



The Canberra Bridge Club Inc.

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MINUTES

Monday 13 December 2010 at 5.30pm

Attendance:

Gordon Henderson (President), Val Carmody (Vice-President) David Hoffman (Past President), Ruth Gallagher (Secretary), Andrew Kettle (Treasurer), Niek Van Vucht, Tony Marker, Val Brockwell, Sue Welbourn, Peter Giles, Ruth Thomson and Molly O'Donohue (Manager).

Apologies: Liz Van der Hor

Gordon welcomed the two new member to the Committee, Liz Van der Hor and Ruth Thomson

1. PREVIOUS MINUTES

MOTION: That the Minutes of 8 November 2010 be accepted as a true record of the meeting. **MOVED** David Hoffman **SECONDED** Tony Marker
CARRIED

2. BUSINESS ARISING

2.1 Honour Board: Gordon reported that he had spoken with Roy Nixon, President of BFACT about the placement of Honour Boards in the CBC Clubrooms. He said Roy would be writing to the CBC setting out their requirements.

3. MANAGERS' REPORT

3.1 There was nothing to report.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

4.1 There was nothing to report.

5. COMMITTEE

5.1 House

5.11 Sue said that the list of items for general improvements for the Club would be available for the meeting in February.

ACTION: Development of a list of general improvements in the Club's amenities and a plan for the future needs and requirements of the Clubrooms. **Sue Welbourn**

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5.12 The Committee agreed that for the rental of the Upper Room, casual users would be required to pay a \$100 bond for any room reparations.

5.13 Side tables Sue said that she had found an appropriate side table for the Club Rooms at Freedom Furniture and she brought along an example. The tables were priced at \$50 each with a possible discount available for bulk orders. The Committee agreed to purchase 10 of the tables and set up one row with two side tables per table to see their suitability. Further purchases may be undertaken later.

ACTION: Purchase 10 side tables for use in Lower Room as agreed by Committee. **Sue Welbourn**

5.14 Flooring Sue provided the Committee with details of the possible options for replacing the floor covering in the entrance area and kitchens. Cork was difficult to find a permanent supplier, timber was too noisy and some vinyls required regular maintenance with the need to constantly reseal. She provided examples of a vinyl which was her preference as the floor covering which met durability and non slip requirements. The Committee agreed with her assessment and a preferred colour was selected. Sue was asked to get quotes for having the two kitchens, the both foyers and the stairs recovered.

ACTION: Obtain quotes for the recovering with vinyl, as per the agreed sample, the kitchens, entrance and upper foyers and stairs.
Sue Welbourn

5.15 Blinds There was discussion about replacing the blinds on the windows in the lower room especially but also in the Upper Room, depending on cost. Concerns have been raised by players because of the sun causing problems for players with the blinds not able to prevent the problem. It was noted that the windows on the eastern side of the rooms may not need to be covered as the adjacent building blocked the sunlight throughout the year. Sue provided some samples of a translucent blind material that could be used. She was asked to get two quotes for replacing the existing blinds.

ACTION: Obtain quotes for replacing blinds in Lower and Upper rooms.
Sue Welbourn

5.16 Table Cloths In response to a request by Peter Giles for another set of tables clothes Sue went and looked at possible fabric and provided several samples. Ruth Thomson reported that the Victorian Bridge Association, VBA, was looking at suitable new tablecloths. She agreed to call someone at the VBA and report back at the next meeting.

ACTION: Call the VBA and enquire about their investigation into suitable fabric for the use in bridge table clothes. **Ruth Thomson.**

5.2 Teaching

5.21 Advance Lessons: David said that the advanced lessons will not be held in 2010 but early in 2011 after the Gold Coast Congress, possibly April.

5.3 Tournament & Calendar

5.31 Calendar The new hard copy calendar was now available for 2011. Gordon noted that he had been advised that the scheduled date of the

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Women's Trials clashed with the Leeton Congress. The issue of making the contact details available electronically and on the website was discussed. It was noted that previous Committees had not wanted the details to go on the web. This remained the current thinking. However, it was agreed that it might be useful to send the contact list out electronically to members as well as the calendar which could be downloaded into Outlook or other forward planners.

