

## **Minutes of VBA Annual General Meeting**

**Held: Monday November 20 2017**

**At: VBA 131 Poath Road, Murrumbeena Vic.**

The meeting opened at 6.40pm and the President Ben Thompson welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### **Attendees**

Ben Thompson, Kim Frazer, Neil Ewart, Jenny Thompson, John Hare, Andrew Macready-Bryan, Richard Rozen OAM, Christopher Leach, David Morgan, Anne Paul, Frances Engelman, John Engelman, Robert Geschke, Lay-Yung Chu, Belinda Lindsay, Steffi Gerdan, Lilian Milman, Arie Meydan, Jean Eddie, Martin Simons, Penny Blankfield, Dubravka Zec, Philip Knightley, Laurie Kelso, Alice Rogelberg, Tamar Rapoport, Duncan Roe, Dianna Middleton, Erica Linton, Stan Klofa, Stephen Weisz, Ray Anderson, Ralph Berlinski, Eva Samuel, Peter Havlicek

### **Observers**

Rob Quirk, Kumara Nainanayake

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

## **1 Apologies**

Jean Hall, Kitty Muntz, Roger Kenna

## **2 Minutes of the 2016 AGM**

The minutes of the 2016 AGM were provided at 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:

- The reason the club has struggled financially in the last year is the continued drop in table numbers. Whilst competition table numbers are being maintained, the major source of the decline has been duplicate participation.
- The incremental cost of an additional duplicate table is negligible, and increasing table numbers is critical for the club's financial health.
- Several events associated with the VBA manager had also impacted on accounts with payment of an interim manager whilst the manager was on Long Service Leave, payments to an interim manager and other transition arrangements. With the changeover of staff, some areas have also not been managed as well as they might.
- The new manager Mr Andrew Macready-Bryan was welcomed to the role by the meeting.
- The accounting methodology has been changed from a cash to an accrual basis to ensure payments are allocated to the correct calendar month. This will result in about a \$6500 impact on the accounts which will be reflected in the 2018 accounts.

- The clash between the VCC & a major international event had resulted in about a \$6,000 drop in revenue from this major event.

To address this decline, the club is embarking on a number of initiatives to turn the participation numbers around, which the VBA manager will outline.

The new manager, Andrew Macready-Bryan addressed the meeting. He discussed the need for the members to have a sense of ownership for the club. He advised the club plans to run a series of lesson courses towards the end of January – one daytime/one evening, and he is also running a series of mini-lessons at the beginning of duplicate sessions. He stressed how important it is for all members to support the efforts and get involved.

A number of members made suggestions regarding ways to improve the club operations.

The President advised the members that the club has received a generous bequest from the late Lilli Allgood's estate. Lilli was a great supporter of the club, and the bequest will be used expressly for prizes for duplicate competition events.

The President thanked the many members who contributed to the running of the club this year, and who gave up their time to help the club with its operations in the year gone by.

### **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 2018"

Moved: Neil Ewart; Seconded: Ben Thompson.

The Resolution was passed unanimously.

## **6 Special Business**

Nil

## **7 Election of President and Other Councillors**

One proxy had been received & was given to the Chairperson.

The following nominations were received for council in accordance with Article 33 at the close of the nomination period.

<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Nominee</u></b>	<b><u>Nominated by</u></b>	<b><u>Seconded by</u></b>
President	Ben Thompson	Jenny Thompson	Kim Frazer
Vice President	Christopher Leach	Kim Frazer	Ben Thompson
Secretary	Kim Frazer	Anna St Clair	Ben Thompson
Councillor	David Morgan	Kim Frazer	Christopher Leach
Councillor	Jenny Thompson	Ben Thompson	Kim Frazer
Councillor	Penny Blankfield	Kim Frazer	Anna St Clair

The following nominations were received for council in accordance with Article 36.

	<u>Location</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>
Special Councillor	(Metro near VBA)	Rob Quirk	Waverley 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 noted there had been no nomination received for the positions of Special Councillor (Metro Arc or Eastern).

The President invited nominations from the floor for positions & the following nomination for the position of Treasurer was received.

<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Nominated by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>
Neil Ewart	Ben Thompson	Christopher Leach

There being no further nominations from the floor, the President declared Mr Ewart elected.

## **8 General Business**

The President invited any other questions or comments from the floor.

Mr Richard Rozen asked the meeting to thank the committee for their work this year. He also suggested that Mr Ben Thompson be put forward for life membership of the club. The meeting indicated their support for this nomination.

The President thanked the members for their attendance, and interest and declared the meeting closed at 7.20pm

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Chairman

Ben Thompson