



Canberra Bridge Club

Minutes Committee Meeting 1st February 2017

- Opened:** 1:30pm by President, Peter Giles
- Present:** Peter Giles (President), Rick Nehmy (Vice-President), Val Carmody (Treasurer), Ian Robinson (Tournament Director), Claire Hughes, Cathi Bywater, John Brockwell, Perelle Scales, Kerry Butcher (Office Manager)
- Apologies:** Justine Beaumont (Secretary), Mary Tough, Chris Sheen, Richard Hills, Neil Garvey
- Previous Minutes** The minutes for the previous meeting were accepted: Moved Rick Nehmy, Seconded Val Carmody.
- Business Arising**
- Dealing: A contract for dealing the majority of boards has been negotiated with the Mullamphy family. The remainder of boards will be managed through casual employees and volunteers, as required. The library is now set up for dealing but not meetings – Newsletter to state security measures implemented and the “Library” room is now off limits.
 - Purchasing Additional Boards/Card Packs: CBC’s order for both these items has been piggybacked on the ABF order.
 - John Brockwell moved and Peter Giles seconded that “Ian Robinson be commended for his excellent work on both the dealing arrangement and the sourcing of boards/card packs”.
- President’s Report** A copy had been circulated. Youth Week and Summer Festival of Bridge had returned a NETT profit of \$10,000 to the Club. Peter additionally mentioned:
- Youth Week: Elaine and her team of helpers made Youth Week (held at CBC) work really well though there were some teething problems such as the need for a separate breakout room. The new Olive Lott air conditioning worked well.
 - Summer Festival of Bridge: Peter was concerned about the amount of effort required from CBC: “Is it worth it from the Club’s perspective?”
- Major tasks: dealing boards, Partnership Desk, the Playoffs.
An opportunity to assume the caddy function.
Next SFoB to be held at the Rex, a more appropriate venue.
Ian Robinson stated that the SFoB was good for the Club, but needed slightly better organisation.
Claire Hughes moved. and Peter Giles seconded that “Perelle Scales be commended for her excellent management of the Partnership Desk.”
- Presidential Handover** Peter Giles handed over the Presidency to Perelle Scales. In November 2016 the Committee had accepted reluctantly Peter’s decision to resign, and agreed to Perelle’s appointment to the office of President.
- Managers’ Report** See attached.
- Membership Figures** Rick Nehmy reported that after a recent audit membership stood at 695 - 129 have not yet paid their fees. Kerry noted that this is regularly reconciled with ABF figures.



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Supervised Play Currently there were insufficient supervisors for a 7 table movement. Perelle Scales undertook to assist with some Supervised Play sessions and report back to the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report Attached

Tournament Ian Robinson stated that the error rate for boards dealt professionally was excellent.

Director's Report Ian further stated that there would be a Directors' meeting on Friday.

There are a series of events which need work:

1. Seniors' Day
2. Novice Pairs (During Women's Selection event)
3. Restricted Pairs.

Committee should note that Gordon is taking a leave of absence and arrangements need to be put in place for a Friday Director.

The Club purchase six (6) screens with lockable wheels from Ikea. Moved Peter Giles, Seconded Rick Nehmy. PASSED

General Business Employment & Contracts: Chris Stead had commenced duties as a Director together with Andrew Spooner

Revision of Bridge Laws: Rick Nehmy reported that Richard Hills was happy to provide seminars on the revised laws

Online Entry to Events through Website: Requires further investigation

Director Applications: There needed to be some investigation into this.

Congress & Social Activities

Teaching Program: There had been some correspondence in/out surrounding the ABF Education Program that aimed to expand the number of teachers in the ABF system. Perelle Scales would talk to Club teachers to determine their views on the subject. Jodi Tutti is preparing a submission to ABF/BFACT. Perelle Scales will discuss with Jodi and report back.

John McIlwraith will run a workshop on younger lower level Directors but timing needs to be worked out.

Recognition

The Committee unanimously recognised the enormous, often unremunerated, efforts put in by Ian Robinson, Bruce Crossman, Rick Nehmy, Gordon Henderson and Max Mullamphy.

Soroptimists

This group will be meeting at the Soccer Club on 8th March for their International Womens' Breakfast and have requested that they use our car park. The committee decided after general discussion that the Office Managers liaise with the President and make a decision.



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Action Required

1. Secretary, Justine Beaumont, to write to John Turner about Youth Week stating his concerned had been discussed, noted and will be taken into account when planning for Youth Week 2018.
2. Perelle Scales to
 - a. Report back to committee at its next meeting about needs of Supervised Play sessions.
 - b. contact Mary Tough to begin planning for coming activities.
 - c. Discuss support Learning Members with Jodi Tutti and report back
3. Office Managers to discuss Soroptimists request after liaising and make a decision.

Outstanding Items

Introducing a voucher system for pre-payment of Table Fees.

Closed:

2:45pm

Next Meeting

Wednesday 1st March 2017 at 1:30pm