

# Minutes

## Northern Region Bridge Association

2 March 2019

1.05 pm

U3A Hall Esson St

**Meeting called by:**

Derek Poulton

**Type of meeting:**

General Meeting

**Note taker:**

Derek Poulton

Present: Chair Derek Poulton (Shepparton), Chris Turner (Echuca), Jan Hackett (Yarrawonga), Dennis Upsall (Bendigo), Jennifer Goddard (Bendigo), Nick Walsh (Shepparton), Steve Briggs (Deniliquin), George Wagner (Benalla), Frank Vearing (Macedon Ranges)

Apologies Bruce Minchinton, Michael Goh

**MEETING COMMENCED 1:05 pm**

**Minutes of last meeting were circulated prior to meeting**

**Motion minutes be accepted, moved Chris Turner, seconded Nick Walsh, passed**

**Correspondance: Two items of correspondence were tabled. Request from Whittlesea regarding joining of NRBA. Letter from Ben Thompson, VBA advice on metro boundaries. (see below)**

**Treasurer's Report, presented by Jan Hackett, and notes circulated Moved Jan Hackett sec George Wagner passed.**

Opening balance as at 26 Aug., 2018                      \$8805.38

Closing balance as at 3 Feb, 2019                      \$8246.40

### **1 Inclusion of Whittlesea Club in NRBA**

Derek said he had discussions with Jennifer Andrews regarding Whittlesea joining NRBA. The issue had discussed by Whittlesea Committee and the club had formally written to NRBA requesting boundaries be amended to include Whittlesea as part of the NRBA. Bruce Minchinton, who currently is a special member on VBA council, had taken the issue up with VBA. Ben Thompson had replied advising that VBA wanted the boundary to remain unchanged for voting and other purposes, but there was no reason why Whittlesea should not be able to play in NRBA events. After some discussion

**Motion: Home members of the Whittlesea Club be included in NRBA events.**

Moved Chris Turner, Seconded Nick Walsh. Passed

### **Financial Support For Events**

Jan advised that NRBA currently paid registration fees for events where players from the region represented NRBA in state or national events, including Open Pairs, Senior Pairs, Women's Pairs, Country Teams, GNOT Teams Event (Tweed Heads NSW). ABF meets air fares associated with GNOT final, but currently there is no agreement on additional support for players from the region attending these events. After some discussion following motion was put to the meeting.

**Players Representing NRBA in State events be paid \$20, and GNOT national event \$100, to support travel and accommodation at these events.**

Moved Jan Hackett seconded Jennifer Goddard . Passed

### **Financial Support Student Attendance at Youth Bridge Week**

Derek said that several clubs in the region were progressing youth bridge in schools and several good young players had emerged. We should consider providing financial support to young players who wish to attend to the youth bridge week in Canberra. The cost of the week is \$600 and NRBA should consider financial for this event to continue development of our youth players.

**Moved Derek Poulton seconded Chris Turner that \$300 be allocated to sponsor a youth player from our region to attend youth bridge week in Canberra each year. Passed**

### **Teams at Shepparton**

Derek said that there had been discussion at Shepparton Committee regarding holding teams events at Shepparton on a Saturday afternoon. Shepparton has already been holding teams competition with Echuca and other clubs have been involved. There were thoughts that these events could be held at Shepparton, with no catering and local directors, in months when this does not clash with NRBA events and other regional congresses. Agreed that Derek would circulate further information.

### **Venue For Future Events in 2020**

Jan raised the issue of the venue for 2020. Derek said that Shepparton would like to see hosting of the event rotate to other clubs, but Shepparton could continue to host along the same lines as the last few years. Agreed that events in 2020 would be held at Shepparton, unless other clubs came forward to host the event.