

MINUTES OF MEETING OF

VBA COUNCIL

HELD Wednesday 18th October 2006 5.45pm

At the VBA Clubrooms

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

Business arising from the minutes:

Teaching seminar - feedback from clubs re retention of students. Feedback reviewed by BEH, there was little useful material, no recommendations forthcoming.

Query from FABCV re Simultaneous pairs balance in the accounts as at August 1999. The history of these funds has now been investigated by MB and KL. MB reported that documents are incomplete for part of the period, however the accounts were audited during that time and there is no other information of which we are aware. MB to convey this to M Wilcox.

Representation for Affiliated members. Update on survey to be taken of Affiliated clubs. MJH and MB believe survey questions should fall into 3 categories - Feedback on VBA performance, Governance issues, and Needs of Affiliated clubs in various areas. They recommend survey be undertaken next year, possibly February, and possibly in conjunction with FABCV. MB will talk to the FABCV at their upcoming meeting re the survey.

The VBA Bridge Players café received a food safety assessment of 5 stars and is now to be advertised throughout the municipality. This was a mention in Council literature and is not an issue.

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. No progress.

Request for payment of entry fees for Stage 3 of the Butler for non-qualifying pairs. These were paid for some years ago but not in recent years. JMC to speak to J Stark. A decision to be made next meeting. A policy for the future to be developed.

Youth Co-ordinator. Jeff Fust is interested but is away till March 2007. CVL to sort out teaching in the interim.

House Committee. No progress on this but CVL has obtained some new decorations and organised an electrician to sort out the lighting.

The Victorian representatives to the ABF were not available to attend this meeting but will be invited to the November meeting (CVL).

The term of one Victorian representative to the ABF is completed in March 2007, a notice to be put up after the AGM asking for expressions of interest for this position (MSW to produce).

President's Report.

JMC reported on an informal discussion she had with a member of Glen Eira Council. We were encouraged to continue efforts to have our permit changed, and to get a volume of requests before the Council. JMC will talk to the Glen Eira Council Traffic department.

Administration Report:

The manager's report was read (and is available as a separate document).

Five people have applied for membership, these were elected, (moved KJM, seconded MY).

Treasurer's Report:

Profit for this Financial year is \$32,564, an improvement of \$118, 499 on last year's results. The credit for these results is largely due to the efforts of our manager, CVL, by controlling expenses, recommending initiatives for increasing income and the overall promotion of the club.

Numbers and profit on Club Functions increased, but State functions barely broke even. Numbers for some State events, especially State 'non-selection' events were down, so that even though costs increased, revenues were the same or down. We need to look at how we can do better with these events, BEH to investigate.

Reporting on the State/Club split, and comparison to budget, will now change to quarterly instead of monthly.

Remuneration for the manager (CVL) was discussed. It was decided to increase her salary by \$5,000 pa, commencing with the start of the next pay period, moved BEH, seconded MY. CVL was absent while this was decided. JMC expressed appreciation to CVL from both the Council and the members for the work she has done.

The Treasurers Report was accepted, and we asked that the Audit proceed – moved JMC, seconded BEH.

Other Business:

ANZAC Congress 2007. Anzac day is on a Wednesday next year. KL moved that the VBA relinquish either the ANZAC or the Summer Congress next year, seconded DLS. The motion was defeated. It was decided the preferred days for the Congress were Saturday/ Sunday, preferably the weekend before Anzac day.

AGM Preparation.

CVL was appointed the Returning Officer for the AGM.

The timetable for AGM preparation was presented and ratified. Dates discussed/decided:

Wed. 1 st November	Deadline for lodgement of notices of motions by members
Thurs. 2 nd November	Special Council meeting to adopt accounts
Thurs. 30 th November 8pm	Closing date for lodgement of proxies
Fri. 1 st December 5pm	Deadline for nominations for Council
Tues. 5 th December 6.30pm	AGM

BEH to look into rules for limiting number of proxies per member.

Authority was given for the Invoice for Capitation Fees to go out to Affiliated clubs (CVL), accompanied by a suitable letter.

Master Point Centre Project. We would like more information on the project, JMC and BEH will seek this from the ABF.

Dealing Machine for ERBA. We believe ERBA are to ask Future Bridge for \$2,500 as half the cost for another dealing machine for the region. ERBA are to be requested to submit an application on the appropriate form. MB will review correspondence and talk to them.

Sue Kelso to be given a honorarium of \$1000 for her work as Victorian Masterpoint Secretary, moved KL, seconded BEH.

Hazel Schwerdt to be given an Honorarium of \$500 as well as a bouquet of flowers in appreciation of all the work she does for the club, moved MB, seconded KL.

Bridge for Life. LH is producing a full report to be sent to all participating clubs. The event raised approximately \$9000 for Alzheimers Australia. LH thanked again for all her work.

The meeting closed at 7.25 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday 2nd November, 6pm, Special Meeting to adopt the Accounts.

Next Ordinary Council Meeting: Wednesday 22nd November, 5.45pm.