

MINUTES OF MEETING OF VBA COUNCIL

Held 18 June 2014. (Meeting 6 2014)

The meeting opened at 5.30pm

Present:

Mr B. Thompson	President
Ms K. Frazer	Secretary
Mr N. Ewart	Treasurer
Mr R. Quirk	
Ms S. Livingston	
Ms J. Thompson	
Ms T. Kay (by Skype)	

Ms J. Thompson took the chair

In attendance: Ms C. Lachman

1. **Apologies**

Mr D. Morgan; Ms P. Dingwall

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

Motion 1:

That the minutes of the meeting of 10 May 2014 be accepted:

Moved: Ms. S. Livingston Seconded: Ms J. Thompson

CARRIED

Matters Arising & Outstanding Items

a) Server

C Lachman to obtain a quote for the work to be completed from J. Stark.

b) Building maintenance quotes

Completed. Items covered in Club managers report.

Mr Thompson joined the meeting

Western region special councillor. Some people have been approached, however no nominations have been forthcoming

3. **Appointment of Director to fill Vacancy on Council**

The President has received a nomination from Dale Sheather to take up one of the vacant positions on council. The meeting discussed the merits of this nomination.

Motion 2:

The Dale Sheather be appointed to the VBA Council.

Moved: Mr. B. Thompson Seconded: Ms J. Thompson

CARRIED

The President to contact Mr Sheather and advise him of his appointment.

4. Correspondence In:

1. ASIC - notification of update to record of directors
2. D Thompson - Thank you for support with Youth Training weekend
3. J. Puusepp - Continued correspondence
4. Oz Bridge - Re capitation fees
5. ABF: Interstate Teams nomination request
6. ABF: Directors Accreditation Structure
7. ABF: Proposal for Restricted Teams event at ANC

The meeting felt in principle it was a good idea, however some concerns were expressed about the format, cost, and timing of introduction. The VBA would like more time to consult with restricted players across the state to gauge and how to manage the selection process.

8. ABF: State Marketing & Teaching Grants

\$9250 received from the ABF received for the Marketing grant

Correspondence Out:

1. R. Berlinski - Acknowledgement of service
2. J. Puusepp - Continued correspondence

5. Sub-committees & Reports

- a) Treasurer

The treasurer presented the quarterly financial update. Budget was cashflow neutral with a small actual loss (due to depreciation). Actual trading has been better than expected and he thinks we might up end up cashflow positive with approximately zero net profit.

Sealed Packet Signatories

An update to the Sealed Packet Signatories for the packet held at the ANZ bank is required.

It was resolved that the current signatories of the sealed packet held at the ANZ Bank, Prahran be removed. These signatories are: Eva Hardy, Louise Gold, Peter Barnes, Ken Lee, Richard Rozen and Anne Paul.

Authorised signatories to be incorporated are: BJP Thompson, AN Ewart, K Frazer and CV Lachman of which one signature is required to access the sealed packet.

Motion 3:

That the change of signatories as detailed be approved.

Moved: Mr. B. Thompson Seconded: Ms. S. Livingston

CARRIED

- b) Education sub-committee

Ms Livingston had previously circulated a report on a proposals for director training. The meeting discussed some arrangements on funding for the course and support for affiliated clubs.

It was resolved that a 2 day course will be run on August 9th and 10th at the VBA run by Laurie Kelso. The cost was agreed as \$80 for 2 days and \$ 50 for one. A travel subsidy of \$25 for country players will apply and the first player attending from each affiliated club will be at no charge. Notification of the course will be made to all Bridge clubs in Victoria, affiliated and non affiliated. Ms Livingston to prepare a flyer for promotion.

Ms Livingston recommended that the VBA appoint a person to mark the director exam papers to relieve the workload on the State Director Laurie Kelso. Mr P. Marley to be approached regarding taking on this role.

It was resolved that members who attend the course and sit & pass the exam would receive a \$20 rebate on their fee.

Ms Livingston advised that Joan Butts planning to visit Victoria later in the year. The Education sub-committee was requested to set up a date for Joan to run some teaching in Western Region. Mr Quirk advised that Waverley would be happy to host an event in the metropolitan area on a Sunday.

Benalla Bridge Club application for funding.

A proposal from Benalla was considered. The meeting agreed to provide a subsidy for advertising up to a maximum of \$190 and student fees up to \$160 provided no subsidy for youth bridge support has already been received from the ABF

c) Match & Tournament Minutes (B. Thompson)

The meeting resolved to ratify the MTC minutes as circulated from 23/4/14

Ratification of State Teams

The previous email resolution of state team representatives was confirmed by the meeting.

Additionally the meeting resolved that K. Frazer be appointed as NPC of the women's team.

The full teams are now:

Open

Ben Thompson (C), Nick Jacob, Andrew Mill, Michael Whibley, Peter Hollands, Justin Howard

Women's

Kae French, Denise Clarke, Cathie Lachman, Helen Snashall, Franci Halmos, Eva Samuel
Kim Frazer (NPC)

Seniors

Dee Harley, Stephen Weisz, Neil Ewart, Doug Newlands, Rex Livinghston, Paul Hill
Laurie Kelso (NPC)

Youth

Peter Bolling, Laura Ginnan, Ellena Moskovsky, Ella Pattinson, Finn Rennie, Vicki
Thompson
Grant Kilvington (NPC)

d) VCC Preliminary Report

Ms J. Thompson noted that the event was run very successfully by the co-convenors Neil & Kim with support from Cathie.

Ms Frazer reported that a \$9000 profit was anticipated which exceeded the budget expectation. Detailed reports would be provided for councillors at the next meeting. The VCC continues its commitment to providing access for director development within Victoria and Leigh Gold benefitted from this activity this year. Some feedback would be provided to Leigh on performance at the event.

Ms Frazer expressed some concerns regarding the provision of scoring services during the event with some key requirements not being addressed properly. There were also some other minor venue issues which will be addressed for 2015.

Ms Frazer advised the venue had been tentatively booked for 2015, as had the CTD L. Kelso.

e) Interim committee (J. Thompson)

No meeting; nothing to report.

f) Club Manager Report (C. Lachman)

Motion 4:

That the following be accepted as members of the VBA: Alex Bezborodoff, Duncan Roe, Richard Boyd, Don Murray.

Moved: Ms K. Frazer Seconded: Mr B. Thompson

CARRIED

i. Computing facilities at the VBA

Ms Lachman reported that Justin Stark had been engaged to address the networking issues currently experienced at the VBA. She advised that there will be several thousand dollars of expenditure required (new server, some installation work). The meeting was broadly accepting of the anticipated costs.

6. General business

a) Policy for website subsidy

Up to \$300 is eligible for clubs to redeem for website development.

Ms Frazer suggested expansion of the Future Fund policy to include marketing subsidy, website funding subsidy and other subsidies.

Ms Livingston queried the policy for support for country members attending director training. The meeting agreed to provide \$25 per person for attendance at the director training day, however it was noted that travel subsidies for country players are determined on an event by event basis.

b) State team trial representatives

A query had been received from ERBA regarding country player subsidies for state team trials. The matter was deferred to the next meeting, so that a more detailed proposal could be prepared to address subsidies for these events.

Next meeting:

Mon July 28th 5.30pm

The meeting closed at 7.20pm

Chairperson

Mr B. Thompson