

**VICTORIAN BRIDGE ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on Sunday 3rd March 2002 at 7.00 PM at**  
**the VBA Clubrooms 12 Macquarie Street Prahran**

Meeting commenced at 7.00 PM

**1. ATTENDANCE**

**Present:**

Mr. George Gaspar	President
Prof. Andrew Halmos	Vice President
Ms. Margaret Yuill	Secretary
Dr. Michael Balint	
Dr. Laurie Kelso	
Mrs. Jackie Phillips	
Mrs. Diana Smart	
Mr. Michael Chrapot	
Ms. Ros Blutstein	
Mrs. Jeannette Collins	

**Apologies:**

A. Cabelli, M. Tencer, J. Thompson, E. Muirden

**2. PREVIOUS MINUTES - Council meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> January 2002**

**(a) Confirmation**

Moved A. Halmos and M.Chrapot that minutes be confirmed. Carried.

**(b) Business Arising**

none discussed

**3. ITEMS TO BE STARRED**

The following were starred :

Ethics  
Parking  
Special Events  
CD/M Report - L. Kelso  
General Business

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

**1. 29/1/02 Anton Stavik - information on web site re VBA competitions**

It was agreed that more information should be provided to FABCV clubs.

Motion. That 6 weeks prior to every Victorian State competition, a circular should be sent to all Victorian clubs enclosing full details of the competition. Clubs will be invited to send representatives and will be asked to advise their membership about the competition.

Moved M. Balint and J. Collins. Carried.

A. Halmos and D. Smart will compile a glossary of competition details.

This information will be displayed on web page.

**2. 29/1/02 Ray Anderson - ongoing entry details displayed on web site**

L. Kelso to decide if office staff have time to type up entry detail lists on a regular basis prior to beginning of new events. M. Yuill is prepared to display ongoing entry lists on web page.

**3. 13/2/02 Chris Hynd - requesting help in formation of bridge club in Henty region.**

Council recognised the need for a skilled organiser/ coordinator to be made available. R. Blutstein suggested that Future Bridge be approached.

A. Halmos/G.Gaspar to pass this request to FABCV.

**4. Letter from Berwick Bridge Club requesting the return of Future Bridge contribution.**

Many clubs contributed quite late to the Future Bridge Fund. This may be why the Berwick Bridge Club believed that many clubs did not contribute in 2001 to the Future Bridge Fund. Berwick Bridge Club to be informed that all clubs contributed to Future Bridge in 2001. This fund is being actively used for the advancement of bridge in Victoria, especially in country areas. The Future Bridge Fund is handled jointly by the FABCV and the VBA. It is suggested that the Berwick Bridge Club approach Future Bridge for funding.

**5. Request for funding from Future Bridge (Ballarat Bridge Club)**

G. Gaspar to pass this on to Future Bridge.

## **5. MEMBERSHIP**

No new memberships were tabled :

L. Kelso provided list indicating non-financial members (with phone numbers) and also those whose membership has recently lapsed.

## **6.FINANCE**

See CD/M report

## **7. CD/M Report**

report tabled

### **Office Position**

The procedure for filling the position left vacant by the resignation of Ms. S. Taboo was discussed. It was decided that L. Kelso would appoint the new office assistant. He advised that he may invite one or two council members to assist in the process (but in an unofficial capacity).

### **Membership**

Requested membership lists have been produced. The compilation indicates that there are 616 past members whose membership lapsed more than 14 months ago.

In 2001 there were 431 paid up members. Only approximately 300 members have paid this year. A list of non financial members is to be displayed. These members are to requested to pay by the 31<sup>st</sup> of March (ABF cut-off date).

R.Blutstein has offered to phone some of the non financial members. Other council members are requested to also contact some of the non financial or lapsed members.

### **Finance**

The financial year commenced on 31/8/01. In the first 5 months the VBA has an operating loss of approximately \$12,000. It is hoped that this trend will be reversed in February. Numbers are down in State events.

No entry fees are now charged for red point events. J. Phillips will prepare documentation showing fee structure for all events. This will be published in the Bulletin and also displayed on the web page.

L.Kelso reported that table numbers were down for the pennant this year (35 compared with 40 last year). A discussion took place re duplicate on Wednesday nights. It was decided that L. Kelso should announce that Wednesday duplicate would be available, starting 13<sup>th</sup> March providing there are enough entries. Members to inform CD/M if interested in playing. J. Phillips has volunteered to make a large sign indicating the reintroduction of Wednesday duplicate.

