

Summary of VBA Council Minutes April 2020:

- 1) Diana Smart attended the meeting as an observer owing to her extensive work on Match & Tournament Committee
- 2) The affiliations of the Mildura Bridge Club and the Alexandra Club were confirmed and the Australian Club foreshadowed.
- 3) The Treasurer reported on the financial impact of the two government COVID-19 subsidies for which the VBA is eligible.
Two discount options have been offered to clubs with regard to the Capitation Fees. The VCC 2020 is cancelled and will be held at the Bayview Eden in 2021.
- 4) The Chair of M&T reported that the 2020 programme remains suspended and that the focus is online bridge.
- 5) The Manager reported that the ABF is allowing the VBA to run online sessions for masterpoints. After discussion ensued, it was resolved to introduce up to three games per week charging USD 3 on BBO with masterpoint eligibility and no concurrent free game.

It was noted that some disciplinary issues were arising in online games. These were generally handled by the Directors and the option to remove a repeat offender from the eligible list was available. The VBA Disciplinary regulations were being overhauled and would include reference to online games.

The clubhouse is being serviced fortnightly by cleaners and power is generally off. The Manager is preparing weekly online updates and the VBA News was continuing.
- 6) The President and Derek Poulton are continuing to work on the Country Super Congress for 2021 and a meeting with Bendigo Club was foreshadowed.
- (7) It was agreed that once a government timeline for de-lockdown was established, planning via a sub-committee would proceed for potential reopening.

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President