

MINUTES OF MEETING OF VBA COUNCIL

Held 13 June 2012. (Meeting 6 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
S Weisz	
R. Stewart	
J. Thompson	
J. Hackett	
A. Stavik	

Also Present: C. Lachman. R. Stiles

1. Apologies:

P. Fent, J. Haylock, T. Blizard, H. De Jong, R. Ellery

The President tabled a letter from Mr R. Ellery seeking three months leave of absence from the council due to travel commitments.

1.1 Motion:

That 3 months leave of absence from the council be granted to R. Ellery.

Moved: J. Thompson Seconded: S. Weisz **CARRIED**

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

2.1 Motion:

That the minutes of the meeting of May 9th 2012 be accepted:

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

Matters arising from the minutes of May 9th 2012

Some discussion on ANC team selection matters ensued. J. Thompson sought confirmation regarding the letter that had been sent to 2012 team members.

The action item list was reviewed.

C. Lachman reported that the item requiring new councillors to be provided with pack outlining existing policies & procedures of the association referred to any incoming councillors at the 2012 elections to be held later this year.

S. Hinge reported that the Australian Women's Team selection was ratified by the ABF management committee. Some discussion ensued on the selection process and criteria.

2.2 Motion:

That the Secretary write to the ABF regarding a review of the selection process & development of a stronger regulations for team selection.

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

3. Correspondence

Correspondence In:

- i. ABF: ABF subsidy for Viewgraph at licensed tournaments
Action: no action required
- ii. ABF: Certificate of Public Liability Insurance Currency
Action: Circulated to clubs.
- iii. ABF – Free affiliation discontinuance as of 31 March 2013.
Action: Circulated to clubs.
- iv. Blaine Howe – McCance Column & the Age,
Action: For discussion.
A co-ordinator needs to be sought to manage congress advertising/reporting administration. R. Stewart will co-ordinate in the short term. J. Collins advised she would approach some members regarding taking a more active role.
- v. ABF: Marketing/Teaching Administrative Update
Action: Circulated to clubs.
- vi. Interim Committee – notes regarding Federation Meeting scheduled for June 16th.
Action: Attached for information.

Correspondence Out:

1. VCC Promotion to Clubs
2. Ian McCance Letter re discontinuation of "The Age" column circulated to clubs.
3. Monthly promotional email to clubs
4. G. Schaller re Masterpoint updating issues associated with his program.

4. Reports:

a. Club Manager

- i. Ratification of new members

4.1 Motion:

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

Moved: S. Weisz Seconded: J. Thompson **CARRIED**

b. Treasurer

Land Tax application for waiver – will receive a small refund. Some further investigation will be undertaken regarding what type of classification we fall under.

c. Sub-Committee Reports

i. House sub-committee

J. Collins reported on behalf of the House sub-committee.

The recent unapproved introduction of vouchers for duplicate sessions was discussed. C. Lachman outlined a rewards system was already in place. N. Ewart questioned the financial viability of awarding vouchers at every session.

The meeting resolved that the house sub-committee should present a detailed proposal on reward & promotion for duplicate sessions.

Further investigation of alternative sites for the VBA was discussed at length. J. Collins advised she had visited one alternative site recently and expects to hear a proposal from the site in July.

ii. Marketing

J. Collins reported on behalf of the Marketing sub-committee.

N. Ewart questioned the status of the project to update affiliated club data on the website. T. Blizzard had been progressing this, however the updated data has yet to be advised to the club manager, or transferred to the website.

C. Lachman advised that the clubs were requested to provide an update of details annually, however response to this was poor.

K. Frazer suggested the employment of a part-time marketing person may be worth consideration to progress some of these issues.

J. Collins advised she would follow up on the status with T. Blizzard.

iii. Match & Tournament (Simon Hinge)

VCC ran well. No issues with BBO this year.

K. Frazer questioned why no response had been sent to the letter from J. Magee received in 2011. S. Hinge advised that the matter had been discussed, however was unsure why a response had not been sent.

iv. IT Sub-committee (Rob Stewart)

Continuing to work on linkages for score results to be displayed more promptly. Some issues result from Bridge Unlimited site reliability.

v. VCC (Kim Frazer)

On behalf of the council, J. Collins thanked K. Frazer for her efforts in conducting the VCC.

K. Frazer noted that the venue worked very well, and there was considerable positive player feedback. Her recommendation is to hold the event at the same venue in 2013.

The meeting queried the profitability of the event. N. Ewart advised that whilst the financial reports will not be available for another two weeks as all accounts have not yet been received, the expectation is that the event ran at a small profit.

J. Thompson questioned what capacity the venue has to support an increased entry. S. Klofa advised he expected the venue could cope with 110 tables.

J. Collins suggested the Sebel/Citigate be approached for a quote as they had previously indicated they were keen to compete for the event. K. Frazer advised that Sebel/Citigate had expressed this previously and been afforded the opportunity to quote for 2012 event, and their quote was approximately \$10K more expensive than Bayview. It was further noted that a \$10K increase in venue cost is highly likely to cause the event to run at a loss.

K. Frazer noted that several requests for advertising were received and a proposed Advertising Rate Card was presented to the meeting which consolidated some documents that had been put together in 2011 by P. Fent. After discussion, the council agreed to a basic set of rates for advertising in the VBA bulletin. It was noted that clubs would receive the opportunity for a free congress ad in the bulletin annually. The Advertising Rate Card will be updated to reflect the discussion.

5. General Business

i. 2013 Calendar (Jeannette Collins)

The council discussed the concerns raised by Dendy Park, Kattery and Kings & Queens regarding the allocation of congress dates in 2012.

5.1 Motion:

That the 2012 Christmas/New Year Congress be allocated to Kings & Queens.

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

Council further noted that the perceived inequity in allocation of dates needed to be addressed in a considered manner. The meeting resolved that L. Kelso, C. Lachman will review & document the policy for allocation of congresses for 2013, and to also consider the policy for clubs operating out of the same premises. The policy for review & documentation of congress allocation will be submitted to council for approval prior to communication to clubs. This policy will then be communicated to clubs in a timely manner.

C. Lachman noted that the request for submissions for congress dates is normally sent to clubs in July. It was noted that the aforementioned policy development would not affect this correspondence to clubs, as the two items could occur concurrently.

ii. Council Meeting Dates 2012/2013 – consideration of weekend meeting to involve clubs

A short discussion on a weekend date for a council meeting was held. There was no decision made due to the unavailability of a suitable date.

The remaining General Business agenda items were carried over to the next meeting.

Next Meeting: July 4th at 5.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.