

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF

### VBA COUNCIL

HELD Wednesdays 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29th November 2006 5.45pm

#### At the VBA Clubrooms

Nov 22 <sup>nd</sup> Present:	J Collins	JMC
	K Lee	KL
	M Woods	MSW
	M Bertuna	MB
	J Hall	MJH
	L Hickman	LH
	M Yuill	MY
	K Muntz	KJM
	K Chan	KC
In Attendance	C Lachman	CVL
	A Halmos (part time)	AH
	M Willcox (part time)	MW
	L Kelso (part time)	LK
Apologies	D Smith	DLS

The meeting opened at 5.50 pm.

The minutes of the previous meeting were taken as read. A change was requested to the minute re the new dealing machine for ERBA, to note that the request came from ERBA and not the FABVC. This change was accepted and has been made.

KL reported that a minute of a Council meeting with insufficient attendees for a quorum had been used as authority for changes to banking details for the VBA Foundation accounts. He then tabled a motion with the minute attached. The motion read - "That the attached authority in relation to the VBA Foundation accounts with the ANZ bank, dated 15<sup>th</sup> November and signed by the President of the VBA, be ratified by this meeting of the full Council of the VBA held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2006. In addition, that the said Ian McCance, Catherine Lachman, and Charles Snashall now be the only signatories on the said accounts. The bank is instructed to delete any other signatories. And that a copy of this minute be forwarded to the ANZ bank." The attached authority stated - "It was resolved that the VBA Foundation account be split into two accounts, cheque account and V2+ Interest Bearing account and moved to the Carnegie Branch where all other VBA accounts are kept", and gave the new signatories of the account as stated in the motion. Seconded MB, motion passed.

Business arising from the minutes:

Query from FABCV re Simultaneous pairs balance in the accounts as at August 1999. MB has emailed conclusions on the results of investigations to M Willcox, no reply received.

Update on survey to be taken of Affiliated clubs. MJH and MB Met in October. MJH has done a lot of work on this but not yet completed. A paragraph re the survey to go in next month's VBA bulletin. We aim to do the survey in Feb 2007.

ABF rules re advertising in the VBA by non-affiliated clubs. To be discussed further with Administration report.

Request for payment of entry fees for Stage 3 of the Butler for non-qualifying pairs. JMC spoke to J Stark. JMC produced and tabled a Council discussion paper on future policy for payment to Victorian ANC representatives. To be studied by councillors and discussed at the next meeting.

House Committee. No progress - to be passed to the next Council. CVL is looking after issues in the interim.

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). No progress.

Investigation of how we can improve entries for State events. No progress.

Investigation of rules for limiting number of proxies per member. KL believes proxies cannot be limited by the Corporations Act. CVL to talk to a solicitor.

Masterpont Centre Project. More information to be obtained from the ABF. No progress.

Update on dealing machine for ERBA. Future Bridge have approved a grant of \$2500 (50% of the request).

President's Report.

LK had informed NCJW that the NCJW Charity bridge event, held every year at the VBA, would not be listed in the VBA calendar for 2007. NCJW then wrote to the VBA asking if it could be listed. JMC then made a decision to include the event in the calendar (now gone to press). LK then attended the meeting to give his viewpoint. He believes that the VBA should stand apart from non-affiliated events. He suggested that for 2008 two calendars could be produced – a Club calendar and a Victorian event calendar. LK to discuss this further with the Council in plenty of time before production of the 2008 calendar.

Administration Report:

The following people applied for membership and were elected, (moved MJH, seconded LH):

Patricia McAuley

Tony Alfredson

Martin Willcox

Jeremy Goldberg.

MB congratulated CVL on negotiating reduced merchant service fee with the ANZ bank.

Review of administration report was not completed as the meeting ran out of time.

JMC moved a vote of confidence in CVL, seconded KJM, passed.

Other Business:

A Halmos attended to give feedback on his Victorian representation to the ABF. He reported that the ABF are tackling a number of positions:

They may increase money given to the states.

There is a push to get more Youth players in.

A draft code of ethics will go to the states for approval.

Policy on drinking during tournaments, a draft policy will be produced for approval.

Masterpoint Centre project. This is a large project which will automate submission of masterpoints to the ABF, and provide a number of other functions. No requirements document is available. The states/clubs will be asked whether we accept the system after development. The system will have directing helps, produce reports and have checks and balances. AH is the ABF appointed project manager for this project, any concerns we have should be forwarded through him.

M Willcox then attended to give feedback on his Victorian representation to the ABF. He gave further information on the Masterpoint Centre project. It is a PC based system. It is planned that the ABF will roll out software and hardware to all clubs. The scoring system is not masterscore. No documentation is available but MW is drafting some. The PC side of the system is scheduled

to be finished by May 2007. A group of people are working on the system, the platform includes Java, SQL, Visual Studio and Microsoft server. It will check red point allocation for clubs. There will still be a role for State masterpoint secretaries.

The meeting closed at 7.25 pm.

Since the Agenda items were not completed, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting recommenced meeting Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November at 5.45pm.

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The administration report was read.

Sue Kelso has offered to give the Council a talk on her role as Victorian Masterpoint secretary, we recommend that the next Council accept this.

KL suggested that the names of newly elected members be included in the minutes, all in favour. It is recommended that the new Council appoint a member to co-ordinate IT matters.

A letter received from KC re the ANC subsidies document was read, the document to be discussed at the next meeting.

Financial Report.

The budget for 2007 was presented and discussed. The budgeted result is a profit of approx \$7000. The Budget was accepted, moved MB seconded MJH. It was decided to show budget figures against actual at the AGM.

MB suggested an alternative basis for allocating some costs and expenses for 2007 for the State/Club split: Council determined to split these as follows:

		% State	% Club
Revenue	Social Club teams	50	50
	Rent	20	80
	Interest Income	5	95
Expenses	Youth Vouchers	75	25
	Social Club teams	50	50
	Clubroom expenses	20	80

MB tabled a Letter of Representation to the Auditors. The Council resolved to authorise the treasurer to give this letter to the auditors on the Council's behalf.

Other business.

A letter of thanks was received from Rysia Rozen of the NCJW thanking the VBA for support of the NCJW bridge afternoon.

AGM Preparation.

KL has produced a draft schedule for the AGM preparation for next year. To be reviewed next year by the new Council. The main difference is that nominations for Council positions would close prior to issuing proxy papers.

The president noted receipt from Nick Beaumont, president of the FABVC, of a letter and the minutes of the October FABCV meeting. The letter welcomed the cooperation between the VBA and the FABVC and expressed the wish to extend this.

VBA to apply for ABF \$3000 dollar for dollar allowance for promotion of bridge, by end of 2006. CVL is documenting eligible expenses (eg lessons).

2009 Zone 7 Playoff.

We would like to hold this subject to compliance with permit conditions. Expression of interest to be emailed to ABF (MSW).