

MINUTES OF MEETING OF

VBA COUNCIL

HELD Wednesday 3rd May 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
	M Yuill	MY
	J Leach	JL
	K Gullan	KG
	B Stokes	BS

The meeting opened at 5.45 pm.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted - moved MLH, seconded KJM.

Business arising from the minutes:

Submission to Glen Eira Council Community Grants Program – MJH has proposed a project – ‘Combating Social Isolation amongst Glen Eira Senior Citizens’ - which involves provision of transport to the VBA for up to 30 senior citizens for bridge lessons and subsequent supervised play. Council agreed with this project, moved MSW, seconded BEH.

Co-option of second member-elected President to serve on the Council - JMC to approach Michael Stokie of 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 has told Dr Habib that the VBA does not want to go ahead with this.

Application by Ballarat Bridge Club for teaching grant from Future Bridge. MB has this in hand.

Letter to A Halmos re negative views of VBA - KL recommended that Council not go ahead with this, Council agreed.

Query as to how many Member-elected Presidents of clubs affiliated with the VBA may be co-opted to serve on the VBA Council - any number may be co-opted. Reference: VBA Constitution, Article 34.

President's report: Nothing to report.

Administration Report:

The Administration report was read. Current membership total is 447. There were 5 new applicants for VBA membership, these were elected – moved KL, seconded MJH.

Treasurer's Report:

April was a very good month due largely to increasing table numbers.

The FABCV has enquired re the Simultaneous pairs account which was closed in June 2004 and the balance of \$3770 transferred to VBA general funds. These funds are built up from Simultaneous Pairs entry fees and are used to fund sending a pair to the ANC and administrative costs. KL suggested that the VBA put forward the \$3770, the FABCV put forward the accumulated entry fees since 2004, the total to be deposited to a separate bank account to be administered jointly by the VBA and the FABCV and to be used for the purposes stated, and if there are excess funds, reduce future Sim Pairs entry fees. MB to take over this matter.

Representation for Affiliates Report:

DLS has written a separate report of the meeting on May 3rd. If any Council members have an idea for a model please put it on paper and give it to DLS. MB wishes to discuss at the next meeting whether the VBA is to be represented at the FABCV AGM in July where a new constitution for bridge in Victoria may be voted on by affiliated clubs. The Council is meanwhile to continue with its own progress and keep clubs informed in a timely manner. Due to time pressures MB volunteered to put together a project plan of steps against a timeline to achieve a result.

Other Business.

Editorial responsibility for the VBA web site. JMC, BEH and CVL to follow this up after the meeting.

DLS moved that Cathie Lachman be granted special leave on full pay while representing Australia at the PABF in Shanghai. Seconded BEH, all in favour.

KL gave notice that he is taking extended leave after this meeting, probably till October, and that he would submit an application for Leave of Absence to the next Council meeting.

The ANZAC Congress made a profit of approximately \$2000. JMC thanked KJM and MSW for convening the congress.

The meeting closed at 7pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 7th June, 5.45pm.