

Minutes of meeting of VBA Council

Held Wednesday 31st January 2007 5.45 pm

VBA Premises, 131 Poath Rd, Murrumbena.

Present	J. Collins	(President)	JC
	D. Smith	(VP)	DS
	S. Klofa	(VP)	SK
	M. Bertuna	(Treasurer)	MB
	J. Hall	(Secretary)	MJH
	K. Chan		KC
	J. Goldberg		JG
	L. Hickman		LH
	J. Leach		JL
	K. Muntz		KM
	M. Willcox		MNW
	M. Woods		MSW
	M. Yuill		MY
	C. Lachman	(Manager)	CL
Apologies	None		
Absent	B. Stokes	(Regional Rep)	BS

The second Council meeting of the 2006/7 year opened at 5.40pm with the President in the chair.

Correspondence

Letters received

Seven emails and letters received were noted. Details are available in the correspondence book and Secretary's Report

Letters sent

Eight emails and letters sent were noted. Details are available in the correspondence book and Secretary's Report

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 13th December 2006 were read and accepted.

Moved: DS Seconded: KC

Reports

<p>President's report</p>	<p>The President delivered a verbal report. The VCC is to be offered to the VBA. MNW reminded the Council that any loss from this event would be covered by the ABF. No decision was arrived at, as to whether the VBA would accept the ABF offer when received.</p> <p>In the meantime JC will seek opinions on the event's financial and administrative viability from Diana Jacobs and Jenny Thompson who have previously convened the event.</p>	<p>Action: JC</p>												
<p>Admin- istration report</p>	<p>The Manager submitted a written report. To date, 27 Clubs have paid their capitation fees.</p> <p>The VBA currently has 494 members. The following new members were ratified:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moved: DS Seconded: KC</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">Aviva Stillman</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Paula Dams</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Noraini Knight</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gwenda Mealyea</td> <td>Anne Camimile</td> <td>Allan Martin</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Corey Rose</td> <td>Basil Shanahan</td> <td>Toni Alfredson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Mary Warnock</td> <td>Peter Zeimer</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Aviva Stillman	Paula Dams	Noraini Knight	Gwenda Mealyea	Anne Camimile	Allan Martin	Corey Rose	Basil Shanahan	Toni Alfredson	Mary Warnock	Peter Zeimer		
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<p>Secretary's report</p>	<p>The Secretary delivered her report. Matters arising:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 A letter to be sent to Ian McCance warmly thanking him for his past service as Bulletin editor. 2 An increase in payment to Bill Jacobs, now the sole Bulletin editor, was authorised. <p style="text-align: center;">Moved: DS Seconded: LH</p>	<p>Action CL</p> <p>Action CL</p>												
<p>Treasurer financial report</p>	<p>The Treasurer MB spoke to the financial situation. The VBA is operating to budget and event entries are holding up well at this stage. The Treasurer has sent out the state / club split to affiliated clubs after the budget was accepted.</p> <p>The affiliated clubs survey questionnaire is almost complete and will be passed to MNW, SK and DS for comment next week.</p>	<p>Action MB, MJH</p>												

<p>MTC Report</p>	<p>DS delivered the M and TC report</p> <p>Matters arising:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A hard copy of the VBA calendar is to be made available to all members of affiliated clubs who request this. Currently the Manager has spare copies available and can run some off in house should more be required. From 2008, an in house prepared cut down calendar will be made available. 2. JG requested a change in the Web based calendar format to make it easier to transfer between non contiguous months. This is not always feasible around the end of our playing year. The webmaster will consider the viability of the requested changes 3. Certain habitual offenders frequently enter events late causing inconvenience to the Tournament Director. For all State events, the Manager is requested to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Phone habitual offenders to check their entries b) Publicise forthcoming events in the newsletter c) Send out fliers to the affiliated clubs well before events. 4. The issue of bidding boxes was discussed. Existing stationery stocks and the time taken to set up and take down bidding boxes between sessions are relevant issues. MNW offered to attempt to on sell existing stocks of stationery to other Victorian Clubs. <p>Motion: The VBA should use bidding boxes for all sessions including supervised play.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moved: DS Seconded: LH</p> <p>The manager should inform all tournament directors and leaders of supervised play sessions of this decision..</p> <p>More bidding boxes should be purchased if required</p>	<p>Action CL</p> <p>Action MY</p> <p>Action: CL</p> <p>Action: MNW</p> <p>Action: DS, CL, L Kelso</p> <p>Action CL</p> <p>Action CL, MNW</p>
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All reports were accepted

