



MINUTES OF MEETING OF VBA COUNCIL

Held 4 July 2012. (Meeting 7 2012)
At the VBA Clubrooms, 131 Poath Road, Murrumbena

Chairperson ; S. Klofa

The meeting opened at 5.30pm

Present:

S. Klofa	Vice President
N. Ewart	Treasurer
K. Frazer	Secretary
S Weisz	
R. Stewart	
J. Thompson	
J. Hackett	
H. De Jong	
P. Fent	

Also Present: C. Lachman

Motion 1: That Stan Klofa chair the meeting:

Moved: J. Thompson Seconded: N. Ewart **CARRIED**

1. Apologies:

R. Ellery, J. Collins, S. Hinge

Discussion ensued regarding absences from meeting by council members. The council agreed that the secretary would write to all councillors outlining the requirements as set out in the memorandum & articles of association.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Point 5 will be amended to include. "The policy for review & documentation of congress allocation will be submitted to council for approval prior to communication to clubs."

Motion 2:

That the minutes of the meeting of June 12th 2012 be accepted:

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

The action item list was reviewed.

K. Frazer reported that a life membership policy proposal has been drafted and would be circulated to all councillors for comment.

Henri De Jong agreed to follow up on the Vending Machine Trial. Neil Ewart will investigate a coffee machine trial.

S. Weisz agreed to follow up with T. Blizard on progress with respect to club data.

3. Correspondence

Correspondence In:

- i. ABF: Request for Major State Events to be awarded Gold Points

Motion 3:

That the VBA supports the ABF recommendation to award Gold Points for major State events (State Pairs/State Teams/ANC).

Moved: P. Fent Seconded: N. Ewart **CARRIED**

- ii. ABF: Super Vets Event
Council agreed that there were insufficient members to support a "super vets" event.
- iii. Keith McDonald - Response to J. Puusepp letter.
- iv. Leigh Gold re Darwin Subsidy

Council discussed the request for additional subsidy. Council agreed that a ruling had been made regarding subsidy for the 2012 teams and the original decision will stand. Letter to be sent to L. Gold advising decision.

- v. Margaret Miller re Xmas Congress Allocation

C. Lachman will respond advising on the Xmas Congress allocation for 2012.

Correspondence Out:

1. Kings & Queens - Congress Allocation
2. Dendy - Congress Allocation
3. ABF - Selection Policy review

4. Reports:

a) Club Manager

Some discussion on beginners classes ensued and the availability of qualified instructors. C. Lachman noted that the next set of lessons will be conducted on Tuesday night.

Motion 4:

That Stephen Weisz be appointed as bridge instructor for the VBA for the next series of lessons.

Moved: P. Fent Seconded: R. Stewart **CARRIED**

b) Treasurer

The treasurer noted that there was no formal report this month, however commented on the following matter which had previously been circulated to councillors

- The club received a refund of \$7,200 on land tax. There may be some further discussion on this with the department.
- The VCC returned a profit of \$8,650 which was an excellent result.

c) Sub-Committee Reports

- i. House sub-committee

H. De Jong advised the sub-committee will do some interim work, however there needs to be a comprehensive discussion by the whole council to decide a course of progress. He further noted that the house sub-committee is currently depleted of membership.

J. Thompson advised the B. Thompson has been conducting some research on VBA activity over the past two years, which will provide a base for further discussion. As previously circulated to councillors, the proposal is to have a one day meeting to discuss issues with the Murrumbena Club to expand on the work the House Sub-committee has commenced.

Council agreed that the proposed date of July 28th at 10am would be suitable for the next council meeting.

ii. **Marketing**

No report

iii. **Match & Tournament**

Council agreed that written minutes from the MT meetings shall be provided to the secretary.

Council discussed the response to J. Magee and agreed it was inadequate. The secretary to ascertain a more detailed explanation of the ruling and respond to J. Magee.

