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MINUTES

Monday 9 December 2013 at 5.30pm

Attendance: Karen Creet, Stephen Fischer, Sheila Bird, Val Carmody, Pam Crichton, Tony Marker, Paul Sullivan, Leone Moffat, Pamela McKittrick, Lesley Gunson, Jodi Tutty, Fifine Hutton.

Apologies: Mary Tough, Sebastian Yuen, Val Holbrook, Neil Garvey.

1. PREVIOUS MINUTES

It was agreed that the November minutes be amended as follows:

Under 5.4.5 it should read:

Food Safety Officer and training: Pamela will look at the documents and ascertain the responsibilities of the CBC under the Act. (Action item 8)

MOTION: That the Minutes of 18 November 2013 be accepted as a true record of the meeting. Moved Sheila Bird Seconded Val Carmody CARRIED

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES

These items were dealt with under the appropriate sections of the agenda.

3. MANAGERS' REPORT

A written report was circulated.

The committee decided that the club should be closed on Friday 27 December in the evening due to lack of player interest for that night. This must be well advertised.

Increased table numbers in November were partially due to the visit by the American group.

Lesley agreed to respond warmly to an email the leader of the American group, saying that we enjoyed their visit.

The committee decided that we should have one list on the board to which people who are looking for partners can add their name, and another list for the managers of those who are willing to be called at short notice to fill in for a session. Fifine indicated that she is happy to be on the second list.

A suggestion has been received that we hold a Come N Try near the end of the year for students who have finished exams, as well as one early in the year for others.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer tabled her report.

Subscriptions received are up by \$6000, covering the increase in wages. The change in figures for the Barry Turner Fund has occurred because the investment structure was changed to increase the cash, as against shares, component of the fund. The committee will consider the structure of the fund in 2014.

5. SUB COMMITTEES

5.1 Membership and Promotion

5.1.1 Leone tabled a report on bequests.

CBC is not on the Australian Taxation Office's Deductible Gift Register and it appears that the club not eligible.

The committee needs to appoint a Bequests Officer, and to publicise the fact that we are looking at this issue.

Lesley suggested that Val Holbrook might ask a solicitor, Peter Waite, to look at the document.

The committee is happy for Leone to proceed with minor editing of the document that she tabled (Action item 1).

5.1.2 Paul will report on guidelines for honouring members in 2014 (Action item 2)

5.1.3 Sponsors:

Karen is still working on sponsorship (Action item 3)

5.1.4 Come N' Try

Advertising the day is the most important requirement at this stage. Jodi will email the brochure to committee members for this purpose (Action item 4)

Holding a session of supervised play on Saturday to assist those who attend the Come N Try day would be a good idea but it is unlikely that the CBC can sustain three supervised sessions per week.

Mentors will be needed for follow up afterwards.

Meeting of Come N Try subcommittee will be held on 13 January 2014 at 5.30pm.

5.1.5 David Beauchamp lessons will be held 3-6 July 2014.

BFACT is amenable to providing support from the marketing grant. In 2013 BFACT organised the lessons; CBC is doing this for 2014. The topics for the lessons will be negotiated with David. Karen will discuss the financial arrangements with him during the Summer Festival of Bridge (Action item 5)

5.2 Tournament & Calendar

5.2.1 Sheila obtained three quotations for printing the Calendar. Lowe's quoted \$1600 plus GST, Constat, who have done the job for 3 years, \$1760 plus GST and a third company higher. These quotations were for 500 copies of 54 pages. The cost will be higher as we actually need 600 copies of 60 pages. Sheila suggested that we use the same format as for 2013 Calendar, as it would facilitate inclusion of email addresses.

MOTION: That we engage Constat to print the 2014 Calendar Moved Sheila Bird

Seconded Stephen Fischer CARRIED (Action item 6)

5.2.2 Peter Kahler (BFACT Tournament Secretary) has agreed to the Women's pairs championship being played on Tuesday afternoon in 2014.

