

The Canberra Bridge Club Inc.

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MINUTES

Monday 27 July 2015 at 5.30pm

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

Apologies: Peter Giles, Bruce Crossman, Richard Hills.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

It was noted that, due to other commitments, Keith Ogborn did not agree to be deputy editor of the Bulletin, but he would assist with the formatting and proofreading of the Bulletin.

MOTION: That, with that alteration, the Minutes of 1 June 2015 be accepted as a true record of the meeting. Moved Val Carmody Seconded Mary Tough CARRIED.

2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Work on amending the membership form is continuing.

3. MANAGER'S REPORT

A written report was circulated.

Table numbers: Work is still being done on the most useful form in which to present this data. (Action item 1)

Yarralumla Neighbourhood Watch: The Committee agreed that the CBC would continue to sponsor Neighbourhood Watch's newsletter by the payment of \$110. The CBC will be acknowledged in the newsletter.

Bridge mates: Many suggestions to improve their performance have been made and acted on. Rick thinks the Bridge Mate server needs good quality batteries and is checking every Friday to see if new batteries are required. The batteries run down rapidly when the server is left on. Some Bridge Mate pads have been replaced by Sean.

Suggestions from members:

- 1) that the club trial a session on Sunday afternoons. The committee does not wish to do this now.
- 2) that Tuesday and Thursday night play return to a 7.30pm start. This will occur from 6 October (daylight saving) but the issue needs to be revisited for next year. Some of our members who work are precluded from playing by the early start time. A small group needs to decide how to resolve this issue, with an interim decision by 1 September and a final decision by 1 October to meet deadlines for the 2016 Calendar.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer has moved to using Xero as the accounting system for the club. For \$100 more per annum than Recon it will give much greater flexibility. Superannuation will be paid automatically and employees will be able to access their own information. Val is halfway through the work required to complete the changeover.

At this stage Val thinks that the club accounts for 2014-2015 will be 'in the black', the first time for four years.

MOTION That the Canberra Bridge Club Committee put the financial motions below to the annual general meeting on 29 September 2015:

JOINING FEE

MOTION that the joining fee to the Canberra Bridge Club Inc for 2016 be \$10 (including GST), except for concession members who will pay \$5, and that there should be no joining fee for full-time students under 25 years and youth under 18 years.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION

MOTION that the 2016 annual subscription to the Canberra Bridge Club Inc be \$75 per annum (includes GST) except for:

- (i) Concession members, ie:
 - persons under the age of 18 years at 1 January 2016;
 - full-time students under the age of 25 years at 1 January 2016;
 - disability support or age pensioners;
 - persons who reside permanently more than 80 kilometers from the Canberra General Post Office; and
 - at the discretion of the Committee, other persons experiencing hardship,who will pay \$35 per annum (includes GST), and
- (ii) Senior members, ie those over the age of 60 years at 1 January 2016, who will pay \$65 per annum (includes GST), and
- (iii) Persons who join after 30 June 2016 and before 1 October 2016, who, if paying full or seniors' rates, will pay half the relevant annual subscription for 2016, and, if paying concession rates, will pay \$25 in addition to the relevant joining fee; and
- (iv) Persons who join after 30 September 2016, who will pay the full relevant annual subscription but whose membership will be valid until 31 December 2017.
- (v) Persons joining as non-home club members will be entitled to an additional deduction of the ABF and BFACT affiliation fees
- (vi) That the CBC will pay the ABF and BFACT affiliation fees for honorary life members.

Moved Val Carmody Seconded Perelle Scales Carried

5. SUB-COMMITTEES

5.1 Membership and Promotion

nothing to report

5.2 Tournament & Calendar

5.2.1 David Beauchamp lessons: Jodi circulated a report on the lessons. There needs to be further discussion on issues related to teaching with a small interested group prior to drawing up the program for next year.

5.2.2 Inter club teams: The participants seemed to enjoy the event. The fact that BFACT did not pay rent to CBC for use of the clubrooms was queried given that there are costs of heating, lighting and other electricity incurred by CBC.

5.2.3 Calendar: Ian is setting up a group to draw up next year's Calendar, including Liz Van Der Hor and Richard Brightling. He will hold a meeting in September for those interested.

