

MINUTES OF MEETING OF VBA COUNCIL

Held 10 May 2014. (Meeting 5 2014)

Chairperson: Mr B. Thompson

The meeting opened at 10.35pm

Present:

Mr B. Thompson	President
Ms K. Frazer	Secretary
Mr N. Ewart	Treasurer
Mr D. Morgan	
Mr R. Quirk	
Ms S. Livingston	
Ms J. Thompson	
Ms P. Dingwall	

1. **Apologies**

Ms T. Kay

The President noted the resignation of Mr R. Berlinski. Mr Berlinski has made an extensive contribution to the VBA during his time on council and the council accepted his resignation with regret. The secretary to write to Mr Berlinski expressing the council's gratitude.

2. **Confirmation of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Motion 1:

That the minutes of the meeting of 16 April 2014 be accepted:

Moved: Mr. B. Thompson Seconded: Mr D. Morgan

CARRIED

3. **Matters Arising & Outstanding Items**

a) Director Training (B. Thompson)

Mr Thompson reported a framework has been developed, with a number of Director Development units. Scheduling of the units and implementation of the framework now needs to proceed, including records management. This activity has been passed to the Education Sub-committee.

b) Air Conditioning

Deferred

c) Webmaster honorarium

The honorarium is on a par with the State Masterpoint Secretary honorarium which has a similar workload. Recommendation to leave this unchanged.

d) Building maintenance quotes

Deferred

4. Correspondence In:

1. ABF: Revised Tournament & Appeals Policy
2. ABF: Notice of AGM & Associated Papers

Notice of motion - the Meeting was in favour of Eilis Magner being elected to the ABF Committee of Honour. The VBA delegates will be directed to vote in favour of this motion.

The meeting discussed the report from Moore Stephens relating to the Governance of the ABF. In practice the ABF operates in a similar manner to the proposed changes, however this practice was not formalised.

Generally the meeting was in favour of the proposed changes, however there were some concerns expressed regarding information transparency and term limits.

3. ABF: Certificate of Currency - Public Liability
4. President ABF: Email regarding resignation as President of ABF
5. ABF: UK Good Governance Code for Small Organisations
6. R. Berlinski - Resignation from VBA Council

The council will develop a candidate list for replacement councillors, and place an article in the club newsletter. Mr Thompson to follow up with Western Region clubs for a delegate to fill the remaining vacant special councillor position.

Correspondence Out:

1. Club Presidents - VCC Involvement
2. OZ Bridge Club - re capitation fee payments
3. ABF: Notification of nomination of S. Hinge to ABF Council; notification of B. Thompson acting in S. Hinge absence from AGM.

5. Sub-committees & Reports

a) VCC

Ms Frazer provided an update to council on progress. Entries are currently ahead of 2013, however the influence of the early bird discount may be a contributing factor.

Support staff are arranged, and stand-by players will be sought closer to the date.

Based on feedback, consideration will be given to shortening the format for the U/50 Pairs event for 2015, and potentially introducing a different category to cater for a wider variety of players.

An extensive promotional plan is in place, and our thanks to Geoff Schaller for his efforts in promotion of the event with club presidents.

b) Education Sub-committee

Ms Livingston put forward the draft plan for education for the State which was endorsed by the meeting.

It was noted that Chris Heesom is not available to join the sub-committee, and that participants would be sought from other clubs.

c) Club Manager Report (Tabled)

Motion 2:

That Bernadette Livanos be accepted as a member of the VBA.

Moved: Mr. B. Thompson

Seconded: Ms K. Frazer

CARRIED

State capitation invoices are being prepared and posted this week.

d) Interim Committee

Ms Thompson reported that the interim committee has not met in the last month and there is nothing to report.

e) MTC

Mr Morgan provided a brief update on MTC matters which have also been reported in the VBA Bulletin.

VQP: The MTC formally agreed to adopt the VQP system for women and senior teams for 2015 and beyond.

Seniors selection event: It is pleasing to note the Stage 1 event has attracted 7 tables this year, whereas in 2 of the previous 3 years there have been insufficient entries to justify running stage 1. In light of a small number of concerns expressed about the timing of the seniors selection stage 1, Mr Morgan advised that MTC had agreed a last train selection event will be conducted at Bendigo in the Swiss Pairs event where the top 2 senior pairs will be eligible to contest Seniors Selection Stage 2 provided they finish in the top 10 overall in that event.

The MTC will be establishing set dates for State selection events for 2015 and beyond to reduce the likelihood of conflicts with club congress events.

6. General business

Nil

Next meeting:

Wed 18th June at 5.30pm

The meeting closed at 11.50am

Chairperson

Mr B. Thompson