

Minutes of meeting of VBA Council

Held Wednesday 13th June 2007 5.45 pm

VBA Premises, 131 Poath Rd, Murrumbreena.

Present	J. Collins (President)	JC
	S. Klofa (VP)	SK
	J. Hall (Secretary)	MJH
	K. Chan	KC
	M Woods	MSW
	J. Leach	JL
	M. Willcox	MNW
	M. Yuill	MY
	F. McConvill (Regional Rep)	FM
	J. Goldberg	JG
Apologies	L Hickman	LH
	M. Bertuna (Treasurer)	MB
	M. Hecker (Regional Rep)	MH
On Leave	D. Smith (VP)	DS
	In Attendance C. Lachman (Manager)	CVL

The sixth VBA Council meeting of the 2006/7 year opened at 5.45pm with President Jeanette Collins in the chair.

Correspondence

Letters received

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

Letters sent

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Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 9th May 2007 were read and accepted.

Moved: MY Seconded: SK

Reports

President's report	Nothing to report	
Admin- istration report	The Manager submitted a written report.	
	All 2007 club levies have been received.	
	The Maccabi Bridge Club has affiliated.	
	<p>The following new VBA members were ratified:</p> <p>Nancy Edwards Wendy Freeman</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Moved: MY Seconded: KM</p> <p>VBA membership has increased to 441.</p>	
Secretary's report	The Secretary thanked MW for acting in her absence and offered apologies for not having the correspondence list up to date due to her arrival back from overseas that day. This will be rectified by the next meeting	
Treasurer financial report	The Treasurer submitted a written report which was presented in her absence by CL. Highlighted were performance close to budget and expected ANC costs to be 2,5000 above budget however they are likely to be offset by savings elsewhere.	

MTC Report	MNW presented a verbal report suggesting that Stage 3 Womens' and Seniors' ANC selection should be scrapped. Rationale is that it is occupying one extra weekend. Survey to be run re interstate selection	Action MNW
Development Committee report	No report	
Youth report	No report	

Motion 2: To accept all reports

Moved: MJH Seconded: SK

Passed unanimously.

