the VBA has 2 congresses a year and other clubs one. The M&TC allocates dates. MSW to get profit statement for previous congresses for the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.50pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday April 5th, 5.45pm.