5.3 Employment & Contracts nothing to report.

5.4 House

5.4.1 Car park: awaiting the result of our grant application for resurfacing the disabled area of our car park. Karen will discuss progress on this with Neil (Action item 7).

5.4.2 Food Safety Officer and training: Pamela reported that we do have obligations under the Food Act 2001. She will fill in the registration form with the help of Lesley or Val and we can then assess the government's response (Action item 8).

5.5 Congress and Social

5.5.1 Melbourne Cup day was very successful. 112 people attended, the profit was \$1550.

5.5.2 The committee thanked Mary Tough and Elaine Leach for their work on the two (Monday and Wednesday) daytime Christmas parties. Those attending enjoyed them but the numbers were down compared to 2012. Late non-attenders caused financial problems. The profit was \$52.

The committee needs to consider organisation of the 2014 Christmas parties early next year.

5.6 BFACT Report

5.6.1 BFACT endorsed the draft Calendar for 2014.

5.6.2 BFACT endorsed the David Beauchamp lessons in 2014.

5.6.3 The interclub teams will be a one-day event on a Saturday mid 2014.

5.6.4 BFACT is looking at the form of selection for the ACT Open team for the ANC. Any changes will be applicable to the trials in 2015.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 In: 6.1.1 Brenda Reynell on the red master points event on Friday afternoons in October. Karen agreed to respond (Action item 9).

6.1.2 Elizabeth Chisholm to the president on how to better support weaker players, by holding two concurrent sessions in daytime events to allow weaker players to develop at their own pace. Karen will respond (Action item 10).

6.2 Out 6.2.1 John Donovan to say that CBC will not be running a Bushfire Appeal event

6.2.2 Ella Beer to say that CBC will not hold a fundraising event for the Philippines now

6.2.3 Justine Beaumont to say that biscuit prices will be considered in 2014 in the context of financial planning for the club

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 CBC website: Stephen is working with Sebastian and Christie on the new website.

Stephen reported that the structure is almost complete; about half the pages now have significant content; most of the information on the current website has been copied; an online entry facility has not yet been created; it may take another month to find a host. It was decided that the issue of a semi secure area should be discussed again later. Leone, Sheila, Paul and Jodi agreed to help Stephen with some of the work. It is intended that the site will go live by 1 March 2014 (Action item 11).

7.2 prize money for Summer Festival teams event:

MOTION that the prize money for the winning team in the Summer Festival Teams held in November 2013 be \$400 Moved Karen Creet Seconded Jodi Tutty
CARRIED

7.3 Master points: Leone raised the question of whether players' names are altered during an event held over several weeks ie if a substitute plays in the first week does that person gain the MPs for the whole event, rather than the regular player. Sean is contracted to do the red and green MPs for the CBC. Multi week events are only masterpointed at the end of the event and might miss the cut-off for that month and appear in the next month. If we obtained a full list from John Donovan or David Weston someone could check the Tuesday and Thursday night allocations against it to clarify if there is a problem (Action item 12).

7.4 it was suggested that filling in of substitution forms should be more strongly enforced. At present a player can have a substitute of any standard but penalties may be levied if the substitute's standard is deemed to be higher than that of the regular player.

8. NEXT MEETING

Monday 10 February 2014 5.30pm

Meeting closed at 7.20 pm.

ACTION ITEMS and Members responsible

Action item 1: arrangements for bequests to CBC (Leone)

Action item 2: honouring members (Paul)

Action item 3: sponsors (Karen)

Action item 4: email Come N' Try day brochure to committee (Jodi)

Action item 5: arrangements for David Beauchamp lessons (Karen)

Action item 6: printing the calendar (Sheila)

Action item 7: car park (Neil Garvey)

Action item 8: register CBC under the Food Act 2001 (Pamela)

Action item 9: respond to Brenda Reynell (Karen)

Action item 10: respond to Elizabeth Chisholm (Karen)

Action item 11: new CBC website (Sebastian, Stephen)

Action item 12: check on masterpointing (?)