

The Canberra Bridge Club Inc.

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MINUTES

Monday 10 March 2014 at 5.30pm

Attendance: Karen Creet, Stephen Fischer, Val Carmody, Pam Crichton, Tony Marker, Lesley Gunson, Fifine Hutton, Mary Tough, Val Holbrook, Neil Garvey, Sheila Bird, Paul Sullivan, Jodi Tutty,
Apologies: Leone Moffat, Pamela McKittrick, Sebastian Yuen.

1. PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION: That the Minutes of 10 February 2014 be accepted as a true record of the meeting. Moved Stephen Fischer Seconded Fifine Hutton 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.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

4.1 The Treasurer presented a detailed report and a projected budget for 2014-2015.

The CBC made a very small profit in February but expects to pay \$13500 to BFACT and the ABF around the end of March. This year the club will pay \$7.50 per member to BFACT and \$15 per member to the ABF and the ABF charge will increase by another dollar next year. Our forecasted profit for 2013-2014 is only \$1136. The meeting suggested that Val C, Pam and Jodi draw up a proposal to put to the AGM this year to increase our subscriptions and bring this to the April meeting (Action item 1). It may be helpful to look at what other bridge clubs charge and to provide information for CBC members explaining this is necessary to provide better amenities. Our reduced rate for Seniors presents a problem as most of our members fall into this category.

4.2 It was noted that any cheque must be signed by two people, either two members of the committee or one member of the committee and one employee of the club, as per Clause 31 (2) of our Constitution.

4.3 Room hire charges for a half day are currently, and have been since 2010, \$125 for regular users and \$150 for occasional users. BFACT has been charged half the price for regular users.

A bond of \$100 is charged for non-regular users, to be returned if the area is left clean and tidy with nothing broken or missing.

MOTION that we increase the room hire charges for non-regular users to \$200 immediately and have discussions with our regular users with a view to increasing the charge for a half day to \$150 and adjusting the rate in accordance with CPI in the future. Moved Karen Creet Seconded Val Carmody CARRIED (Action item 2)

5. SUB COMMITTEES

5.1 Membership and Promotion

5.1.1 Bequests to CBC: Allen Scerri is the CBC Bequests Officer. Information is on the new CBC website.

5.1.2 Paul will report on guidelines for honouring members at the June meeting (Action item June)

5.1.3 Sponsors:

Karen plans to follow up her letter to Fitness First gym (Action item 3).

5.1.4 Come N' Try: 16 to 18 of the participants from that day are still involved. Jodi recommended that we continue to run lessons as well. At both the weekly supervised sessions there have been 5 tables, a workable number.

5.1.5 For his lessons (3-6 July 2014) David Beauchamp will receive \$13 per participant. CBC may charge \$20 per person as we will have to provide refreshments in conjunction with the lessons to encourage people to stay for the following session of play. Karen and the coordinator will discuss this further. (Action item 4).

5.2 Tournament & Calendar

It was agreed that in view of the club's tight financial position it would not be appropriate to introduce money prizes for the eclectic awards. Pam to write to Gordon Henderson (Action item 5)

5.3 Employment & Contracts

nothing to report to this meeting

5.4 House

5.4.1 Car park: \$7400 plus GST has been spent on the disabled area with a similar amount still required for the patching.

SITA (our garbage collection service) has said that they could put a brake on a bin to be placed near the entrance to the car park so that it can't move and therefore a concrete lip would not be necessary. They have asked the CBC to sign a 3 year contract for rubbish removal. They will add a brake and lock to the bin. The annual charge will be \$14 a year less than at present. The committee agreed to this arrangement.

5.4.2 Val H will submit a registration form in relation to a Food Safety Officer (Action item 6).

5.4.3 The committee decided to leave biscuits at the current price (40 cents) and to keep them in the playing area. Pam to write to Justine Beaumont (Action item 7)

5.4.4 Defibrillator: St John's may give us a lower price as a non-for-profit organization. A decision was deferred until the next time the budget is considered.

5.4.5 Chairs: The profits (\$800) from the Melbourne Cup raffle would pay for 5 new bases (\$138 each). MOTION that the CBC replace 5 chair bases and purchase 12 new chairs Moved Karen Creet seconded Pam Crichton CARRIED (Action item 8)

5.4.6 Air conditioner: to install 2 Hitachi 9.0 kw split systems would cost \$7128.00. These would improve the functioning of the current system. This should be reviewed in June or July, after reassessing the state of the budget.