Other business

<p>Council Permit Renegotiation</p>	<p>SK spoke to his plan for renegotiating the VBA Council Permit.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Personally door knock and petition VBA neighbours. It was suggested that he should be accompanied by a female councilor b) Get Glen Eira residents who are VBA club members to approach friends and relatives to also sign a general petition on behalf of the VBA. c) Hand delivery of prepared information flier when making personal contact with Glen Eira Councilors d) Approach Glen Eira Council staff in town hall. <p>SK is authorised by Council to go ahead. With general petition and neighbourhood survey only (points a and b above) and see what eventuates before Council will reconsider approaching Glen Eira Councilors or staff</p> <p>Whether we should consider using the town planner again or possibly photograph empty car spaces in area in evenings was discussed. Much of this work has been previously completed. The Manager is requested to find the previously completed traffic survey and pass to SK.</p> <p>Investigate the cost of a mirror on exit from the carpark.</p> <p>SK approached JR: no outcome.</p>	<p>Action SK</p> <p>Action CL Action SK</p>
<p>Meeting between SK and NB</p>	<p>SK reported that he had a meeting with Nick Beaumont President of the FABCV. He was asked to send an email report to Councilors</p>	<p>Action SK</p>
<p>Council Authority and Responsibility</p>	<p>MB spoke to: Council authority and scope of responsibility. Some general principles were agreed upon</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Communicate by email but decide in Council. b) Anything significant occurring between Council meetings should be cleared with the President or if unavailable with one of the VPs. c) If money is involved, clear with the Treasurer. d) Councilors discussed the differences between their roles and responsibilities when acting as a Councilor and as a private individual. 	

ABF State Representative	<p>An Expression of Interest from DS regarding being our ABF state representative was noted. The Manager was asked to ring the ABF to establish a closing date.</p> <p>Motion: As time is short and the decision may have to be made prior to the next meeting; subject to no further nominations being received, the VBA state representative to the ABF is David Smith</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Moved: MB Seconded: MSW</p>	Action CL
Benalla Bridge Club Beginners Classes	Benalla Bridge club request for suggestions for Bridge Teachers passed to the Manager. This may become a request for Future Bridge funding later.	Action CL
Rental for Bridge Café during proprietor' absences	Council decided that no rental would be charged the Bridge Café proprietor during his absences on holiday however the Manager was asked to seek the services of a barista or other suitable person when the proprietor is unavailable.	Action CL
Legal representation	The Council is without a legal representative. L Kelso and the Manager are looking into this.	Action CL
Master Point Secretary	The Masterpoint Secretary to be invited to address Councilors one Wednesday evening prior to the Bridge session possibly in March. She should be requested to supply a draft agenda.	Action CL
Bridge in Schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Jeff Fust has organized helpers for University orientation weeks. Student classes will be offered starting 22nd March 2007 b) Danielle Goldschlager is also working with youth players and will not be financially supported by the VBA as her Club remains non-affiliated. However her considerable efforts to promote bridge amongst youth are acknowledged and JG is working with her in his private capacity. c) Bairnsdale has a school class starting soon 	
Youth Coordination	The position of Youth Coordinator is to be left on hold as it was not budgeted for this year. The Council offers to assist Jeff Fust whenever necessary	Action JC
Policy on payment of ANC reps	The urgent need for a policy on payment to ANC representatives was briefly discussed. JC had prepared a draft policy previously and the Manager was asked to circulate this by email.	

The meeting closed 7.12pm

Next meeting: 7th March 2007, 5.45 pm

