

# The Canberra Bridge Club Inc.

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## MINUTES

**Monday 13 May 2013 at 5.30pm**

Attendance: Stephen Fischer, Peter Giles, Sebastian Yuen, Neil Garvey, Rowan Bergin, Val Holbrook, Pam Crichton, Tony Marker, Niek Van Vucht, Lesley Gunson, Jodi Tutty.

Apologies: Andrew Kettle, Ann Pettigrew, Ruth Gallagher.

1. PREVIOUS MINUTES MOTION: That the Minutes of 8 April 2013 be accepted as a true record of the meeting. Moved Niek Van Vucht Seconded Neil Garvey CARRIED
2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES
  - 2.1 Action item 1: Air conditioner : new compressor and a replacement dryer kit have been fitted, with a 50% rebate under the ACTSmart scheme. All units have been serviced and a sump heater will be replaced.
  - 2.2 Action Item 2: Sebastian invited Christy Geromboux to speak to the meeting about our current web arrangements. Christy suggested that we move to a Content Management System, which is the industry standard and would provide more stability over several browsers. A CMS, through integrating the web with databases, would provide the capacity to register online, pay online and produce the booklets for our longer events. Joomla is one such system, with the advantages of being free, used by many so there is big community support, reasonably user friendly and backed by good technology. We would need someone to host it, possibly our current host. Christy and Sebastian offered to look at the interface with Lesley/Val.
  - 2.3 Action item 3: Stephen has collated the committee responses to the survey on priorities for upgrades in the building. The air conditioner and lights are being dealt with this year. The security system (if it breaks down) and the computer (when it is 4 years old) could become critical items. Repairs to our parking lot seem important in the next year (2013/14). Replacement is a better longterm option and might be feasible if we could obtain a matching grant from some source or a low-interest loan from the ABF. Some resurfacing was done following work on the sewerage system. There are problems associated with relocating the disabled parking area from its present location. Stephen will circulate the document for the committee to consider, prior to discussing it and

making decisions at the June meeting. Stephen will talk to the ABF treasurer (Roy Nixon) again.

- 2.4 Action item 4: our application to the Canberra Labor Club for a grant for the defibrillator was unsuccessful. We have not yet received a reply from the Southern Cross Club.
- 2.5 Action item 5: there were no chairs matching ours at the last auction. There will be another auction next month. A chair company in Queanbeyan, Aurora Furniture, does not have the appropriate ones at present.
- 2.6 Action item 6: Stephen and Peter had discussed the format of Christmas parties, informed by the views Ann had gathered. Peter gave some background on formats in recent years. In view of the popularity of the Monday and Wednesday day parties, the committee agreed with continuing those, and with the idea of trying a Saturday party (bbq before play) rather than an evening party, which has not been well supported in recent years.
- 2.7 Action item 7: the committee is happy with the LED lights the club has been trying. MOTION Moved Peter Giles seconded Niek van Vucht that the club go ahead with the purchase and installation of LED lights for the whole Barry Turner room.
- 2.8 Action item 8: Best night for nationwide events has not been decided
- 2.9 Action item 9: No reaction to notice on board about smoking and hygiene
- 2.10 Action item 10: the working bee on 11 May was successful. It was agreed another one should be held in October, with a smaller session in July to clean ovens and fridges. Stephen and Christy to agree a date and let other committee members know
- 2.11 Action item 11: a few mentors played in the Point a Board teams event to introduce players to Thursday night bridge.
- 2.12 Action item 12: a session was held for Bridge for Brain Research. Due to one very generous donation the club donated \$5580 to this organization. It would be helpful if the club appointed a coordinator to promote this event in 2014. It was suggested that this event be held on Thursday daytime in 2014 with some refreshments, in order to give this group a social event.
- 2.13 Compscore2 has been going smoothly. Apparently the Deep Finesse analysis is not available there at present. There was a problem loading the Bill Hunt Pairs results but Sean is looking into it. Turning off the pairs scoring element in the electronic scorers was raised. This can be done but Sean would appreciate a reminder to turn it off, and back on again.

### 3. MANAGERS REPORT

A written report was circulated.

The managers recommended that we have a building inspection to cover, among other things, the state of the guttering and the possibility of termites. Cost unknown but for residential premises the cost is \$800-1000. Val will obtain a couple of quotes. Possibly the building could also be valued.

Sean will be away for 5 weeks through July. Lesley has approached Sebastian,

and will approach Gordon, to cover Sean's sessions.  
Queries have been received about short lessons before Monday evening and Tuesday daytime sessions. This matter will be referred to Jodi.

#### 4. TREASURER'S REPORT

no report this month

#### 5. SUB COMMITTEES

##### 5.1 Membership and Promotion

Stephen has asked Earl Dudley to look at options for what might be included in a 'player pack' for new club members. Stephen, Jodi and Earl will meet on this. Stephen would like the pack to be ready for the end of the August-September classes. The ABF emails a document to new members but it is fairly dense and does not have local context.

##### 5.2 Tournament & Calendar

Point a Board teams event: some appreciated the new format while others found the scoring cumbersome.

##### 5.3 Employment & Contracts

Peter is drawing up new contracts for directors. After discussion with others he proposes a 1 July start date, with no end date, CPI increases annually. If someone does not direct for 12 months then a new contract and at least one shadowing session would be required. A meeting with directors will be held, possibly on 22 June.

##### 5.4 House

Sue Welbourn is waiting for material to be on special to purchase it for table covers for the main room.

##### 5.5 Congress and Social

5.5.1 Peter and Jodi have agreed on a simple hot lunch for the Southern Tablelands Teams, with slices for morning tea and nibbles after play.

5.5.2 CBC will do the catering for the David Beauchamp classes

##### 5.6 BFACT Representative.

5.6.1 the ABF annual meeting is being held this coming weekend, discussing issues in relation to the management structure of the ABF, especially on whether there should be a further concentration of power vested in the management committee rather than with the councillors.

5.6.2 it is hoped that the October gold-point congress will attract players to Canberra and that the CBC will be able to build on this for our Spring Congress next year. Stephen talked to Karen Creet about the sub-committee's ideas on the Spring Congress.

5.6.3 CBC has been working with Roy to organize David Beauchamp's lessons and the Train the Trainers sessions.

#### 6. CORRESPONDENCE

**In:** Ella Beer on format for Christmas parties

Ella Beer on places selling covers for bridge tables

**Out:** two thank you letters to Ella Beer

7. OTHER BUSINESS

A session of the Australia wide Novice Pairs will not be held in the club due to insufficient numbers.

8. NEXT MEETING

Monday 17 June 2013 at 5.30pm in the Clubrooms.

Meeting closed at 6.50pm.

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**ACTION ITEMS and Members responsible**

Action Item 1: consider our priorities for club building improvements, based on the document circulated by Stephen on 14 May (whole committee)

Action item 2: chairs at auction (Neil)

Action item 3: purchase and installation of LED lights (manager and Neil)

Action item 4: set date in July for cleaning ovens and fridges (Stephen)

Action item 5: short lessons before play (Jodi)

Action item 6: information packs for new players (Stephen and Jodi)