The secretary also to write to S. Hinge expressing council's dissatisfaction with the response provided on behalf of the Match & Tournament sub-committee.

iv. **IT Sub-committee**

R. Stewart reported that he feels the VBA director is not progressing the roll out of some system capability in an appropriate timeframe.

Council agreed N. Ewart will discuss the concerns with L. Kelso.

v. **Victor Champion Cup**

K. Frazer tabled the VCC reports which will be submitted to the ABF.

She advised that a quote for the 2013 VCC has been obtained from the Bayview Eden via Conference Solutions.

As directed by council, a quote from the Sebel Citigate has also been requested, however this venue is unavailable during the required dates.

She advised, that The Bayview Eden quote is similar to the 2012 pricing provided, with the exception that the venue hire is increased to \$24,000 (up from \$22,500 in 2012). Other pricing is the same as in 2012 at this time including room hire rates, hospitality and other items.

Motion 5:

The Kim Frazer be appointed convenor for the 2013 Victor Champion Cup.

Moved: J. Thompson Seconded: N. Ewart **CARRIED**

Motion 6:

That Bayview Eden be selected as the venue for the 2013 VCC

Moved: K. Frazer Seconded: R. Stewart **CARRIED**

Council requested that further negotiation with the Bayview Eden on pricing and services should be undertaken.

Council congratulated K. Frazer for her efforts in ensuring a successful 2012 VCC event.

vi. Policy Review sub-committee

K. Frazer advised the Policy review sub-committee would be commencing work on the Articles of Association & Memorandum of Association in the coming month. She noted that some of the review work may need to take into account outcomes from the Interim Committee proposal that has been put to clubs.

5. General Business

i. Interim Committee Proposal to Clubs

J. Thompson reported that:

- All clubs to review proposal & clubs to come back by end of July. Any change would need to be approved by the VBA.
- The major point from the meeting seemed to be the clubs/regions needed to have more of a voice in the way the bridge is run. The VBA should consider in any review of procedures a mechanism to incorporate this.
- S. Klofa advised that he had a paper prepared and would circulate this.
- N. Ewart suggested we consider the NSW association model and outlined this briefly.
- J. Thompson advised she will circulate to all councillors the summary of the interim committee meeting held during the Croft Teams as prepared by Ben Thompson & also the Interim Committee's Proposal.

ii. Ben Thomson's discussions re liquor licence and general discussion re drinking/dress at club (N. Ewart).

There was some general discussion about standards of behaviour at the club.

Council agreed that the next bulletin will include some general guidelines for behaviour and dress & requirements for all players to have system cards. Players would also be asked to assist in club presentation by clearing up their tables & side benches after play.

iii. Terms of Reference (J. Thompson)

Jenny to recirculate documents in preparation for discussion at the meeting on July 28th

iv. Circulation & approval of minutes (K. Frazer)

K. Frazer requested guidelines on the approval process to be adopted for minutes prior to their posting on the website. The existing process was outlined.

Council resolved that minutes would be circulated to all councillors after each meeting. Councillors will have 24 hours to respond with changes after which minutes will be posted to website.

v. VBA Logo (K. Frazer)

K. Frazer questioned which logo should be used on the official letterhead.

Motion 7:

That the new VBA logo as circulated to councillors be approved:

Moved: P. Fent Seconded: N. Ewart **CARRIED 7/2**

It was further noted that this new logo would be made available in electronic form & new letterhead procured.

vi. Youth player discounts at Congress events (C. Lachman)

Council agreed that the VBA will recommend that youth players be offered a 50% discount in line with ABF policy. This recommendation will be communicated in the next mailout to clubs as part of the process of requesting applications for congress dates.

vii. Martin Willcox Directing Decision Geelong

S. Klofa raised the issue of their team "non-playing" at Geelong due to a ruling by M. Willcox. The council agreed that this was not a VBA matter and should be raised with Geelong Bridge Club.

Next Meeting: July 28th at 10.00am

The meeting closed at 7.15 p.m.