ACTION: Look at format for member contact list and calendar and suitability for sending to members. **Ruth Thomson.**

5.32 GNP Gordon said that for this year's GNP final being held in January the CBC had paid \$610 which included subsidising 3 players into the final over and above what BFACT was paying. Next year there will be eight pairs into the regional final at a cost of \$320-\$400. It was agreed that the CBC should follow the NSW example next year with the Clubs paying the entry fee to the event and the players the table fee of \$20

5.33 Survey Val Brockwell undertook a survey of members to ascertain interest in having a regular daytime teams event. The survey and results are at **Attachment 1**. The survey showed that over 60% of respondents wanted a daytime Swiss Teams event and Monday was the preferred day. The Committee agreed, based on the survey results, that starting on Monday March 7 2011 there would be a regular Swiss Teams event, although this would be Butler Pairs initially. This would be every Monday but the normal Matchpoint Pairs event would still be held. The survey results will be posted on the Notice Board with a note saying that "normal pairs will be held as well".

5.34 Summer Festival Niek reported that the organisation for moving the furniture to the Rydges Lakeside for the Summer Festival was under control with volunteers organised for 16 January to move to the venue. It would be returned on 30th and 31st January. Lists for people willing to substitute for any of the events have been posted on the Notice Board.

5.4 Employment & Contracts

5.41 Molly and Philip, the Managers have said that they will be staying for at least another year. In addition, they have agreed that as well as giving the required two months notice when they do intend to leave, either Philip or Molly would stay in the position until the Club is able to find a replacement. Consequently, the Committee agreed that there was no need to develop Duty Statements and examine future requirements for the Manager's position at this stage. This will be revisited late in 2011 for consideration.

5.5 Congress and Social

5.51 A report on the three Christmas Parties held by the Club is at **Attachment 2**. All Christmas parties were very successful and there has been considerable positive feed back. It was recommended that three parties be held again next year - two daytime and one evening.

5.52 Peter reported on the feed back he had received on holding a meal and bridge evening on Friday evenings. Those he had spoken to were generally positive. He proposed having a simple meal beginning at 6.30pm and making it BYO allowing costs of participants to be kept low. It was

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agreed to proceed with the proposal starting on 3rd Friday in February 2011 and every third Friday thereafter. It was agreed that participants should prebook. It was noted that the Soup and Seminar series held on Fridays in the past had been very successful and it was suggested that holding a seminar in conjunction with the meal should be considered. It was agreed that this was a good idea and will be looked at.

5.53 Gordon said that there had been a limited response to holding a bridge session plus a meal on Sundays but those interested just wanted a bridge session without any food along the same lines as the Saturday bridge session.

ACTION: Develop a questionnaire for possible Sunday bridge. **Peter Giles and Gordon Henderson.**

5.6 BFACT Representative

5.61 At the recent BFACT meeting Gordon said he was asked where was the Junior Bridge money and there was some debate about whose responsibility Junior Bridge in the ACT was. It was noted that while the money was kept at the CBC that Junior Bridge in the ACT was a BFACT responsibility and they can take full responsibility for the funds.

5.62 Gordon said that BFACT were still having problems with their website. He reported that BFACT had asked if the CBC can provide support for some of its activities for which they would pay CBC. Roy Nixon would provide a list which CBC can ascertain whether it was possible and within our capabilities.

5.7 Finance

5.71 Andrew said that the Manager had spoken with the CBA about installing EFTPOS/Credit Card facilities at the Club. This cost would be \$400 to \$500 per year. This was considered too expensive and Andrew would get other quotes.

ACTION: Obtain further quotes for installing a credit card/EFTPOS facility at the CBC. **Andrew Kettle**

5.72 The development of a forward plan for major expenditure items as well as infrastructure requirements would be ready for next February.

ACTION: Develop a forward plan for major expenditure items, including defining what constitutes "major" and future infrastructure needs. **Andrew Kettle and Gordon Henderson**

6. CORRESPONDENCE

In: Letter (1/12/10) from Frank Hambly supporting the work of the Managers.

Out:

7. OTHER BUSINESS

Nil.

8. NEXT MEETING

Monday 14 February 2011 at 5.30pm in the Clubrooms.

Meeting closed at 7.35pm.