5.2.4 Teams of 3 on 30 August: Widespread participation will be encouraged. It is proposed that there will be 3 sections – Open, Intermediate and Novice. Ian suggested that the players in our winning Open and Women's ANC teams should captain teams. Jodi will ask others to do so. Good cocktail food (Ian and Peter) will be provided after play. Cost \$15. Elaine, Mary and Perelle will encourage entries from players on Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights. Pianola will provide another method to obtain players. There was some discussion on whether prizes should be bridge books or Flight Centre vouchers.

5.2.5 Nation Wide Pairs: Concern was expressed about fewer entries. If the numbers fall below seven tables the event is not viable.

5.2.6 Thursday night numbers: last week 6 tables with the director playing.

5.3 Employment & Contracts

Nothing to report.

5.4 House

5.4.1 Club improvements: Kerry has been told that rendering is quicker (and therefore cheaper?) than painting the bricks.

A dispenser for hand sanitising liquid is to be installed.

A quotation for a new chair lift is \$4500. Perelle has ascertained that we could apply for an ACT government grant from the Community Services Directorate; this year's round closed in May.

The Committee needs to prioritise major expenditure.

5.4.2 Hot water in top kitchen: does not last through our functions. Is there a circuit breaker? Is it malfunctioning? Should a note be left permanently to let workers know what to do? Peter may be able to help.

5.5 Congress and Social

5.5.1 Southern Tablelands Teams: The Treasurer will give a report on the financial position when the annual reports for the auditor have been completed.

5.5.2 Fortieth Anniversary celebration was a pleasant occasion with some members coming who had not played.

5.6 **BFAC**:

Rick will attend the meeting on 31 July.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

In:

- 1) Brett Yeats asking the CBC to donate 2 vouchers for Beginners lessons to the ANU Film Group Trivia night to be held on 28 August.
The committee agreed to this request but suggested that we ask for movie passes to one of their film nights.
- 2) S.K.Khosla thanking CBC for its welcome during his time in Canberra
The committee acknowledged the wonderful job that Perelle did in providing transport for SK
- 3) Lyn Turner re timing of David Beauchamp lessons

Out:

- 1) thank you to Dorothy Jesner for her work with the Bulletin
- 2) Leone Moffat re the format of eclectic events
- 3) acknowledging S.K.Khosla's letter
- 4) acknowledging Lyn Turner's letter

7. **OTHER BUSINESS**

7.1 Pianola:

MOTION That , as agreed in an email vote, the Canberra Bridge Club will use Pianola for the next twelve months at a cost of \$950 Moved Rick Nehmy Seconded Pam Crichton Carried

The problem with scoring a Swiss movement was resolved on 29 June; the Butler is being worked on. Pianola personnel continue to be receptive to CBC requests.

7.2 Grants: Jodi will give Peter the text of an appeal for grant writers in August (Action item 2).

7.3 Smart board: The committee does not want to get a new smartboard now. A new one may cost about \$8000 and the committee did not want to acquire a secondhand one. The board is sensitive so cannot be moved easily; it is not easy for new users to operate; and if it is not used well it is not worth having.

7.4 Flight Centre will organise a travel presentation for our members in late September.

7.5 Library: A report is being done on the Library. Place on Agenda of next meeting.

7.6 Tender for dealing boards for the ABF: The ABF has called for anyone to tender for dealing the boards for the following ABF events – Youth Championships in Canberra in January, Summer Festival in Canberra, GNT in Tweed Heads and the Playoffs for the Australian teams held in Sydney. The ABF will not pay more than 44 cents a board. The deadline is in early August.

The ABF has boards, cards and a dealing machine. Members would probably need to go to the ABF office to do the job. Security is one issue – members can only deal for events in which they will not play. The files will have to be protected by an overseer, probably Rick. Once dealers are proficient 28 boards can be dealt in 21 minutes. 2200 boards would be needed for the Youth championships.

MOTION That the Committee authorises Mary Tough, Ian Robinson and Rick Nehmy to submit a tender to the ABF for dealing for the Youth championships and the Playoffs, if this seems appropriate after contact has been made with the ABF. Moved Jodi Tutty Seconded Perelle Scales Carried.

8. NEXT MEETINGS

Monday 24 August 2015 5.30pm

Monday 14 September 2015 5.30pm

AGM Tuesday 29 September 5.30pm

Meeting closed at 7.10pm.

ACTION ITEMS and Members responsible

Action item 1: discuss method of evaluating data on table numbers (Ian and Bruce)

Action item 2: appeal in newsletter for grant writers (Jodi and Peter)

LONG TERM AGENDA ITEMS

Melbourne Cup function

Christmas parties

Partnership promotion