

The Canberra Bridge Club Inc.

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MINUTES

Monday 14 September 2015 at 5.30pm

Attendance: Peter Giles, Bruce Crossman, Richard Hills, Rick Nehmy, Val Carmody, Mary Tough, Ian Robinson, Perelle Scales, Kerry Butcher, Pam Crichton, Richard Brightling.

Apologies: Jodi Tutty, Elaine Leach, Lesley Gunson, Neil Garvey.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOTION: That the Minutes of 24 August 2015 be accepted as a true record of the meeting. Moved Val Carmody Seconded Rick Nehmy CARRIED.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

CBC lease ends on 3 July 2073.

Bruce will incorporate all table numbers records in one document and then will be able to run any reports off that as needed. An anomaly has appeared in that while table numbers seem to be up, table numbers are down from comparisons with the previous year. One possibility is that some Master the Basics money has been included with table money.

3. MANAGER'S REPORT

A written report was circulated.

Start time for evening play Tuesday to Friday 2016:

Bob Cox has created a questionnaire to be sent to those who play on the relevant nights seeking their views re 7.00pm or 7.30pm start time. He will tabulate the results to inform the new committee's discussion on 2016 times.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer tabled her report. The auditor is preparing his report for the AGM. Val has approached another auditor for a quotation in line with suggestions from the AGM to this effect.

The presentation of the accounts is good with the new package but Ian asked that Master the Basics, Supervised and each category of lessons be given a separate line so that it is easy to determine which areas generate income and which areas are being subsidised.

5. SUB-COMMITTEES

5.1 Membership and Promotion

5.1.1 Master the Basics Administration Coordinator: Jill Cromer will undertake this role in 2015-2016.

5.1.2 Supervised Table Money:

MOTION That, starting from 1 Jan 2016,

1. Table fees for supervised be the same as for normal duplicate sessions
2. All players who join supervised be accorded membership privileges for approximately the following six months.

Moved Pam Crichton Seconded Peter Giles Carried.

MOTION That, where buddies are organised by the CBC, the buddy would play for free.

Moved Pam Crichton Seconded Peter Giles Carried.

5.1.3 Lessons program 2016: a sub committee to discuss this program is meeting on Thursday 17 September.

5.2 Tournament & Calendar

5.2.1 Calendar: An open meeting for those interested in the Calendar will be held on 19 September at 11am.

Ian sought, and gained, approval for including the Valentine's Teams, the Southern Tablelands Teams and the Teams of Three in the 2016 Calendar.

Holding walk-in events on Thursday nights in July, August and September has not been successful in terms of table numbers.

Concern was raised about Friday night numbers. A discussion needs to be held about all sessions.

5.2.2 Charity event: The club has scheduled a charity event for November. Ian will decide on the format. The club will adopt one or two charities for the year. An item will be placed in the weekly newsletter after the AGM asking members to send Perelle their suggestions for suitable charities in Canberra that we might support. The new committee will then make a decision.

5.3 Employment & Contracts

Nothing to report.

5.4 House

5.4.1 Club improvements: The ceiling tiles for the foyer have been delivered.

It is hoped that all work, including painting, can be done outside our session times.

The committee approved the purchase of lights with a brushed aluminium (rather than white) finish. Fixed lights are more expensive than swivel lights but we would need fewer of them.

Neil thinks that the ceiling in the Barry Turner Room also needs to be replaced. The fire retardant property of the tiles diminishes over time. The likely cost is \$40000 to \$50000.

Peter will check the report on the building that was done two years ago.

5.4.2 Chairlift: required a new battery. The chair must be allowed to continue to the end of its path before being switched off to ensure that the battery recharges.

5.4.3 Alarm: Another company has quoted \$1000 less for repairs and a new pad but the Treasurer would like to ask more questions about their monthly fee. Kerry enquired if the pad is working better as people know how to use it.

A duress alarm should be installed to increase the safety of employees and members.

Directors need to lock the outer door and a sign should be placed there telling people to ring the bell if the door is locked.
There is only one telephone line into the building.

5.5 Congress and Social

5.5.1 Teams of Three: The event made only a small profit but was greatly enjoyed by the members. Possible ways to increase the profit would be to run a raffle or to allow those captains who were willing to do so to pay the entry fee.

5.5.2 Melbourne Cup Day: Ian said that the room can accommodate 36 tables. If the event is fully booked, usual sessional bridge playing will not be an option. It was suggested that a Calcutta could be held to enliven the event. Ian will organise advance publicity. He will check the price from last year and raise it slightly to accommodate our rising costs.

5.6 **BFACT**: Rick will attend the meeting this month.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

In: Sue Pushack re difficulty of 7.30 start time

Out: Keith Mitchell, thanking for his work in the clubrooms
Dan Danton, thanking for his donation of wine

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Flight Centre: Their presentation in the club will be held on Thursday 24 September at 2pm.

7.2 Tender for dealing boards for the ABF: Rick will be in charge of technical issues relating to dealing. Margaret Bourke will approach specific people to ensure the dealing is completed on time to a high standard. The ABF's new machine is very quick. Wallets will be used for the Youth event. They take a little longer and require more care in order to avoid mistakes.

7.3 Goulburn Bridge Club has asked to borrow tables for their Congress, to be held 5-6 December. The committee agreed to this. Goulburn BC will organise the transport.

7.4 Advertising in the club: Our noticeboard and table space are not to be used for advertising by non-bridge commercial enterprises unless the companies have paid for advertising in our annual Calendar.

7.5 Dealing for Master the Basics: Now that the Office is staffed every day, dealing may be done at any time convenient to the volunteer, but not while a session is in progress.

7.6 By Laws: Peter foreshadowed looking at the By Laws again next year.

The President thanked the current committee for being the most effective one he has known in his time on committee. Committee members have been both productive and cohesive this year.

8. NEXT MEETINGS

AGM Tuesday 29 September 5.30pm

October meeting to be advised

Meeting closed at 7.00pm.

ACTION ITEMS and Members responsible

LONG TERM AGENDA ITEMS

Christmas parties

Partnership promotion