

The Canberra Bridge Club Inc.

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MINUTES

Monday 10 November 2014 at 5.30pm

Attendance: Peter Giles, Val Carmody, Lesley Gunson, Mary Tough, Ian Robinson, Richard Hills, Perelle Scales, Elaine Leach, Kerry Butcher, Pam Crichton.

Apologies: Jodi Tutty, Neil Garvey, Richard Brightling, Rick Nehmy, Bruce Crossman.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOTION: That the Minutes of 13 October 2014 be accepted as a true record of the meeting. Moved Peter Giles, seconded Val Carmody. CARRIED.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Action item 1: Mary Tough awaiting a quotation on signs from Tuggeranong Men's Shed. The possibility of asking BFACT if they want to be on the signs for shared costs was raised. The bowling club that is closing may have signs that we could acquire.

Action item 2: GST is payable on second hand goods

Action item 3: Membership renewal forms were printed

Action items 4 & 5: Peter Giles is working on the price of advertisements. In the Seniors magazine it would cost \$500-\$600 per publication. The NSW edition of the Council of the Ageing publication is bigger than the South Australian one so the ads may cost more.

The South Australian Bridge Association had good success from the advertisements they placed.

COTA publishes a pamphlet directory in which we could place a small entry for no charge. The committee agreed we should use this option.

Grant money from the ABF or BFACT could be used for these promotional purposes. We should know the result of those applications by the December meeting.

Action item 6: see under Calendar

Action item 7: Our meeting time will continue to be the second Monday of the month.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

The report was tabled.

The high figure for salaries has been caused by a change in the reporting system. This figure covers close to two months.

The Melbourne Cup event resulted in a profit of at least \$1500.

MOTION that maximum table money on Tuesday and Thursday nights will be \$12 as a result of a reduction in BFACT charges. Moved Ian Robinson Seconded Pam Crichton CARRIED

4. MANAGERS' REPORT

A written report was circulated at the meeting.

Rick and Lesley attended a course on using a defibrillator. It would cost approximately \$2500 to buy one.

There has been a complaint about membership forms being on display in the playing area on the grounds that members' addresses can be seen. As this is information that is publicly available there does not seem to be a need to change the current system.

It was suggested that directors could follow up with players in their sessions who have not yet paid their membership subscription.

A member has suggested that we could buy milk more cheaply from the service station. While this is true the committee felt at present no committee member has the time available to regularly buy the milk that way and that our current delivery service is a more reliable option over the long term.

DVA pension beneficiaries do not qualify for pensioner discounts at CBC.

The CBC would be willing to pay the small cost associated with directors obtaining higher levels of accreditation.

The committee still feels it is appropriate to keep bidding boxes and pads within easy access of the players.

Our membership forms need to be rewritten, for example to incorporate the club's bank details on the bottom strip and to ensure people fill in their own email address every year so that new addresses are registered. This matter should be looked at after February 2015.

5. SUB-COMMITTEES

5.1 Membership and Promotion

CBC Bulletin: MOTION that we resume production of a quarterly CBC Bulletin for a one year trial Moved Pam Crichton Seconded Ian Robinson CARRIED

Richard Hills will be the editor. It should be relevant to all the sections of our club membership. Barb Toohey may be able to help with the level appropriate to intermediate players.

One of our members would like to place two free advertisements in the Bulletin for his other interests (film and drama groups) in return for CBC placing an advertisement in their publications. The committee agreed to this suggestion.

The Bulletin would be circulated electronically and limited hard copies would be available for those who need one. The managers will handle the distribution.

Peter Giles will ask in the newsletter for a volunteer to do the formatting (Action item 3)

Help with writing the articles will be needed. Material may be sourced from old bulletins or, in time, from other state bulletins on a reciprocal basis.

ABF Women in Bridge Committee: it was suggested that Lynne Moss might be a player in the ACT who would consider taking on this role.

5.2 Tournament & Calendar

The Calendar will be ready to go to the printer at the end of this week. The sub committee agreed to keep both Wednesday and Friday nights in operation but acknowledge that some work will need to be done to keep them viable.

