MINUTES OF MEETING OF

VBA COUNCIL

HELD Wednesday 16th August 2006 5.45pm

At the VBA Clubrooms

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

The meeting opened at 6 pm.

The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read, and accepted. Business arising from the minutes:

Co-option of second member-elected President to serve on the Council - efforts to find another representative have so far been unsuccessful. CVL approached several but all declined.

Teaching seminar - feedback from clubs re retention of students (BEH). CVL was to send a letter with the next mailout. No further developments.

Negotiation with FABCV re Simultaneous pairs funds of \$3770 which were taken over by VBA in June 2004. No further progress. To be followed up with KL when he returns. MSW to write to Dave Thompson requesting information.

'Bridge for Life' Fundraiser for Alzheimers Australia. Jessel Rothfield attended to give us an update. Ten out of 40 clubs have so far agreed to hold events. Jessel would like more help, eg with contacting other clubs. Remaining clubs split between Council members for action. Jessel had discussed arrangements for VBA event with CVL but this is not finalised.

President's report: Nothing further to above.

Administration Report:

The VBA Bridge Players café received a food safety assessment of 5 stars and is now to be advertised throughout the municipality. JMC to investigate.

20s and 30s Bridge Club wish to advertise in the VBA. Since advertising is restricted to affiliated clubs this is not possible. JMC to speak to them.

Treasurer's Report:

Early indications are that the VBA will have a profit of between \$10,000 and \$20,000 for the year. The profit is being generated from Club income not State income. A full report on this split will be produced at the end of the financial year.

Secretary's Report: Nothing further.

Car parking problems when 2 sessions end at considerably different times were discussed. Directors are to be asked to pause a session so that people may move cars which are blocking others. People who park in the middle need to be prepared to move their cars on these occasions. JMC to announce in the club. MSW to write to Directors.

Another recent car parking incident is to be referred to Bill Jacobs.

Request by Waverley Bridge Club for a letter in support of their new building. Council agreed to this.

CVL to be offered a mobile phone if she would like one.

Request for payment of entry fees for Stage 3 of the Butler for non-qualifying pairs. BEH to speak to Justin Stark. We need to set up procedures for all ANC subsidies. JMC to investigate.

Some recent matters have been decided by email between Council meetings. In future policy decisions are to be referred by CVL to the full Council. If a matter is urgent, the president is to be contacted and she will speak to Council members by phone.

Someone from the Council is to be appointed to the Match and Tournament Committee. JMC to talk to the M&TC. To be discussed further at the next meeting.

BEH was appointed stand in Vice-president while KL and DLS are on leave.

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 20th September, 5.45pm.