

Minutes of meeting of VBA Council

Held Wednesday 25th July 2007 5.00 pm

VBA Premises, 131 Poath Rd, Murrumbena.

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

The seventh VBA Council meeting of the 2006/7 year opened late at 5.30pm with MNW in the chair in the absence of the President JC who arrived at 5.40pm and subsequently took over the running of the meeting.

Correspondence

Correspondence in and out was noted.

Letters received

17 emails and letters received: details are available in the correspondence book and Secretary's Report.

The secretary was asked to write to Barry Stokes thanking him for his services to Council. Action MJH

Letters sent

5 emails and letters sent; details are available in the correspondence book and Secretary's Report.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of 13th June 2007 were read and accepted with minor corrections clarifying marketing and teaching grants (the marketing grant does not require a co-contribution) and removing a reference to a state budget.

Action MJH, MB

Moved: MSW Seconded: FM

Reports

<p>President's report</p>	<p>The President delivered a verbal report. She attended a meeting with Nick Beaumont and Brian Morgan to discuss rules for allocations to the clubs from Future Bridge funds.</p> <p>Nick Beaumont requests that the meetings on state governance should recommence.</p> <p>Matters arising:</p> <p>Future Bridge (see below)</p> <p>Brian Morgan to be invited to attend Council meetings as an observer. As he is the proprietor of a privately owned club, according to the VBA Constitution he cannot become a Councilor.</p>	<p>Action JC</p> <p>Action CVL</p>
<p>Admin- istration report</p>	<p>CVL presented a written report.</p> <p>Two new members were presented for ratification Chelliah Arun Maria Campbell</p> <p>Moved: MY Seconded: KM</p> <p>VBA membership has increased to 443</p>	
<p>Secretary's report</p>	<p>Nothing to report</p>	
<p>Treasurer financial report</p>	<p>The State / club split has been sent to the clubs. It was much as expected against budget. Result overall for June showed loss of 20,000 because ANC costs were included.</p> <p>For several years superannuation guarantee payments on behalf of a VBA employee - a tournament director have not been made. Provision must now be made for \$4,300</p>	

	retrospective payments	
MTC Report	MNW reported that the ANC Butler selection needs to be changed at least for the Women and Senior's teams. Possibly a two stage process might be better.	
Development Committee report	A report was circulated by email prior to the meeting. The Committee is trying to have lesson for secondary students in the holidays. Publicity for state events has been introduced and attendances have gone up.	
Partnership Desk	No report	
Youth report	No report	

Motion 2: To accept all reports

Moved:MB Seconded:MY
Passed unanimously.

Other business

VBA Council Permit progress	Our current Permit Application will be advertised by the end of this week The Council agreed to continue with the first step of the permit application process. When a response is received, we will need to reconsider what to do next. MNW suggested that at some stage the VBA will require to develop a strategic plan for our future.	
Parking issues	Monash City Council has informed the VBA that they will introduce new parking restrictions on the East side of Poath Rd effective until 1am. CVL stated that this is likely to impact on attendance and revenue. A notice has been placed in the August Bulletin and on the notice board at the club premises. .	
Survey of Victorian Affiliated Clubs	MJH read a confidential draft report on the results of the recent survey. A final report will be prepared by MB and MJH and sent to the clubs	Action MB, MJH
VBA Attendance at FABCV AGM on 16th June	SK attended this meeting but no report has been submitted. as yet	Action SK
Use of ABF	No written plan as yet. MB and committee will present	Action

Marketing grant proposal	this to the Council in August	MB
Playing directors policy	A complaint was received that it is unfair that the Tournament Director plays and the player without a partner should rather be sent home. The feeling of the Council was that this decision should remain at the discretion of the Director involved however a guideline was suggested that once table numbers are above 16, the Director should not normally consider playing. CVL to inform Directors.	Action CVL
ANC Subsidies	MB has collected figures from the other states. A sub committee was formed to consider ANC subsidies preferably in time for next year's ANC budget: MB, JL, MJH and FM	Action MB, JL, MJH, FM
VCC license	Figures sent from Jane Rasmussen of the ABF. MB has figures from Di Jacobs;. All figures to be checked and reconsidered at next meeting.	Action MB
Future Bridge guidelines	<p>Criteria are required for assigning Future Bridge funds. MNW stated that such guidelines are available and need to be found. JC to seek assistance from Richard Rosen on this.</p> <p>A discussion was held on the suitability of dealing machines to attract a Future Bridge subsidy. Some Councilors were of the opinion that dealing machines etc were a satisfactory allocation of funds provided these were allocated on a regional basis rather than to individual clubs. Others felt that such decisions should wait until the guidelines could be consulted.</p> <p>Contributions from future bridge should normally only be made to affiliated clubs. Other clubs can require for teaching assistance retrospectively after affiliation</p> <p>CVL was requested to write back to Jan Hackett and ask her to provide a breakdown of her proposed teaching expenses in Shepperton and her application will be reconsidered.</p> <p>JC and MNW will be the Council representatives on the future Bridge Committee. MNW stated that a concentrated effort should be made to seek future bridge funding for visits by high profile teachers.</p>	<p>Action JC</p> <p>Action CVL</p> <p>Action CVL</p>

Webmaster potential COI	MB checked with the auditor and reports that there is no conflict of interest in MY continuing to be the VBA webmaster ¹ .	
VBA Logo competition MNW	Nothing done as yet	Action Martin

The meeting closed at 7.15pm.

Next meeting 5th September 5.30pm

¹ As per section 5 of the VBA Memorandum of Association, a formal motion to this effect will go on the next agenda.