



VBA Council Meeting – Major Items & Decisions

23 May 2018

Congresses

- Following an unfortunate incident concerning player entry to a recent congress, the VBA has developed a Player Right of Entry Policy and a Congress Director Charter, which have been circulated to all clubs. These are important documents that clarify the right of all players to enter congresses (except in very limited circumstances), and document the expectations, responsibilities and duties of a congress director in Victoria.

Club support

- The ABF's National Director Development Officer, John McIlrath, is working with state representatives to develop a national training and accreditation scheme for directors. This is an important initiative that the VBA is pleased to support
- Colin Campbell, the State Masterpoint Secretary has indicated his intention to retire at the end of the year. The role is being advertised in the VBA Bulletin and elsewhere. Interested and experienced masterpointers are welcome and encouraged to apply

State

- The VBA is introducing a reactivation fee for inactive home club members who are reactivated in the April-September period. Interestingly, Victoria seems to have a much higher reactivation rate than the ABF average. This fee, like the ABF's equivalent fee, will be the same as the capitation fee, recognising that reactivated members enjoy all the benefits of membership, including some or all masterpoints earned while inactive. To simplify administration for both clubs and the VBA, this fee will be added to the annual April capitation invoice the following year. Please see the attached Reactivation Fee Notice for more information.
- Bill Jacobs, the editor of the VBA Bulletin, will be retiring at the end of the year. The role is being advertised in the VBA Bulletin and elsewhere. Enthusiastic writers and editors are welcome and encouraged to apply
- The Victorian Women's, Seniors and Youth Teams to contest the Interstate Teams Championship has been ratified. Congratulations and good luck to:
 - Women: Laura Ginnan – Robyn Hewson, Maggie Callander – Penny Corrigan, Jean Hall – Franci Halmos, Pete Hollands (npc)
 - Seniors: Neil Ewart – Simon Henbest, Richard Greenfield – Sam Arber, Robert Gallus – Stephen Weisz, Max Henbest (npc)
 - Youth: Jamie Thompson, Victoria Thompson, Finn Rennie, Aiden Robertson, John Mai

Ben Thompson, VBA President