



# The Canberra Bridge Club Inc.

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## MINUTES

Monday 16 April 2012 at 5.30pm

### Attendance:

Dorothy Jesner (Vice President), Ruth Gallagher (Secretary), David Hoffman (Past President), Sue Welbourn, Val Holbrook, Niek Van Vucht, Tony Marker, Stephen Mendick, and Molly O'Donohue.

**Apologies:** Stephen Fischer, Rowan Bergin, Peter Giles, Andrew Kettle, Liz Van Der Hor, Di Hawke.

The meeting was chaired by Dorothy Jesner.

### 1. PREVIOUS MINUTES

**MOTION:** That the Minutes of 12 March 2012 be accepted as a true record of the meeting. **MOVED** Niek Van Vucht **SECONDED** Sue Welbourn

**CARRIED**

### 2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

2.1 Outcomes from the business planning day will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Several Committee members commented on how productive they found the day.

2.2 David said that he had made enquiries of the ACT Government in relation to getting a grant for floor coverings in the foyer and entrance. However, as the floor covering proposed had been changed to a heavy duty carpet the Club would be ineligible as it did not meet the requirements for the **Inclusive Participation Funding Program**. Other programs would be looked at but there was not the same degree of urgency.

### 3. MANAGERS' REPORT

There was nothing to report.

### 4. TREASURER'S REPORT

### 5. SUB COMMITTEES

#### 5.1 Membership and Promotion

5.11 Val reported that Andy Braithwaite would be coming to Canberra on the weekend of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> June to play in the Southern Tableland Teams and would be available to give two intermediate/advanced lessons. Ian

Robinson was coordinating the visit. Since the visit coincided with the wall rendering of the Barry Turner room, times available for the lessons were restricted as they had to fit in with the normal bridge sessions temporarily transferred to the Olive Lott room. The Committee agreed that the best times would be Friday 1 June, 5-7pm and Saturday 10.30-12.00. Ian was going to check with Andy to confirm times. Costs would need to be worked out. It was noted that to break even (to cover cost of airfare and Andy's fee) there would need to be 33 people attending each session – 66 in total. David said there was a standard rate and process utilised by the Club previously. The fee charged was \$15 and this would need to be checked as to how it had been managed in the past. Ian would liaise with Stephen to finalise arrangements. The event would need to be well publicised and topics to be covered in the lessons sorted out. Val would get the process going but as she will be away from the second half of May then this would need to be taken over by someone else.

**Action Item 1:** Organise bridge classes to be conducted by Andy Braithwaite on 1-2 June including publicity and costs within Club and to wider regional community. (Val Holbrook/ Stephen Fischer)

5.12 Val would be looking at pathways for lessons/development for Club members, a key outcome from the Planning Day over the next couple of months and return to the Committee with some proposals.

**Action Item 2:** Develop proposals for pathways for lessons and development for Club members. (Val Holbrook)

## **5.2 Tournament & Calendar**

5.21 Niek was considering aspects of the calendar for 2013 with one option being to move all CBC teams events to Tuesday evening and have mostly pairs events. He was considering whether some of the pairs events could allow “walkins”. It was noted that for all BFACT events in the calendar BFACT were proposing that “walkins” be allowed. David said that BFACT needs to come up with procedures for how this might work.

5.22 Val said that the CBC should be considering participating in the Novice Pairs events run Australia wide as this would give the Club's beginners/supervised players an opportunity to play in tournaments and add interest. This year the event is being held in the week 25 – 31 May which coincides with the time the walls are being rendered and the Club had the use of only one room. It was agreed to revisit the proposal in 2013.

## **5.3 Employment & Contracts**

5.31 Dorothy said Directors' contracts were almost finished and would be soon ready for signing. It was agreed there should be a meeting with the Directors to discuss any issues and provide an opportunity to raise any matters.

## **5.4 House**

5.41 Sue said that on obtaining further advice on the floor covering for the entrance foyer and hallway it was decided to go with heavy duty carpets rather than non stick vinyl tiles. Carpet was more practical as the non stick tiles had issues with drying. Carpets meant that the floor covering would not be

eligible for any grant. Sue advised that replacing the entrance and foyer carpets would be around \$4,900. This will be considered at a later date.

5.42 When the walls are rendered Sue said that there may be a need for extra trim around the poles to ensure the edges are neat and do not stick out. This trim, in plastic, would cost \$300 to \$350. The Committee agreed to the purchase of this trim should it be needed during the rendering process.

5.43 The Committee considered the various notice boards in the Barry Turner room and where they will hang once the walls have been rendered. Arrangements for the wall hangings were agreed. Sue will draw up a plan for John Hempenstall who will manage the rehangings. The television will also be moved to hang on the wall near the computer to allow the two to be better linked.

**Action Item 3:** Draw up plan for the rehangings of Notice Boards and other items including moving of television for John Hempenstall to undertake once the walls have been rendered. (Sue Welbourn)

## 5.5 Congress and Social

5.51 The Southern Tablelands Teams are being held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Di Hawke is managing the catering and David Hoffman agreed to be the Convener. As the play will be taking place in the Olive Lott room because of the wall rendering teams will be limited to twenty.

## 5.6 BFACT Representative.

5.61 Dorothy said that the CBC had received a marketing grant from BFACT of \$2,500 for upgrading player facilities.

5.62 She reported that Joan Butts, the ABF National Teaching Coordinator will be doing lessons in the region but no dates were available yet.

5.63 Dorothy said that BFACT had spent \$1,200 on a website upgrade which gave some indication to CBC about the costs of this type of work. Niek asked that when the CBC website is upgraded that care is given not to overload the site. He said that this makes access, especially using more remote facilities much slower.

## 5.7 Finance

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

In:

Out: .

## 7. OTHER BUSINESS

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## 8. NEXT MEETING

Monday 14 May 2012 at 5.30pm in the Clubrooms.

Meeting closed at 6.45pm.

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## **ACTION ITEMS and Members responsible**

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