

MINUTES OF MEETING OF VBA COUNCIL

Held Wednesday 11 April 2012. (Meeting 4 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
N. Ewart	Treasurer
K. Frazer	Secretary
P. Fent	
S Weisz	
R. Stewart	
H. De Jong	
T. Blizzard	
J. Thompson	
J. Hackett	Northern Region Representative
J. Haylock	Eastern Region Representative

Also Present: C. Lachman.

The President welcomed Mr John Haylock to the meeting as the Eastern Region Representative.

1. Apologies:

R. Ellery; A. Stavik

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

2.1 Motion:

That the minutes of the meeting of 14 March 2012 be accepted:

Moved: P. Fent

Seconded: S. Weisz **CARRIED**

Matters arising from the minutes of 14 March 2012.

The meeting reviewed the action item list.

Some discussion occurred on the proposed letter written by Mr S. Weisz to the ABF on Teacher Certification. The council agreed the secretary would write a covering letter to which Mr Weisz's letter could be appended.

Western Region Representative – our approach to several presidents has been unsuccessful. The meeting agreed that at this time we would not continue to pursue a representative from that region for the moment.

3. Correspondence

a) Correspondence In

- i. ABF: ANC Entry Form
- ii. ABF: Response to Notice of Motion from ACT
- iii. ABF: TBIB Travel Insurance Sponsorship Arrangement with ABF
- iv. ABF: Remuneration policy for tournament directors
- v. ABF: Free membership trial (for discussion)

Council resolved secretary to write to ABF stating that the VBA's view was that the trial be discontinued.

- vi. ABF: "Make a wish Foundation" Charity partnership
- vii. Graham Davies – letter on Bridge Development

Some discussion on promotional articles ensued. The secretary will write to Graham Davies regarding his letter.

b) Correspondence Out:

- i. ABF: VBA report to AGM on Interim Committee progress.

Some discussion on reasons for the lack of progress of the interim committee ensued.

A letter is currently being drafted to send to all clubs regarding a proposal for a meeting of the delegates for each of the proposed regions to discuss the future organisation of bridge in Victoria.

3.1 Motion:

4. Reports:

a) Treasurer Report

N. Ewart provided a comprehensive update on the finances for the club.

b) 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 reported that training & setup for the Bridgemates has been completed & the Bridgemates would be up & running for duplicate events this week.

She also reported that a new company would be engaged to manage the clubroom cleaning.

Sub-Committee Reports

- c) VCC (Kim Frazer) – tabled

The council agreed that specific tasks would be allocated out to individuals to assist with preparation for the event.

a) House Sub-Committee (H. De Jong)

Henri reported on the issues with progress. The meeting noted that Mr R. Ellery has indicated his intention to step down from the sub-committee, and possibly from council although no written notification has been received.

The meeting resolved to invite Mr R. Stiles to join the House Sub-Committee.

5. General Business

i. Ratification of MTC for 2012

The council discussed the duties & membership of the MTC. Simon outlined the key activities of the MTC which included State Team trials, appeals, tournament protocols and congress scheduling.

Some vigorous discussion on criteria for membership and attendance at meetings occurred.

5.1 Motion:

That Simon Hinge (Chair), Laura Ginnan, David Morgan, Arthur Robbins, Paula Schroor, Leigh Gold, Justin Stark, Ben Thompson, Laurie Kelso be confirmed as the MTC committee for 2012.

Moved: T. Blizard Seconded: P. Fent **CARRIED**

ii. Ratification of sub-committee to review AGM procedures & update articles of association.

5.2 Motion:

That Neil Ewart, Kim Frazer, Stan Klofa & Michael Bryan be ratified as the sub-committee to review AGM procedures & update the articles of association.

Moved: P. Fent Seconded: T. Blizard **CARRIED**

iii. Proposal for redevelopment of clubrooms (Phill Fent/Stam Klofa)

A suggested plan for redevelopment of the Poath Road site was tabled.

P. Fent outlined the rationale for the proposal as follows:

- The number one issue since relocating from Prarhan has been car-parking. The proposal is to re-develop the VBA site to include 70 car-parks;
- Stage 1 involves development of new club-rooms above the existing car-park. This would enable the club to continue to operating without disruption.
- Stage 2 involves demolition of the existing clubrooms & re-development of the site to include further car-parking with 5 townhouse style units above.

Whilst the proposal is very preliminary at this time, the suggestion is that financing for the project would come from the sale of the 5 units proposed.

The council noted that there were several planning and financing issues involved.

The council discussed some alternative possibilities for sites. For example establishing a relationship with an RSL or Bowling Club. This may be a preferable option to redeveloping the site completely.

The council agreed that further investigation including preliminary cost estimates for the proposal, together with exploration of alternative sites would be pursued.

iv. Interim Committee Update (Stephen Weisz)

Discussion on interim committee progress has been held earlier in the meeting.

v. Masterpoint Secretary (Colin Campbell)

The Masterpoint Secretary Mr Colin Campbell, was welcomed to the meeting.

Mr Campbell commenced by thanking Sue & Laurie Kelso for their assistance with his first 3 months in the role.

He reported that the new ABF Masterpoint website a fabulous help as MP can be uploaded at any time. Monthly & Quarterly reporting is now available which has reduced the pressure at end of quarter. Difficulty has been to persuade club secretaries to provide results at the conclusion of events rather than waiting until end of month.

A key concern is that clubs which use Bridgemaster believe points go directly to the ABF website which is very confusing. The heading is misleading clubs (ABF Masterpoint Centre). The issue is to be resolved by ABF. In the meantime, all clubs have been given a protocol for providing data to the MP Secretary.

Council resolved that C. Campbell would draft a letter for the secretary to send to clubs regarding requirements for uploading data to ensure all MP's are appropriately recorded.

vi. 2013 Calendar

This item is held over to the next meeting.

Next Meeting: 9th May at 5.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.20 p.m.