Other business

VBA Council Permit progress	<p>SK spoke to this topic. A visitor, Land Appraisal and Planning and Development Consultant Phillip Dalton was introduced by SK and spoke before the main council; meeting</p> <p>Two ways of going ahead with the VBA permit. We can reach consensus with the Glen Eira Council and local residents or lodge an appeal with VCAT. We will follow the first option i.e. we will go through the Glen Eira Council and are resolved to go to VCAT if we have to. Basically running on what we did last time with two changes to our current permit:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) No Sunday play after 6pm 2) Saturday play 45 tables during day and at night <p>Under current permit we are allowed interstate championship once a year over 5 days and an Australian championship once every 8 years.</p> <p>Two previous issues that impacted on us getting the permit we wanted from the Glen Eira Council were discussed and strategies devised:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Parking spaces. The permit scheme allows .3 parking spaces per player and the Glen Eira Council wanted .5 per player. Our 36 places in the VBA car park are 	
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	<p>therefore insufficient if this criterion is applied again and we will need 54: i.e. we are 18 short. There are a number of ways the car park argument can be countered: ask for dispensation of 36 not 54 places; existing traffic survey indicated available cars to together with the railway car park will be sufficient; if the railway car park is improved, sufficient cars now occupying Poath road parking would move there allowing VBA patrons to take their place..</p> <p>2) Last time the opposition to our permit was well organized and extremely vocal and there were many complaints and petitions from neighbours. SK neighbourhood surveys will go some way towards countering this and JC suggested that we should send as many of our members as possible to the Glen Eira Council meeting whenever our application is to be discussed.</p> <p>The intention is to lodge the permit application early next week. Expected to take about 4 months to resolve. To go to appeal would add another 4 to 5 months. This is likely to happen so could take up to 8 months.</p> <p>Way forward. Lodge the application then have a meeting with the Glen Eira Council Managers to see which way the wind is blowing and strategise as required.</p> <p>Initial Costs: Application fee \$460 Consultants cost Minimum \$1100. Maximum \$2200.</p> <p>Appeal costs Costs of Appeal \$3,000 as Phillip Dalton does it him self If a further traffic survey is called for, this will cost in the order of \$1500 – 2200 however we do not have to agree to this and the consultant is hopeful that this can be bypassed. If we need to appeal to VCAT, legal representation and professional land appraisal reports will cost about \$10,000.</p> <p>Motion 3: The council approves that we go forward with Phillip Dalton lodging a permit application with an initial provision of approximately \$4000 Moved MSW Seconded KC.</p> <p>Passed unanimously</p> <p>The President and Council thanked SK for his work on this issue.</p>	<p>Action SK</p>
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Survey of Victorian Affiliated Clubs	MJH spoke to this topic. Eleven returns have been received so far. MB has passed these on to MJH for processing due to pressure of outside work. LH to be asked to help assist where required. Data will be input into SPSS with a data output in Excel format also supplied. The meeting decided that photo copies of FABCV questions should be passed onto Nick Beaumont when available. Care will be taken to preserve respondent's confidentiality	Action MJH
VBA Attendance at FABCV AGM on 16th June	MNW and SK agreed to attend this meeting. MJH to act as substitute if required.	Action MNW, SK, MJH
(New) VBA Logo	Three sample logos were presented by CL and discussed but none met with majority approval. A national competition to design a new VBA logo will be launched. MNW offered a printer as a prize and details will be placed on the ABF website. CL to liaise with MNW	Action CL, MNW.
ANC Subsidies	<p>ANC representatives' subsidies were discussed. A per diem rate of \$30.00 applied to representative days and the cheapest airfare available on the Friday before the women's selection at \$418.00 (Jetstar from Avalon) were suggested.</p> <p>Eligible representatives are all team members including non-playing captains, Automatic stage II entrants to the Open and Stage 2 Butler and winners of the Victorian Open and Victorian Mixed Pairs.</p> <p>This comes to \$27300 a significant increase on a budgeted item of \$23,000.</p> <p>Motion 4: The per diem rate for 2007 ANC representatives be struck at \$30. Proposed MNW, Seconded SK. Amendment to support non-waged Open, Women's and Youth representatives with a per diem rate of \$60 was proposed by MJH but lapsed due to lack of a seconder.</p> <p>The motion was passed with one vote against.</p> <p>Motion 5: ANC 2007 airfare subsidy be the cheapest available from Tullamarine rather than Avalon on 25th May (increasing the subsidy by \$12.00 to o \$430.00) Proposed MSW. Seconded MJH.</p> <p>The Motion was defeated with 3 for and 6 against.</p>	

Use of ANC Marketing grant – proposal	CL presented a suggestion from herself and the Treasurer on a plan to spend the ANC marketing grant proposal. This will have to be matched dollar for dollar from VBA funds (\$3,000). Bridge teacher Jeff Fust will present his novel computer course to any clubs or regional centres who requested this. Further details are required and this will be discussed again at the next Council meeting. . This will be ratified at the next meeting. A suggestion as made that it would be appropriate to use state levies for this matching contribution and FM suggested that any ‘state funds ‘ spent be transparent and allocated to cost centres. A mini state budget was requested.	Action MB.
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Other business

Webmaster	<p>MY is about to change her employment status and thus will need to maintain the VBA website in her private capacity. This may give rise to a conflict of interest.</p> <p>The manger and president were requested to look up the constitution for guidance and this matter should be discussed at the next meeting.</p>	Action, JC, CL
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The meeting closed 7.28pm

Next meeting: This will have to be delayed because of the ANC and as there are likely to be several important issues on the agenda it will start earlier than usual i.e. Wednesday 25th July 2007, 5.00 pm. SK gave his apologies in advance.