

Victorian Bands League
Minutes of the Special Delegates Committee Meeting
Sunday January 31st 2010
Moonee Valley Band Room, Essendon

Opened at 10.05 pm with the President, M Walker, in the Chair

1. Roll Call

John Ring (Advent Brass), Lindsay Govan (Ballarat Municipal Brass), Ian Lofts (Beaufort Municipal), Colin Wellard (Bendigo & District Concert), David Hague (Bendigo Brass), Daniel van Bergen (Boroondara Brass), Irene Magoulas (Boroondara Harmony Brass), Susan Wright (Boroondara Wind Symphony), Sue McKee (Boroondara Youth), Ian Douglas (Croydon Citizens Brass), Norm Green (Dandenong), Marlene Davies (Darebin City-Preston), David Morris (Darebin City-Northern) Shani Clark (Daylesford & District Brass), David Edmonds (Diamond Valley Brass), Peter Wiltshire (Eaglehawk Citizens), Christina Bowden (Geelong Memorial Brass), Michael Walker (Hawthorn), Richard Byrne (Marist Bros), Cam Murdoch (Murray Brass), Ian Best (Oakleigh City), Hugh Davies (Sale City), June Lofts (St. Arnaud Citizens), Andrew Wilson (Sunshine Community Brass), Ed Wilcock (Thompsons Foundry), Bruce Armstrong (Warragul Municipal Juniors), Robyn Solum (Warrnambool City), John Kelly (Whitehorse Brass)

2. Apologies

John M Breen (Bell Post Hill), Russ Boon (Cranbourne Lions Concert), Ben Fixter (Kew) Doug Hay (Moonee Valley Junior), Fay Baldwin (Traralgon Band), Gai Duncan (Warragul Municipal), Lindsay Paterson (Westgrove Primary School), Jillian Breen (LM), Trish Kinrade (Geelong Concert), Helen Gray (Nhill-Dimboola), Malcolm Hillier (Stonnington City Brass)

3. Proxy's and New Delegates

Proxies: Belinda Whitehead (Bell Post Hill), Hartley Farmer (Kew), Tony Osborne (Moonee Valley Junior), Lindsay Hanchett (Wodonga Brass), Robyn Solum (Nhill-Dimboola)

New Delegates:

MOTION: That the credentials of the proxies be accepted. Moved N Green, Seconded M Davies

CARRIED

4. Visitors

Lorraine Johnson (LM), Peter Rich (LM), Barbara Murdoch (Murray Brass), Ted Lawson (Dandenong), Anne Ring (Advent Brass), Llewelin Morris (Darebin Brass-Northern)

The purpose of today's meeting is to discuss and vote on changes proposed for the Constitution to give effect to the operation of the new rules voted on and passed at the October 2009 Delegates Meeting.

The President introduced the changes by reading through all of the changes in their context and advised the meeting that he had sought advice from a Senior Council who specialises in this area of the law and had a solid understanding of the VBL Constitution and Rules.

With the agreement of the Delegates it was proposed and agreed to review each change, defer to the floor for discussion, and vote on each section once Delegate discussion was complete.

5. PROPOSED CONSTITUTION CHANGES.

All of the following changes were discussed prior to being moved by the Chair; each section detailed below were voted on and passed by the Delegates.

Section 5. MEMBERSHIP

Subsection 1a, 1b & 1c - Titles "*Member Band*", "*Individuals*" & "*Schools*" be underlined.

CARRIED

Subsection 1a (IV) – That the words after delegate "*done in relation to the VBL.*" Be included in this subsection.

CARRIED

Subsection 1b (ix) - The Delegates did not agree with the inclusion of the additional words after the work represented "*at delegates meetings*" therefore there was no change to this subsection from the existing constitution hence no motion was required.

Subsection 1c (x) – The Delegates agree with this section with the inclusion of the words after school "*who are*". This subsection now reads – "*any school may apply for membership to the VBL and students of any such school **who are** admitted to VBL membership shall also have the same rights and entitlements as other members of the VBL*".

CARRIED

Section 6. ADMISSION

The Delegates agreed to further specify this section as "*ADMISSION TO MEMBERSHIP*"

CARRIED

Subsection 1 - It was agreed that the words "*Membership of*" be included after the words "*readmission to*". This subsection now reads "*Applications for admission or readmission to membership of the VBL shall be in writing on a form prescribed by the VBL.*"

CARRIED

Section 7. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEE

Subsection 3 - The word "*not*" be included after the words "*the member shall*".

CARRIED

Subsection 4 – Significant discussion ensued relative to this subsection. It will now read "*Only financial members of the VBL shall be eligible to participate in an event organised pursuant to the rules of the VBL. The membership, financial status of Individual Members for band contests shall be determined by reference to the financial status of the band(s) with which that Individual Member intends to play for in a contest and if such Individual Member, is appointed by more than one (1) band, including those individuals registered as conductor, band master, musical director and/or drum major shall, in respect of each of those bands separately, be that applying to the band in question,*

and being financial in respect of any one (1) band shall not confer that status in respect of any other band.

CARRIED

Section 21 - GROUPS

Subsection 1 – It was agreed that the changes in wording for this subsection be adopted.

CARRIED

Section 22 – BY LAWS

Subsection 1b – It was agreed this subsection will now read “*an event or concert*”.

CARRIED

As this was the extent of changes for consideration and that each of the sections as detailed were carried by the requisite number of votes it was agreed by all of the meeting that this revised document be adopted and be known as “VICTORIAN BANDS’ LEAGUE INC. CONSTITUTION 2010”

The President advised, due to these changes, there would be numerous changes to page numbering on the index page and all agreed this did not require discussion or vote.

The President declared that the changes to the constitution have been accepted as read.

Discussion ensued relative to section 21 GROUPS, subsection 2. Discussion concluded that a notice of motion relative to this subsection be put at the Annual General Meeting.

Moved, P Wiltshire Seconded, M Davies

CARRIED

6. Correspondence

Alan Woodham (NBCA). Letter from A Woodham was read out by President.

President has responded to A Woodham advising that no Victorian band will be disadvantaged by individual interpretation of the new VBL rules and NBCA rules relative to the forthcoming Nationals Contest in Hobart.

Correspondence: moved M Davies, Seconded Lindsay Govan.

7. General Business

The President fielded questions and comments from the floor.

These included:

A question was raised relative to notification of band re-grading. It was advised that Advent Brass had been re-graded from C grade to B grade. Advice will be forwarded to all bands.

It was advised that Diamond Valley Band will be holding 30th Anniversary Concert on 7th August.

A Drum Majors’ training day is scheduled for 14th February 9.30am till 4.00pm at the Box Hill Band Room.

It was advised that last night was the last broadcast by the ABC of the program "Strike up the Band".

It was requested from the floor that bands should be concerned at this reduction in exposure within the radio medium and bands write to the ABC expressing their disappointment. Also it was request that a letter be sent on behalf of the VBL.

Moved, R Byrne Seconded, David Hague

CARRIED

8. Next Meeting: AGM & Delegates meeting – Sunday 16th May 2010 at the Box Hill Band Room

Meeting Closed at 12.05 pm