



## VBA Council Meeting – Major Items & Decisions

7 February 2018

### Congresses

- The VBA has received a few complaints about standards (across a wide range of issues including venue, food, prizes, and directing) at several congresses over the last 6 months. Please remember that players go to congresses to enjoy themselves – and enjoyable congresses attract more entries.
- The Marketing Committee is working with a potential sponsor interested in providing a prize at all congresses. The committee will be contacting all congress conveners as details are finalised.

### Club support

- There are now 10 ABF-accredited teachers in Victoria. See the full list at <http://vba.asn.au/accredited-bridge-teachers-in-victoria/>
- The new website is operating well. We are keen to publish articles from around Victoria. Contact the webmaster Neil Ewart for the submission template
- Reminder: the Affiliated Clubs Day is coming up on March 3

### State

- Some clubs, especially smaller ones, raised concerns about people who deal boards, even with dealing machines, are expected not to play. We are investigating how we can manage the security issues while enabling everyone to participate
- The Capitation fee for 2018 has been increased per CPI to \$11

Ben Thompson, VBA President