



# The Canberra Bridge Club Inc.

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## MINUTES

Monday 18 June 2012 at 5.30pm

### Attendance:

Stephen Fischer (President), Dorothy Jesner (Vice President), David Hoffman (Past President), Ruth Gallagher (Secretary), Stephen Mendick, Liz Van Der Hor, Niek Van Vucht (Tournament Secretary), Rowan Bergin, Peter Giles, Di Hawke and Molly O'Donohue (Manager).

**Apologies:** Sue Welbourn, Val Holbrook, Andrew Kettle, Tony Marker.

### 1. PREVIOUS MINUTES

**MOTION:** That the Minutes of 14 May 2012 be accepted as a true record of the meeting.  
**MOVED** Stephen Fischer   **SECONDED** Rowan Bergin  
**CARRIED**

### 2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Stephen Fischer provided the Committee with a first draft of the Strategic Plan for consideration. He outlined the key aspects of the Plan and asked the Committee to take it away to consider and provide comments and feed back within the next couple of weeks so it can be made publically available to CBC members. He envisaged the Plan being revisited every couple of years and revised as required..

### 3. MANAGERS REPORT

3.1 Molly provided a report of table numbers for the three months to end May. It showed that numbers for the three months to May 2012 were down on the same period for the previous two years. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings were down as were Thursday and Friday daytime. While Friday night numbers were up overall in the three months they had fallen away in the last few weeks.

3.2 Molly said she would like to revisit the church group arrangements for renting the Olive Lott room. Since the Club wanted to encourage their usage she proposed charging them only \$25 for a couple of months until they were established and then increasing the fee to \$50. The Committee agreed to charge the church group \$25 until end August for use of the Olive Lott room for an hour on Saturday after which time the fee would be increased to \$50.

3.3 Molly said that the Interclub teams event was this weekend but there was issues with numbers. Only four teams were entered. It was agreed to raise this matter with BFACT regarding the events viability and what can be done to raise interest.

#### **4. TREASURER'S REPORT**

4.1 No report

#### **5. SUB COMMITTEES**

##### **5.1 Membership and Promotion**

5.11 Peter raised the issue of Friday night and commented that he felt that there seemed to be no benefit in providing drinks before bridge. He said that the supper was important but that the drinks were not attracting new members. Numbers were also down again for the Friday evening and that in most cases the "host" had not been required to partner a player. The Committee was due to review Friday nights at end June and the general feeling was that the drinks should be discontinued. Stephen Fischer said he would talk with Val who was not at the meeting about how she wished to proceed.

##### **5.2 Tournament & Calendar**

5.21 Liz gave a short report on the committee reviewing Tuesday and Thursday nights. She said that the committee has had its first meeting and allocated tasks. Comments had been called for but little had been received to date. David would mention the review to players on Tuesday and Thursday and Molly would send out another reminder. Liz said that they were looking at the calendar generally and needed to know when the Club would be closed in 2013. Christmas Eve and Day were the only proposed day closures but several Committee members felt there was a case for opening the Club on Christmas Eve day. This will be considered. Evening closures proposed were: SWPT Tuesday 15 and 22 January, Thursday 17 and 24 January; Good Friday; 24 and 25 December; and, 31 December. It was suggested that the Club should look at interest in hosting a New Year's Eve party. This will be considered. The committee has also been looking at when country congresses are being scheduled although many dates had not yet been posted. Niek has also written to BFACT seeking their views and input.

##### **5.3 Employment & Contracts**

5.31 A meeting was held with Directors on 21 May, chaired by David who said it had been very productive. A copy of the report from the meeting is at *Attachment 1*.

##### **5.4 House**

5.41 The rendering of the Barry Turner room wall has been completed and considered an excellent job. Feed back from members has been very positive. There was discussion about what will be placed on the wall and where. The Committee agreed that all the old wooden honour boards will be moved to the Olive Lott room. When the new perspex honour boards come into use they can be placed downstairs. The Committee considered that the Honorary Life Membership honour board was too important to place upstairs and it should be hung in the downstairs room. Molly will get quotes for replacing the wooden board for Honorary Life Members with a new perspex

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board. It was also agreed that the Past Presidents board, currently in the foyer, should also be placed in the downstairs room. Several honour boards in the Olive Lott room which are not being used anymore will be permanently removed. All records will be retained on the web site.

The Committee agreed to some paintings being returned to the downstairs room and the back of the room (North) being available for this purpose. There should be no more than eight paintings on the wall at any one time. It was felt that all members in the club with an interest in painting or other decorative art should be invited to hang work on the wall with some quality control provided by the Manager. These should also be rotated regularly.

### **5.5 Congress and Social**

5.51 Peter reported that the Southern Tablelands Teams went well and asked that thanks yous be sent out to all those that helped with the catering and organising. Rowan said she found the lessons provided by Andy Braithwaite very good and that he was a good teacher. There was a great deal of interest from members across a good cross section of players. There were 19 people at Friday's lesson and 30 on the Saturday. The Club would more than cover costs including with BFACT's contribution.

5.52 Peter said that planning was underway for the Spring Congress and he still had to organise catering. A coordinator would be appointed for the event and Stephen Fischer was going to talk with several people about taking on the role. It was agreed that Friday daytime would be included as part of the Spring Congress events at no additional table money cost. It would be followed by drinks and nibbles.

### **5.6 BFACT Representative.**

### **5.7 Finance**

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

**In:** Peter Kahler (13/6/12) to Niek Van Vucht with interim response to 2013 Calendar request.

**Out:** Email (16/5/12) to Peter Kahler from Niek Van Vucht re calendar for 2013

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **8. NEXT MEETING**

Monday 13 August 2012 at 5.30pm in the Clubrooms.

Meeting closed at 7.00pm.

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

Action Item 1:

Action Item 2: