

## **MINUTES OF MEETING OF VBA COUNCIL**

Held Wednesday, 8 February 2012 (Meeting 2, 2012)  
At the VBA Clubrooms, 131 Poath Road, Murrumbena

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

The meeting opened at 5.30pm

#### **Present:**

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

Also Present: C. Lachman

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

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

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

That the minutes of the meeting of January 4 2012 be accepted:

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

Matters arising from the minutes of January 4 2012

N. Ewart: GNOT – At the current participation rate of 60 teams, the VBA will continue to lose money on the event, even after the increase in costs proposed. It was resolved to spend some effort on promotion to increase participation in the GNOT heats.

The outstanding action items were reviewed. The council discussed some further concepts on the Anzac Congress Proposal.

#### **3. Correspondence**

##### **In:**

- i. ABF: Bridge for Brains Registration form (Circulation to clubs & Advertising on the VBA website in progress).
- ii. Email from G. Schaller re AGM response

iii. Email From G. Schaller re Director's Courses

It was agreed that J. Collins will raise options for additional director's courses & exams with Laurie Kelso.

iv. ABF: Notice on Insurance offer for State Newsletters

**Out:**

- i. M&TC response to G Ridgway
- ii. Response to G. Schaller on Director's Course

**4. Reports:**

a. President's Report

The meeting discussed the continued desirability of holding the ANC & Butler Events concurrently. The meeting agreed that the status quo would be maintained and that this would be communicated back to the ABF.

b. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer presented the P&L to 31 January 2012. A reduction in pennant participation and the loss from the GNOT have been written off. Daytime duplicate has continued to decline impacting unfavourably on finances. Other club events have increased.

Club room expenses due to some maintenance items have increased slightly, whilst other expenses are as expected.

c. Club Manager (C. Lachman)

Report tabled.

It was resolved that steam cleaning of carpets and chairs would proceed.

**4.1 Motion:**

That the new members as proposed be ratified

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

d. Sub-committees

i. House Sub-committee (Robert Ellery)

A report was tabled at the meeting. Robert highlighted some of the key activities the sub-committee has undertaken to date. A number of initiatives have already been undertaken.

ii. VCC (Kim Frazer)

A report was tabled at the meeting. No significant issues were highlighted.

iii. IT sub-committee (Rob Stewart)

A comprehensive update on the implementation of technology to support the bridgemates and bridge events was presented.

The council thanked Tim Blizzard for the donation of a free server.

A summary of the finalised hardware proposed for purchase to be prepared and presented to Ian McCance for funding assistance from the VBA Foundation.

## **5. General Business**

### **a. Life Membership Motion (Anton Stavik)**

In the absence of the proposer. A. Stavik, the proposal was held over to next meeting.

### **b. 2012 Calendar (Jeanette Collins)**

Council members are requested to consider some of the calendar conflict issues that arose in 2011 for next meeting.

### **c. Invitation to affiliated Club Presidents (Jeanette Collins)**

The president noted that up to 3 representatives from the regions can participate at council.

### **5.1 Motion:**

That the following three affiliate representative be invited to represent their respective regions on Council: John Hocking - Eastern Region; Jan Hackett - Northern Region; Bill Jones – Western Region.

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

### **d. Website requirements (Blaine Howe/Neil Ewart)**

*Note: Blaine Howe joined the meeting to discuss website matters.*

The meeting commended Blaine on the excellent work done to date on the website revamp.

The meeting resolved that Robert Ellery & Tim Blizzard would be the future liaisons with Blaine regarding website requirements.

The meeting closed at 7.15 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wed: March 14<sup>th</sup> 2012 at 5.30pm

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Signed: J. Collins; President