

Draft Minutes of VBA Annual General Meeting

Held: Monday November 16 2015

At: VBA 131 Poath Road, Murrumbreena Vic.

The meeting opened at 6.50pm and the President Ben Thompson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Attendees

David Morgan, Dale Sheather, Ben Thompson, Jenny Thompson, Kim Frazer, Lilli Allgood, Anne Paul, Neil Ewart, Ralph Berlinski, Jill Percil, Eva Samuel, Richard Rozen OAM, Ken Lee, June Pulford, David Flynn, Stephen Weisz, Dianna Middleton, Martin Simons, Nina Zurek, Dubravka Zec, Paul Hobson, Edna Matheson, Erica Linton, Franci Halmos, Jean Hall, Laurie Kelso.

Observers

Rob Quirk, Richard Giles

The President Mr Ben Thompson noted that a quorum had been obtained for the meeting.

1 Apologies

Anton Stavik, Peggy Glasser, Roger Kenna, Paula Schroor

2 Minutes of the 2014 AGM

The minutes of the 2014 AGM were considered by the meeting.

3 Business Arising from Minutes

Nil

4 Correspondence to the AGM

There was no correspondence received.

5 Annual Report and Balance Sheet

Presentation of Accounts: The accounts were tabled for discussion. The President presented some highlights on the performance of the club in the past 12 months.

- He was pleased to report that financial performance has improved to deliver the club a small profit for the financial year.
- The President also detailed some changes to duplicate/supervised sessions for the year ahead to provide a pathway for players to move from supervised sessions to duplicate sessions.
- A basic description of the Pianola system which was introduced this year was provided.
- Youth bridge co-ordinator to be re-appointed to further bridge development amongst youth players utilising funds raised from Youth Bridge Week activities.

Resolution 1:

To consider and if thought fit pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution.

"That LZR Audit and Assurance Pty Ltd be appointed as auditors for the financial year ending 31 August 2016"

Moved: Neil Ewart; Seconded: Jenny Thompson.

The Resolution was passed unanimously.

6 Special Business

Nil

7 Election of President and Other Councillors

A total of 2 proxies had been received and were both given to the Chairperson.

The following nominations were received for council in accordance with Article 33.

Position	Nominee	Nominated by	Seconded by
President	Ben Thompson	Kim Frazer	Jenny Thompson
Vice President (1)	Jenny Thompson	Ben Thompson	Kim Frazer
Vice President (2)	Nil		
Treasurer	Neil Ewart	Kim Frazer	Ben Thompson
Secretary	Kim Frazer	David Morgan	Dale Sheather
Ordinary Councillor	Dale Sheather	Paula Schroor	Miriam Tencer
Ordinary Councillor	David Morgan	Kim Frazer	Dale Sheather
Ordinary Councillor	Nil		
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The following nominations were received for council in accordance with Article 36.

	Location	Nominee	Nominated by
Special Councillor	(Metro near VBA)	Rob Quirk	Waverley Bridge Club
Special Councillor	(Metro Arc)	No nominations received	
Special Councillor	(Eastern)	Helen McAdam	Traralgon Bridge Club
Special Councillor	(Western)	Richard Giles	Ballarat Bridge Club

As there were no contested positions, the President Mr Ben Thompson declared all nominees duly elected. The President thanked the Returning Officer, Mr Paul Hobson, for overseeing the conduct of elections this year.

The President advised the members present that some positions were vacant, and he invited any members who may wish to consider nominating for a position to speak with him regarding this after the meeting.

8 General Business

Annual Subscription Fees

Resolution 2:

To consider and if thought fit pass the following resolution as an ordinary resolution.

"To increase the annual subscription by \$5 for all categories of membership"

Moved: Neil Ewart; Seconded: Ralph Berlinski.

The Resolution was passed unanimously.

The President thanked the members and staff who had contributed to the successful running of the club this year and invited any other questions or comments from the floor.

Mr K. Lee queried whether any progress had been made on an alternative site for the premises to address in particular parking concerns amongst the members. The President outlined some discussions which have occurred within the council in the last 12 months to progress this matter.

Ms A. Paul asked if the council could approach our local city councils to relax the parking restrictions. The President advised the difficulty given the location of the VBA which has to deal with two councils to try to address the issue.

Mr P. Hobson asked the meeting to thank the council on behalf of the club for the work they do on behalf of the members.

The President declared the meeting closed at 7.15pm

Chairperson

Ben Thompson