ACTION ITEMS and COMMITTEE MEMBERS RESPONSIBLE

1. **ACTION:** Development of a list of general improvements in the Club's amenities and a plan for the future needs and requirements of the Clubrooms. **Sue Welbourn**
2. **ACTION:** Purchase 10 side tables for use in Lower Room as agreed by Committee. **Sue Welbourn**
3. **ACTION:** Obtain quotes for the recovering with vinyl, as per the agreed sample, the kitchens, entrance and upper foyers and stairs. **Sue Welbourn**
4. **ACTION:** Obtain quotes for replacing blinds in Lower and Upper rooms. **Sue Welbourn**
5. **ACTION:** Call the VBA and enquire about their investigation into suitable fabric for the use in bridge table clothes. **Ruth Thomson.**
6. **ACTION:** Look at format for member contact list and calendar and suitability for sending to members. **Ruth Thomson.**
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8. **ACTION:** Obtain further quotes for installing a credit card/EFTPOS facility at the CBC. **Andrew Kettle**
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Attachment 1

Report on "Questionnaire for Daytime Players" for the CBC Committee.

By Val Brockwell

125 questionnaires were returned. Two respondents did not feel competent to answer the questions, therefore there were 123 valid returns.

Q: Would you like to play Swiss Pairs

60.2 Yes 74 (%)

No 49 (39.8%)

Equals 123 responses

Q Would you like to play Teams

Yes 60 (49.2%)

No 62 (50.8%)

No reply 1

Equals 122 replies

Q: How often would you like to play Swiss Pairs:

Weekly 33 ((47.8%)

Monthly 36 (52.2%)

No Clear Answer 5

Equals 74 replies.

Q: How often would you like to play Teams

Weekly 21 (35.0%)

Monthly 39 (65.0%)

Equals 60 replies

Q: What day do you want to play Swiss Pairs

Monday 28 (26.4%)

Tuesday 15 (14.2%)

Wednesday 25 (23.6%)

Thursday 16 (15.1%)

Friday 20 (18.9%)

Weekend 2 (1.9%)

Q: What day do you want to play Teams

Monday 21 (28.9%)

Tuesday 15 (19.7%)

Wednesday 23 (30.3%)

Thursday 5 (6.6%)

Friday 10 (13.2%)

Weekend 2 (2.6%)

Q: Would you like to see all sessions remain as Matchpoint Pairs

Yes 42 (34.1%)

No 81 (65.9%)

Attachment 2

Bridge Club Christmas Parties x 3 for 2010

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Committee Members

Three parties were held this year being two day time, 6th and 8th and one evening on Friday 10th Dec.

Monday 6th. There were 88 players with the session split between morning and afternoon play with lunch served in between. A two course meal of hot chicken, cold ham and 3 hot vegetables plus trifle for desert was provided. In my view, the day was very successful, the quantities of food were fairly accurate in the context of the further functions during the week. However, more vegetable would be better although I'm sure nobody went short. Rather this reflects a general trend that people are eating less of the meats and more vegetables. Three members assisted myself in the kitchen and I think the kitchen worked very well on the day.

Wednesday the 8th followed a similar plan to the Monday other than I arranged slightly different vegetables to cater for those that were attending both parties. Again the kitchen arrangements worked well and there was another worker on the Wednesday as I was also preparing for the Friday night event as well. There were 92 players which included the Barbara Toohey group consisting of 20 people.

Friday 10th, the evening party, 64 players. In my view, a big success. We served pre play appetiser foods and post play a hot supper of savoury foods along with cakes and slices. This proved to be popular judging by the amount of savoury food left, none.

Strange in my view, two members of the club of long standing, came early expecting dinner. How they arrived at the impression that the evening event was going to be dinner and bridge is something of a mystery to me however, it does indicate that perhaps we need to be more mindful of how some people may read our notices. I thought the notices were simple and clear but clearly they didn't.

Overall the feedback for all the parties has been positive and I think the introduction of the second day party on the Wednesday was successful and I would be keen to see that continue in the future.

The new Rice Cookers were used for the first time with the evening party and proved to be very effective other than they seem to generate more cooked rice than any other way I have experienced. Importantly though, we can add more variety to our catering and they are extremely easy to use and take no time to cook huge quantities of rice.

Peter Giles

Congress and Social sub Committee