

MINUTES OF MEETING OF

VBA COUNCIL

HELD Wednesday 20th September 2006 5.45pm

At the VBA Clubrooms

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

The meeting opened at 5.45 pm.

The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read, and accepted (moved BEH, seconded MY).

Business arising from the minutes:

Co-optation of second member-elected President to serve on the Council - efforts to find another representative still unsuccessful. John Moir from Yarra Valley was approached but he declined.

Teaching seminar - feedback from clubs re retention of students. CVL sent a letter to all clubs, a lot of feedback was received, this has been forwarded to BEH.

Negotiation with FABCV re Simultaneous pairs funds of \$3770 which were taken over by VBA in June 2004, also prior history of these funds. Reply received from Dave Thompson. Further information needed from KL when he returns.

Representation for Affiliated members. MB suggested we do a survey of Affiliated clubs to find out what changes they would like in the running of bridge in Victoria. All in favour. MJH and MB to develop survey questions.

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. In progress.

20s and 30s Bridge Club wish to advertise in the VBA. If advertising is restricted by ABF rules to affiliated clubs this will not be possible. ABF rules in this regard to be further investigated by BEH.

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. In progress.

BEH is appointed as a member of the Match and Tournament committee, effective immediately. A recommendation is given to the next Council that a member of the Council be appointed as the Chair of the M&TC. (moved DLS, seconded MSW).

President's report:

JMC suggested extending Jeff Fust's role from bridge teacher to Youth Co-ordinator. We will talk to Jeff re what he might do, and costs. If this goes ahead we will ask Future Bridge to fund a 3 month trial.

JMC thanked LH for the sterling effort she has put in working with Jessel Rothfield and Victorian Bridge Clubs on the Bridge for Life fundraiser for Alzheimers Australia. The September long event is proceeding most successfully.

Administration Report:

Eight people have applied for membership, these were elected, (moved DLS, seconded LH).

Treasurer's Report:

Preliminary indications are that the VBA will have a profit of \$15,000 to \$20,000 for the year. JMC noted that the economical approach taken by CVL in managing the VBA has been a big factor in this profit.

Secretary's Report: Letter received by a member re an unsuccessful on-line entry resulting in her being unable to play in the event. The VBA web site will be changed to make it clearer that you need to get a confirmation letter to ensure that entry is completed.

Other Business:

MY and LH are happy to convene the Summer Congress but would like someone to take over preparation and serving of the food. Volunteers to be found.

Comments have been received from members about poor lighting and a stark and uninviting atmosphere in the back room. CVL will look at the lighting. A House Committee is to be established to look at clubroom and social matters (moved JH, seconded MB). Suggestion box to be reinstated (CVL).

Victorian representatives to the ABF to be requested to attend either the October or November meeting to brief us on matters related to this representation.

The meeting closed at 7.10 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday 11th October, 5.45pm.