

The Canberra Bridge Club Inc.

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MINUTES

Monday 2 March 2015 at 5.30pm

Attendance: Val Carmody, Lesley Gunson, Mary Tough, Jodi Tutty, Ian Robinson, Perelle Scales, Elaine Leach, Kerry Butcher, Pam Crichton, Richard Brightling, Rick Nehmy.

Apologies: Neil Garvey, Richard Hills, Peter Giles, Bruce Crossman.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

MOTION: That the Minutes of 26 January 2015 be accepted as a true record of the meeting. Moved Rick Nehmy, Seconded Val Carmody CARRIED.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Action item 1: Val Carmody will remove the security packet from the bank (Action item 1).

Action item 2: Jodi is waiting for quotations from Cota and the Seniors magazine on the price of advertisements (Action item 2).

Action item 3: Roy asked for an email about BFACT matching the ABF grant. Jodi will send an email to Val, who has to issue invoices, on this and the David Beauchamp lessons (Action item 3).

Action item 4: Lesley thinks all references to room hire have been removed from the web page.

Action item 5: BFACT will subsidise half the bus fare for the Cooma visit. The bus will cost \$1600 and BFACT will contribute up to \$800 of this. Cost will be \$50 per head for the bus trip, bridge and lunch. Bridgemates from CBC will be taken. There needs to be someone on the trip who knows how to reprogram them. The trip needs 45 or 46 participants to break even financially. (Action item 4)

Action item 6: The coffee machine has been removed. The company has given CBC a credit for cleaning products that were returned.

Action item 7: Disciplinary committee: As decided at the January meeting Peter approached two people to join him on the CBC disciplinary sub-committee. Peter needs to discuss it further with one of them.

Pianola: Rick and others are meeting with the Pianola representative, James Ward, on Friday.

3. MANAGER'S REPORT

A written report was circulated.

Low numbers on Friday night are a concern. No play on two successive Fridays

because so few players turned up on the first of those nights. This needs more consideration by the committee.

Payment at table: There was a discussion on the advantages and disadvantages of payment by voucher or pre-paid card. The committee agreed that the managers could put a request in the newsletter for players to use notes and gold coins only in paying table money, explaining that the extra weight of silver coins is a problem when banking.

Membership: A notice on unpaid membership fees will be placed in this week's newsletter. Committee members should help with ringing members at the next stage of followup. A list of those who haven't yet renewed should be kept on the director's desk.

Garden: needs a trailerload of mulch (Action item 5).

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's report was tabled.

Increased membership subscriptions and rent have helped our cash position.

5. SUB-COMMITTEES

5.1 Membership and Promotion

5.1.1 CBC Bulletin:

The Committee thanked Richard Hills and Dorothy Jesner for their work on the first issue of the bulletin. They need more help with formatting – its appearance on the web page is a problem. Christy may be able to help with that.

5.1.2 Master the Basics: 30 minute lesson by Barb Toohey on Wednesdays at 9.15am was attended by 47 people last week. The committee needs to offer administrative help – at the moment Ian, Richard and Pam will share it.

Another set of boards is needed for the volunteers who deal on Tuesday. Ian and Perelle to ask Barb Toohey about colours, numbers.

MOTION that Perelle Scales order the required set from Paul Lavings Moved Ian Robinson Seconded Pam Crichton CARRIED (Action item 6)

5.1.3 U3A bridge lessons commence at CBC on 1 April

5.1.4 Intermediate lessons, given by Sean, 3 Saturdays in April

5.1.5 Mentoring Month will be in May.

5.2 Tournament & Calendar

5.2.1 Nation Wide Pairs: on Friday 20 March. The panel discussion after play will be led by Richard Brightling and Ian Robinson. The committee thanked Jodi Tutty, Sheila Bird and Mary Tough for their contribution in February.

Unfortunately the last club only submitted their results on 1 March.

5.2.2 Restricted Pairs Event: on Sunday 29 March, single session at 1pm, timing needs to be coordinated with Seniors' trials. Cost \$10 members, \$12 non-members. Val Carmody will supply supper at the end.

5.2.3 Trials for ACT teams: It would be helpful if the trials are run downstairs (including on Saturday afternoon) to play in the better area and to save money on directors' fees. Ian needs to check with BFACT (Action item 7).

5.2.4 Last Train event in April: the restricted prize of \$2000 to help the winning restricted pair play in the ANC in Fremantle in July may be of interest to CBC members

5.3 Employment & Contracts

Contracts have been drawn up for Ann Pettigrew and Jeanette Grahame.

5.4 House

5.5 Congress and Social

5.5.1 Valentine's Teams: The committee thanked Elaine for her wonderful work. The committee agreed that this event should be run again next year.

Prizes for A and B sections were well received. The book prizes for the Restricted players were liked.

5.5.2 Seniors' Day: Tuesday 17 March. Various committee members offered help. Lesley will put a flyer on all the tables in the main room.

5.5.3 Stall at Fyshwick markets: to be held on Sunday 29 March. Some goods are under the building. We need items of high quality rather than a huge volume of stock.

5.5.4 Southern Tablelands Teams on 31 May. Elaine and Perelle will convene it. Jodi will send bridge information to Elaine. Ian will look into advertising it on the NSWBA website.

5.5.4 Consideration of Melbourne Cup Day and Christmas parties deferred to the April meeting.

5.6 **BFACT**: at the meeting on 30 January BFACT agreed to meeting the ABF grant to CBC dollar for dollar year by year ie \$1405 this year. There is no commitment for 2016 at this stage.

The Australian National Championships, a 12 day event, will be held in Canberra in July 2017. Booking a venue is an urgent issue.

Cooma trip was discussed and subsidy approved.

David Beauchamp lessons subsidy needs to be discussed at the next BFACT meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Out:

In: ACT government re the Connect and Participate (CAP) Expo on Saturday 28 March at the Kinston Bus Depot markets. Committee agreed we need to be involved. Cost \$20. Pam to reply to Maureen Howe, ACT government, and to approach Bruce Crossman about organising it (Action item 8) The committee envisaged having 4 people playing bridge with others handing out flyers and answering questions.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Alcohol consumption by members

Concern was expressed about CBC responsibility/liability for anything that occurs after members have drunk alcohol on our premises. Pam to find the last reference at a CBC meeting to alcohol (Action item 9). It was suggested that we ask a lawyer among our members for advice and that we warn members to be careful via the newsletter.

7.2 Car Parking: the limited number of spaces continues to be an issue for CBC, especially on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Time-limited parking in the public area at the back may help. Extra disabled spots in that area would also be useful.

8. NEXT MEETING

Monday 13 April 2015 at 5.30pm.

Meeting closed at 6.50 pm.

ACTION ITEMS and Members responsible

Action item 1: Remove security packet from the Commonwealth Bank (Val)

Action item 2: draw up a proposal on advertising in the Seniors newspaper or with COTA (Peter and Jodi)

Action item 3: check with BFACT re meeting the ABF grant dollar for dollar and re David Beauchamp lessons (Val)

Action item 4: Cooma visit, booking bus (Peter)

Action item 5: trailerload of mulch (?)

Action item 6: order boards (Perelle)

Action item 7: check with BFACT about trials being run in the Barry Turner room (Ian)

Action item 8: apply to participate in CAP Expo and ask Bruce Crossman to organise (Pam)

Action item 9: find the last reference in CBC minutes to alcohol at the club (Pam)

LONG TERM AGENDA ITEMS

May: Nights that CBC will open over Christmas, Summer Festival
Revise membership forms