On Tuesday and Thursday nights there will be no long events in July, August and September. Those sessions will be largely 'walk ins' in that period.

Session times: Evening sessions will all start at 7pm in 'winter' ie non daylight saving months 6 April – 6 October. In the period of daylight saving most evening sessions will commence at 7.30pm.

The number of red point sessions during the day will rise from 5 to 20. The new ones will be held on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Players will be charged \$1 per event extra in red point events. There will be a marginal reduction of such sessions on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

Nation Wide Pairs will be played on Friday afternoons. Mary and Ian will organise the first one. It will be a separate movement from the regular Friday duplicate.

MOVED that the CBC committee endorses the decision of the tournament committee in relation to a potential change of date of the trials for the ACT Seniors team Moved Peter Giles Seconded Perelle Scales CARRIED

It will be necessary to promote Tuesday and Thursday events next year, month by month, in an effort to rebuild numbers. Ian will promote the event after the Summer Festival. Pam, Val C and Ian will promote the post Surfers event and each committee meeting will line up volunteers ahead.

5.3 **Employment & Contracts**

Nothing to report at this meeting.

5.4 **House**

5.4.1 Coffee machine:

To be discussed at the December meeting. If the committee agrees to keep the coffee machine then we need to purchase a bench (cost \$230) on which to put it to avoid people having to move it around when we have functions.

5.4.2 Registration for the Food Safety Officer:

The certificate has been received after Peter completed the lengthy process of online training.

5.4.3 Alcohol policy:

Peter knows what needs to be done but no time available yet.

5.5 **Congress and Social**

5.5.1 Melbourne Cup event: 108 people (27 tables). 4 people did not turn up. The day was a success, including a good profit. The committee thanked the many helpers, especially Elaine and Mary for convening the day.

Suggestions for next year: aim for 30 tables, have a reserve list, and pre-payment.

5.5.2 Christmas parties: to be held on 1 and 3 December, cost \$30 for members.

Elaine is the convenor. Some committee members offered help. Any suitable leftovers may be given to the Friday night group for their Christmas party (for which they bring a plate). There will be a working bee at 10am on Saturday 29 November to decorate the club (Action item 4).

5.5.3 What was previously the CBC Spring Congress will now be subsumed into the Canberra in Bloom event. CBC will still run the Southern Tablelands Teams as before but will add a new event – a Valentine's one day teams event—on 15 February 2015. Ian will be away and suggested Elaine as the convenor.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

It was suggested that Pam write to Liz Van Der Hor next week to thank her for her outstanding help on the Calendar.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Ian, Rick and Bruce are on the CBC Directors' sub-committee. They are keen to improve the environment of directing in the club. Ian will attend the next directors' meeting as the CBC committee representative.

7.2 Peter has accepted Rosemary Knight's offer of help with Power Point. He will thank the other volunteers also in the newsletter (Action item 5)

7.3 Honorary Life membership: It has been suggested that we take the assessment process away from the committee and give it to a group of 'Eminent Persons' within our club. This group would consider any suggestion and, if appropriate, then make their recommendation to the committee who would take it on as a recommendation to the AGM. The committee agreed on three people for Peter to approach to constitute this panel (Action item 6).

8. NEXT MEETING

Monday 8 December 2014 at 5.30pm.

Meeting closed at 6.55 pm.

ACTION ITEMS and Members responsible

Action item 1: Report on quotation for signage from Tuggeranong Men's Shed (Mary Tough).

Action item 2: Circulate quote for regular inclusion of information about the club in ACT Seniors Magazine and COTA (Peter Giles)

Action item 3: Appeal in newsletter for a volunteer to format the Bulletin (Peter Giles)

Action item 4: Working bee Saturday 29 November 10.30 to decorate the club (committee)

Action item 5: Thank those who volunteered to help with Power Point (Peter Giles)

Action item 6: Invite the 3 people agreed on to constitute a panel to consider nominations for honorary life membership when they arise (Peter Giles)

LONG TERM AGENDA ITEMS

December: Honouring members.

February:

allocate committee members to promote Tuesday and Thursday events

Revise membership forms