

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF VBA COUNCIL

Held Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2011 (Meeting 14, 2011)  
At the VBA Clubrooms, 131 Poath Road, Murrumbena

### **Chairperson; J.Collins**

The meeting opened at 5.50pm

#### **Present:**

J. Collins	President
N. Ewart	Treasurer
S. Hinge	Vice President
S. Klofa	Vice President
K. Frazer	Secretary
T. Blizard	
R. Ellery	
S. Weisz	
R. Stewart	
H. De Jong	

Also Present: C. Lachman

#### **1. Apologies:**

J. Thompson; P. Fent; A. Stavik.

#### **2. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

##### **2.1 Motion:**

That the minutes of the meeting of November 3 2011 be accepted:

Moved: N Ewart      Seconded: S Klofa      **CARRIED**

Matters arising from the minutes of November 3, 2011

L. Kelso posed some questions regarding the calendar which the council needs to consider for future years.

#### **3. Correspondence**

##### **In:**

- a. Letter from R. Kingham re AGM motion on notice
- b. Letter from R. Kingham re AGM M&TC report
- c. Letter from G. Schaller re AGM reports
- d. ABF – Information re WBF Charity Pairs event
- e. ABF – Request for report from State Association on Marketing Grant
- f. I. Del Monte re congress scheduling over Xmas/New Year period and advertising on VBA website

No response was required to item 3a. It was agreed the Secretary will respond to items 3b & 3c.

Items 3d – 3f have been addressed.

Some discussion was held regarding whether a response to the SA request to share Bridgemates as agreed previously had been sent. It was resolved that the Secretary will write to Allison Fallon confirming agreement to share Bridgemates between ANOT & VCC.

**Out:**

- a. ABF – VBA Office bearers for 2012
- b. Response to I. Del Monte re advertising on VBA website

**4. Reports:**

- a. Treasurer (N. Ewart)

The treasurer noted a surplus in the first quarter. Daytime duplicate receipts still low. Club night duplicate sessions have improved slightly. No extraordinary expenses were incurred for the quarter. YTD trading is cashflow neutral.

- b. Club Manager (C. Lachman)

**4.1 Motion:**

That the new members as proposed in the club manager's report be ratified

Moved: N. Ewart      Seconded: S. Weisz      **CARRIED**

The meeting congratulated Robert Ellery on his efforts in running the recent congress which was a great success. Robert was endorsed to run the 2012 VBA congress.

- c. ABF Management Committee Feedback (Simon Hinge)

Concern was noted regarding Social Bridge club players with unaffiliated members. The ABF policy is to encourage all players to affiliate.

It has been noted that States participating in ANC events which don't have complete teams has created some scheduling issues for events resulting in Byes for teams. A solution is being sought by the ABF with input from State Associations.

The ABF have decided that the ANC & Butler events are to be separated for future years, except where states specifically request to run these two events together.

The ABF website is to be redesigned to better support functional activities, updating, the marketing & teaching activities of the ABF, and reduce demands on website administrator.

## 5. General Business

### a. Meeting Dates for 2012

It was decided that council would meet on Wednesday nights on the first Wed of the month, unless otherwise notified.

It was noted that consideration should be given to holding one or two all-day meetings hosted by the VBA and including representatives from the clubs.

### b. Matters arising from AGM

- i. Review Proxy voting – discuss and agree review management.
- ii. Budget Presentation at AGM

It was resolved that N. Ewart/K. Frazer will set up sub-committee to review AGM procedures and update articles of association.

### c. Café Services

Cathie Lachman is investigating some options. A status update will be provided in January.

### d. Application for Affiliation – Western Region Bridge Academy (Cathie Lachman)

Discussion was held on the application.

## **5.1 Motion:**

That the Western Region Bridge Academy's application for membership be ratified.

Moved: S. Hinge      Seconded: N. Ewart    **CARRIED**

### e. Planning Seminar by David Slee (Anton Stavik)

Held over to next meeting due to Anton's absence.

### f. Youth Co-ordinator 2012 (Simon Hinge)

## **5.2 Motion:**

That Laura Ginnan be appointed as the Youth Co-ordinator for Victorian Bridge.

Moved: S. Hinge Seconded: S Weisz **CARRIED**

g. M&TC endorsement 2012 (Simon Hinge)

The 2011 M&TC was: Simon Hinge (Chair); Laurie Kelso; Leigh Gold; Justin Stark; Laura Ginnan; Ben Thompson; Arthur Robbins; Paula Schroor; and David Morgan.

A discussion was held regarding whether the current composition of members is fully representative of the players group. The M&TC are to give consideration to adding an “up & coming” duplicate player to the committee.

Knowledge regarding the M&TC’s activities and responsibilities amongst the general players is low.

It was agreed that Bill Jacobs/Simon Hinge will put an article in the bulletin outlining the M&TC responsibilities.

**5.3 Motion:**

That the M&TC as it stands be ratified until 8 February 2012.

Moved: T. Blizzard Seconded: S. Klofa **CARRIED**

h. IT sub-committee

Rob Stewart was appointed to Chair the IT sub-committee; Members Neil Ewart, Tim Blizzard

i. House Sub-committee

Robert Ellery was appointed to Chair the House sub-committee. Robert to seek candidates to join this committee and report back at next meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wed: January 4<sup>th</sup> 2012 at 5.30pm

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Signed: J. Collins; President