

MINUTES OF MEETING OF

VBA COUNCIL

HELD Wednesday 7th June 2006 5.45pm

At the VBA Clubrooms

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

The meeting opened at 6.10 pm. The President was absent due to illness, DS was in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read, and accepted - moved BEH, seconded DS.

Laurie Kelso talked to us re letters Donald Lourenz had written re the Autumn Red Point Pairs tournament. Laurie assured us he had taken action to sort out the problem.

Business arising from the minutes:

Co-option of second member-elected President to serve on the Council - Michael Stokie of Geelong Bridge Club declined due to work commitments. Judy Larsen of Essendon also declined. The Council to approach 2 others.

Teaching seminar - feedback from clubs re retention of students (BEH). BEH is progressing with this.

Negotiation with FABCV re Simultaneous pairs funds of \$3770 which were taken over by VBA in June 2004. Balance of this account may have been \$11,000 in Aug 99. MB wants to reconcile this and check audit trail before going to the FABCV.

Council to consider 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. MB and LH will attend the meeting.

Editorial responsibility for the VBA web site. To be with BEH.

Application for Leave of Absence from KL. The application was accepted.

President's report: No report due to illness.

Administration Report:

The Administration report was read. Current membership total is 452. There were 5 new applicants for VBA membership, these were elected – moved MY, seconded BS.

Jessel Rothfield has requested the help of the VBA Council in persuading 12 leading Victorian Bridge clubs to hold a charity bridge session this September as part of his 'Bridge for Life Campaign' fundraiser for Alzheimers Australia. The VBA will offer web publicity and dealing files, and CVL will write to 13 Affiliated clubs. The VBA Council will then do follow-up calls. Clubs may make a donation of all or any part of the proceeds of their event. A definite date for the event to be set soon.

Applications for grants from Future Bridge. Application from Donald Bridge Club approved. MB clarifying application by Ballarat Bridge.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurers was presented, we have a YTD profit of over \$32K. However it is expected this will be absorbed with the ANC and payments of some one off costs.

ANC subsidies for this year were set at \$140 for air fare and \$30 per diem.

Representation for Affiliates Report:

Two models are to be fleshed out. DLS to write a separate report of the meeting on Jun 7th.

Other Business.

A recent incident in the car park is being investigated and dealt with by a committee headed by Bill Jacobs.

The meeting closed at 7.10 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 5th July, 5.45pm