### **Parking Spaces**

Contract for provision of parking spaces at rear of St. Matthew's Church expires at end of March. Council to decide whether this contract should be renewed. Directors to inform members that lease is about to expire.

G.Gaspar to announce to members that VBA patron signs must be displayed and that the use of these signs is to be monitored.

### **Bridge Lessons**

There were 12 tables filled at the first free bridge lesson (28<sup>th</sup> February). More expected next week. J. Collins thanked for her help

during first lesson. R. Blutstein has volunteered to help with next few lessons.

### **Simultaneous Pairs**

15 clubs have entered. L. Kelso anticipated 22-26 sections. Two new clubs have entered this year.

### **Other**

L. Kelso reported that water seepage remains an issue.  
Senior's Day program is progressing well.

## **8. GENERAL BUSINESS AND STARRED ITEMS**

### **Parking**

A. Halmos has spoken to Swinburne Prahran Campus regarding use of site by VBA members. They have agreed to the use of their carpark by VBA members at the weekends. (approximately 25 parking spots). Use of the carpark on weekday evenings is NOT possible.

J. Phillips mentioned that the VBA pays over \$3000 per annum for the use of 22 parking spots behind St. Matthew's Church. Some members are not parking accurately enough resulting in fewer spaces being available (usually about 17 places). Directors are to be asked to make announcements regarding parking in these spots. Members are to be requested to display the VBA patron sign and to make sure that parking monies are placed in the honesty box. It appears that only about 50% of carpark users are paying for this privilege.

### **Youth Bridge**

J. Collins reported that planning for the upcoming Youth Bridge conference is progressing well.

### **ABF Representative**

G. Gaspar mentioned again that he had been contacted by Jim Borin who had suggested that one of the two ABF Representative positions be allocated to the FABCV. Council had agreed to discuss the upcoming vacancy at this meeting.

L. Kelso informed Council that his position does not expire this year, as Council had previously believed. His position runs until March 2003. The position that J. Stark holds runs for 2 more years.

L. Kelso described his duties as ABF Representative. He is a member of the following subcommittees: newsletter, governance and alerts/systems (rewriting regulations).

A. Halmos proposed that a letter be written to the FABCV, informing them that the next vacancy will not arise until March 2003 and as such will be dealt with by the Council that is in place in 2003. The FABCV

are requested to raise the issue again in 12 month's time. G.Gaspar to write letter to this effect.

### **Special Events - Anzac Congress**

This will be held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April (Swiss Pairs) and Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April (Swiss Teams). The Congress will be convened by R. Blutstein, J. Collins and M. Yuill.

It was agreed that this event should be publicised as widely as possible. A reduced fee will apply to country entries in the Swiss Teams if the entrant has participated in the Saturday Simultaneous Pairs Final.

### **Ethics**

A.Halmos spoke of the need to develop a policy on 'Active Ethics'. A subcommittee has been formed comprising A. Halmos, D. Smart, and A. Cabelli. Simon Hinge and Ben Thompson will also be asked to join this subcommittee.

### **CD/M Performance Review**

The performance review is to take place in March 2002. A subcommittee has been formed comprising G.Gaspar, A. Halmos and J. Thompson. The decision made by the subcommittee will then be ratified by Council.

### **Next Meeting**

It was decided that the next meeting would be held on Sunday 7th April 2002 at the VBA clubrooms at 7.00pm (after Croft Teams event).

**Meeting closed at 9.15 pm.**

### **Action Items**

Provision of cold water - to be discussed at next meeting.  
Glossary of competition details (A. Halmos, D. Smart).  
Circular to clubs regarding upcoming Wednesday night events.  
Decision regarding listing of ongoing entries on web page (L. Kelso).  
Request from Henty Region for support - pass to FABCV (G. Gaspar /A. Halmos).  
Berwick Bridge Club notified of decision regarding reimbursement of Future Bridge contribution. (M. Yuill)  
Request from Ballarat Bridge Club - pass to Future Bridge. (G. Gaspar)  
Display list of non financial members- L. Kelso.  
Fee structure document - J. Phillips.  
Wednesday night duplicate - L. Kelso, J. Phillips (sign).  
Announcements regarding parking (L. Kelso and Directors)  
ABF representative - letter to FABCV (G. Gaspar)  
Anzac Congress - publicity