

MINUTES OF MEETING OF

VBA COUNCIL

HELD Wednesday 5th April 2006 5.45pm

At the VBA Clubrooms

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

The meeting opened at 5.45 pm.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed; the name 'Separation of State Functions' was changed to 'Representation for Affiliates'. The minutes were then accepted - moved BEH, seconded DLS.

Business arising from the minutes:

Opportunity for VBA to participate in future plans for Waverley Bridge Club new premises. Council decided not to go ahead with this - moved BEH, seconded MJH. Council to notify Waverley Bridge Club.

Appointment of second representative from Affiliated Clubs on the VBA council. JMC contacted M Petrie but he did not want to continue. JMC to approach Michael Stokie from Geelong Bridge Club.

Teaching seminar - feedback from clubs re retention of students (BEH). BEH still to do this.

Appropriate rental for use of VBA premises by local dentist (MB). MB to contact Dr Habib to see if he still requires premises.

Application by Ballarat Bridge Club for teaching grant from Future Bridge. MB to follow this up.

President's report.

JMC expressed some concern re negative views of the VBA in the CNBC report as originally submitted to the ABF by A Halmos, and in an email. JMC and DLS had a meeting with A Halmos today without resolution. DLS will find a copy of this CNBC report and send to KL who will draft a letter to A Halmos for approval by the Council.

Administration Report:

Following the ABF census the current membership total is 439. There were 3 new applicants for VBA membership, these were elected - moved KL, seconded DLS.

ABF umbrella Director's Liability Insurance would not cover anything other than bridge.

All clubs have now paid capitation fees except for Kattery and U3A. The ABF Masterpoint Administrator John Hansen has written notifying members of these clubs that they have 3 months to transfer to an affiliated club if they wish to continue to play bridge at a club, State or National level. Disaffiliated clubs are to be removed from the list of affiliated clubs on the VBA web site – moved KL, seconded LH. *(NOTE: Kattery decided the following day to pay the fees).*

Financial Report:

Duplicate table numbers are rising, increasing revenue. Report accepted – moved MB, seconded MJH.

ANZAC Congress – Prizes should take into account the GST on entry fees. KJM would like help with food preparation. MSW produced profit figures from last 2 congresses.

Representation for Affiliates Report:

DLS will write a separate report of progress in this area.

Other Business.

Use of bidding boxes (donated to the VBA after the CNBC tournament) at State events. We have enough for 50 tables. Council supports their use as much as possible subject to the discretion of Victoria's chief tournament director - moved DLS, seconded KC.

MJH is to attend a meeting on the Glen Eira Council Community Grants Program and will prepare a submission, which needs to be for a specific project. Several possible projects were discussed, a decision is to be made at the next meeting. KG will assist MJH.

KC and LH are to assist Jessel Rothfield with the VBA event in support of Alzheimers disease.

KL raised the question as to how many representatives from Affiliated Clubs are able to be appointed to the VBA Council. Documentation from AGM to be checked.

The meeting closed at 7.10pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 3rd May, 5.45pm.