5.5 Congress and Social

Karen will meet Mary, Leone and Fifine to draw up a program for the next six months (Action item 9).

Local businesses have provided prizes for Seniors' Day.

5.6 BFACT Report

5.6.1 The Come N Try feedback document was given to BFACT, which will pass the document on to the ABF marketing section.

5.6.2 An ABF national marketing workshop will be held in June at the NSWBA. BFACT proposes to send Stephen Fischer and Sheila Bird. Information from this event could be helpful for developing a plan for the CBC. MOTION That the CBC appoints Sheila Bird as the CBC delegate to the ABF marketing workshop. Moved Karen Creet seconded Mary Tough CARRIED

5.6.3 The interclub event on 2 August will be a one day event. In one place on the Calendar it is listed as a two day event. That will be altered online.

5.6.4 the BFACT charge for evening events will continue as \$3.50. Stephen asked that sufficient notice be given to the CBC if BFACT were to consider raising this amount. BFACT has set their fee for daytime events at \$1 per person for each session. MOTION for BFACT events run during daytime sessions CBC will add BFACT's \$1 fee to the table money Moved Stephen Fischer Seconded Pam Crichton CARRIED.

5.6.5 In relation to a directors' course Stephen mentioned that we need a supply of new directors.

5.6.6 We will receive a portion of the 2014 marketing grant for the David Beauchamp lectures. The amount that was left over at the end of last year from this grant was passed to us.

5.6.7 The ABF has approved in principle that a gold point event be held in the ACT in 2015, probably on the October long weekend. The President and Tournament Secretary of CBC will talk to BFACT about it. Such an event may have an impact on our Spring Congress. In discussion it was suggested that the Spring Congress might focus more heavily on Novice and Restricted events or that we might expand the Southern Tablelands Team event.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

6.1 In: Ric Longmore offering his help should the club wish to run a Trivia Night this year. The social committee will consider this. Concern was expressed that some participants only come from a sense of duty to the club so we should not expect them to do so frequently. Pam to send an interim reply (Action item 10)

6.2 Out

Gordon Henderson explaining that a decision on prizes for eclectic events will be taken in March.

John Hempenstall explaining that a decision on volunteers using our dealing machine will be taken in March.

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 CBC website: There has been a favourable response to the new website. There are more things to be done, such as an electronic registration facility, the addition of an In Memoriam page, more content, for example lists of interstate representatives and winners of events. A workshop could be held to share the task of loading data.

7.2 Master pointing: Sheila will try to reconcile the master pointing of December events, over which concern has been expressed, after consultation with Sean (Action item 11).

7.3 Discussion on ideas for developing and supporting directors postponed to the April meeting

7.3 Volunteers dealing boards: a number of concerns were raised including the worry of continuity of volunteers and the perception of lack of security of hand records. Pam will reply to John Hempenstall about this (Action item 12).

7.4

Karen advised the committee that she is leaving Canberra and therefore regretfully tendered her resignation as president of the Canberra Bridge Club with effect from 10 April.

MOTION that the committee coopt Peter Giles as President until the next annual general meeting Moved Jodi Tutty seconded Karen Creet CARRIED

8. NEXT MEETING

Monday 14 April 2014 5.30pm

Meeting closed at 7.00 pm.

ACTION ITEMS and Members responsible

Action item 1: a proposal to put to the AGM this year to increase our subscriptions (Val C, Pam, Jodi)

Action item 2: room hire charges (Val C)

Action item 3: follow up with Fitness First gym on sponsorship (Karen)

Action item 4: arrangements for David Beauchamp lessons (Karen)

Action item 5: write to Gordon Henderson re eclectic prizes (Pam)

Action item 6: register CBC under the Food Act 2001 (Val H)

Action item 7: advise Justine Beaumont of decision on biscuit prices (Pam)

Action item 8: purchase 5 new chair bases and 12 new chairs (Neil and Lesley)

Action item 9: Social sub-committee to draw up a six month program (Karen, Mary, Fifine and Leone)

Action item 10: Advise Ric Longmore that the social committee will consider his generous offer to conduct a Trivia Night for the club (Pam)

Action item 11: check on master pointing (Sheila)

Action item 12: respond to John Hempenstall (Pam)

LIST of LONGTERM AGENDA ITEMS

June:

Honouring members (Paul)
Expenditure on air conditioner
Defibrillator

July:

Financial arrangements re cheque signing, any wish for a constitutional amendment

October:

Club closure, eg Friday nights, during the Summer Festival.
Club closure over Christmas, New Year period