

# The Canberra Bridge Club Inc.

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## MINUTES

**Monday 9 September 2013 at 5.30pm**

Attendance: Stephen Fischer, Andrew Kettle, Peter Giles, Neil Garvey, Pam Crichton, Ann Pettigrew, Ruth Gallagher, Sebastian Yuen, Lesley Gunson.

Apologies: , Niek Van Vucht, Val Holbrook, Di Hawke, Rowan Bergin, Jodi Tutty.

### 1. PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION: That the Minutes of 12 August 2013 be accepted as a true record of the meeting. Moved Ruth Gallagher Seconded Sebastian Yuen CARRIED

### 2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

Action item 1: Neil reported that 92 LED lights have been installed and are operational. We need 20 more LED lights (cost \$1000) and 2 fittings (cost \$100) to complete the job. It was suggested that Val Holbrook investigate whether we would be eligible for a subsidy again this year, thereby reducing the cost to half.

Moved Neil Garvey Seconded Andrew Kettle that, after checking whether a government subsidy is available, but regardless of the result, the club purchases 20 more LED lights and 2 fittings CARRIED

The committee thanked Neil Garvey and John Hempenstall for their hard work installing the lights.

Action item 2: Bequests to the club -- Di Hawke not present.

Action item 3: Chairs have been cleaned. Some will need to be recovered.

Action item 4: Energy audit. Val was not present due to illness so the committee asked if she would send an email with the progress on the audit.

Action item 5: Car park: Neil and Tony have been waiting to hear the results of the grant application before inspecting sites on which the two contractors have worked. It was suggested that the inspection could be done while we are waiting to hear about the grant as we will need to proceed anyway.

Jodi has spoken to Henry Hudson but the outcome is not known.

### BY LAWS

Moved Sebastian Yuen Seconded Ruth Gallagher that we table the new By Laws in the Minutes and adopt them CARRIED

### MANAGERS' REPORT

A written report was circulated.

The question of bidding boxes versus written bidding on pads has been raised. The committee felt that the use of bidding boxes should be encouraged but written bidding on pads could continue for those who are uncomfortable with the boxes.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

A document giving forecast and actual budget figures for 3 years was tabled. \$23000 has been allocated for 'notable repairs'. A significant part of this will be needed for the work on the car park. It was suggested that the question of solar panels should be revisited.

The ACT government figure for the unimproved capital value of CBC land is \$111000 – low because of the limitations on the lease. The figures in our accounts of \$300000 for the land and \$250000 for the building are arbitrary. The CBC building is insured for \$1.3 million.

## 5. SUB COMMITTEES

### 5.1 Membership and Promotion

no report this month

### 5.2 Tournament & Calendar

The calendar has been finalised. The hard copy book has not been printed yet. Christie is entering our Calendar information into the Google calendar online.

### 5.3 Employment & Contracts

All contracts have been completed.

### 5.4 House

There seems to be a blockage in one of the downpipes. Neil will check. Debris close to the outside the building needs to be cleared to try to prevent a termite problem. This should be on the list for the next working bee.

### 5.5 Congress and Social

5.5.1 Spring Congress: Karen needs help on Friday morning and in the middle of the day on Sunday. Peter Giles is organising afternoon tea on Friday and Ann Pettigrew is doing the flowers.

The Bridge Shop has given 4 \$50 vouchers for prizes and offered a discount on purchases for Congress entrants.

The club may need to publicise its sponsors with notices on the board. There is a list in the office of those who have supported the club with sponsorship.

### 5.6 BFACT Representative

5.6.1 There were different interpretations about financial responsibility for the October Gold Point Congress but BFACT has now ensured that the ABF will cover any financial loss.

5.6.2 The format for the trials for the ANC teams will not change greatly next year.

5.6.3 BFACT has agreed to a \$550 subsidy (ie half the expected cost) for the publicity for the Come N Try bridge day to be run by the CBC in February

2014. Other BFACT clubs are welcome to attend to promote their club.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

### In:

6.1 Our application for a Southern Cross Club grant to help to buy a defibrillator was unsuccessful. It was suggested that the incoming president ask St John's about a lower price as we are a not-for-profit club. Some thought that the money from the Trivia night was raised for this purpose.

6.2 A number of emails on the use of bidding boxes. See under Manager's Report

6.3 An email from Leone Moffat, Gordon Henderson and Richard Brightling suggested pairs during the day and an event in honour of Jill Tonkin. See Other Business

Out: nil

## 7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Butler Pairs during daytime bridge: the committee agreed it is a good idea to try. One suggestion was for a new session time in which butler pairs could be run weekly. Another suggestion was for a trial event of a few weeks but a longer event can be a problem for those who travel. The club may allocate red points to a daytime event; it would need to be at least two sessions. Recommended that the incoming committee consider this.

Some committee members were enthusiastic about the idea of instituting a trophy named in memory of Jill Tonkin, possibly but not necessarily for a daytime butler event. Others thought this should be considered in a wider context of guidelines for honouring members. It is recommended that the incoming committee look at this question.

7.2 Teaching the Teachers weekend with Joan Butts went very well. 28 people from a range of clubs attended and found it helpful. There are lessons online available from the ABF and Joan Butts websites. A list of those who attended is with the managers and may be helpful to Jodi when looking for helpers for the Come N Try day. The microphone malfunctioned and needs to be repaired or replaced.

7.3 Visit of American bridge players on 11 November: Peter Giles and Ann Pettigrew have drawn up a menu for this dinner, incorporating local wines and products. It was suggested that the committee attend to dine with the visitors and players be asked to join the regular Monday night session. The regular Monday night players could be asked to start their session 15 minutes later to accommodate the dinner arrangements.

## 8. NEXT MEETING

To be determined by the incoming committee.

Meeting closed at 7.05 pm.

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### **ACTION ITEMS and Members responsible**

Action item 1: LED lights – possible government subsidy and purchase 20 more (Val)

Action item 2: arrangements for bequests to CBC (Di)

Action item 3: follow up on energy audit (Val)

Action item 4: resurfacing of car park (Val/Jodi, Neil/Tony)

Action item 5: checking downpipe (Neil)