

MINUTES OF MEETING OF VBA COUNCIL

Held Wednesday 14 March 2012. (Meeting 3 2012)
At the VBA Clubrooms, 131 Poath Road, Murrumbena

Chairperson ; J.Collins

The meeting opened at 5.30pm

Present:

J. Collins	President
S. Hinge	Vice President
S. Klofa	Vice President
K. Frazer	Secretary
P. Fent	
R. Ellery	
S Weisz	
R. Stewart	
H. De Jong	
J. Thompson	
J. Hackett	Northern Region Representative

Also Present: C. Lachman.

1. Apologies:

N. Ewart, T. Blizzard

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

2.1 Motion:

That the minutes of the meeting of 8 February 2012 be accepted:

Moved: S. Weisz Seconded: R. Stewart **CARRIED**

Matters arising from the minutes of 8 February 2012.

Life Membership: It was resolved that the secretary would prepare a discussion paper outlining the various criteria which should be met for life membership. Consideration would also be given to other levels of recognition.

Regional representatives: Jan Hackett representing Northern Region accepted; John Haylock representing Eastern Region accepted.

The invited representative for Western Region, Bill Jones declined; C. Lachman after discussion with the President will invite an alternative representative from Western Region.

3. Correspondence

a) Correspondence In

- i. ABF - Notice of AGM

ii. ABF – Notice of Motion for AGM (2)

S. Hinge outlined the issues pertaining to the ABF notices on Motion. The council resolved that the motion to set up a sub-committee to review governance would not be supported.

iii. ABF: Request for update from Interim Committee for ABF AGM

Kim Frazer advised that Quentin Van Abbe was preparing a report to the ABF on behalf of the Interim Committee. The council agreed the secretary would write to the ABF regarding progress on the interim committee from the VBA council perspective.

iv. FABCV – Simultaneous Pairs Notification

v. Email From R. Kingham

vi. G. Ridgway email – Regional participation in Pennant Finals

3.1 Motion:

That an honour board be established to recognise regional winners.

Moved: J. Thompson

Seconded: R. Ellery **CARRIED**

vii. ERBA – request for director's course support

viii. CGU – Notification of adjustment to industry classification

The council thanks Neil Ewart, Stephen Weisz & Cathie Lachman for the work they have done on getting the industry classification reviewed.

ix. VBA Foundation

Jeannette Collins outlined the concerns raised by the VBA Foundation over how funding approvals were being managed with the Foundation. The council agreed that the President would meet with the Foundation and resolve the process issues.

x. National Stroke Week

It was agreed that Jenny Thompson & Jeannette Collins will consider an association with National Stroke Foundation

b) Correspondence Out

i. ERBA – funding support for director's course

ii. Letter to Clubs re Congress Promotion on Website

Kim Frazer outlined the facility available to clubs for promoting their congresses via the VBA website.

4. Reports:

a) Club Manager

i. Ratification of new members

4.1 Motion:

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

Moved: S. Weisz Seconded: P. Fent **CARRIED**

The club manager presented a brief financial report on behalf of the treasurer.

Some discussion occurred on website presentation matters. S Weisz raised some concerns regarding the qualifications of directors conducting training programs.

The council resolved that the Secretary will write to Joan Butts regarding whether the ABF is contemplating an accreditation course for teachers. S Weisz to prepare draft outlining concerns.

SubCommittee Reports

b) IT sub-committee 2012 (Rob Stewart)

Computers installed ready to go with new software. L. Kelso to provide training to other directors. Some compatibility issues will need to be resolved due to use of Compuscore 2.

c) House Sub-committee (Robert Ellery)

Some discussion on the café & general club cleanliness occurred. It was agreed that the cleaning contract would be reviewed to ensure requirements were met, and that members would be asked to assist by cleaning up their tables at the conclusion of bridge.

d) VCC (Kim Frazer) – tabled

e) Interim Committee (Steven Weisz)

Stephen Weisz provided a copy of the last minutes of the interim committee meeting, and provided a general outline of items under consideration by that committee.

It was resolved that Jenny Thompson would be appointed to the interim committee to replace Christine Parkin who did not stand for re-election to the council.

f) Match & Tournament Committee (Simon Hinge)

Simon provided a précis of some key matters to the council.

g) Finance Sub-Committee (Neil Ewart)

No report

h) Marketing & Promotion (Tim Blizzard)

No report

5. General Business

a) VBA Representative to ABF

5.1 Motion:

That Simon Hinge be nominated for reappointment to the ABF

Moved: P. Fent Seconded: J. Thompson **CARRIED**

Next Meeting: 11th April at 5.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.20 p.m.