

# The Canberra Bridge Club Inc.

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## MINUTES

**Monday 11 May 2015 at 5.30pm**

**Attendance:** Peter Giles, Val Carmody, Mary Tough, Jodi Tutty, Ian Robinson, Perelle Scales, Kerry Butcher, Pam Crichton, Lesley Gunson, Bruce Crossman, Neil Garvey, Rick Nehmy.

**Apologies:** Elaine Leach, Richard Brightling, Richard Hills.

### 1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**MOTION:** That the Minutes of 13 April 2015 be accepted as a true record of the meeting. Moved Val Carmody Seconded Rick Nehmy CARRIED.

### 2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Action item 1: Val Carmody has not had time to remove the security packet from the bank

Action item 2: i) Working bee in the grounds was held on Saturday 9 May

ii) Handbags: need to be placed in under the side tables for safety reasons.

Directors will be asked to announce this at bridge sessions and an item will be placed in the newsletter (Action item 1)

iii) Smoking: those who rent our premises need to comply with ACT legislation on distance from building. Pam to write to the war games group and the car group (Action item 2)

Action item 3: Alcohol licence: one licence with a fee of \$153 will cover all users of the building and any amount of alcohol above \$2070 worth. We have to nominate all functions for the calendar year in advance and someone who is registered on the forms has to be present. BFACT will need to fill in a similar form. The question of whether these people need a Responsible Service of Alcohol certificate was raised. Peter will check (Action item 3).

Action item 4: A new trolley has been bought.

Action item 5: Carpet cleaners have been booked.

Action item 6: The timer for the outside light has been fixed.

Action item 7: Twelve people are forming a CBC table for the Alzheimer's Quiz night. Peter will speak, promoting bridge, and flyers will be handed out.

Action item 8: There is no need to change the Constitution in relation to paid life membership.

Action item 9: Darryl Whitfield will prepare slides for the screen in the playing area every week.

Action item 10: Judith Phillips is coming to advise on a possible approach to renovating the club.

Some of this could require large sums of money, some of which may be obtained from government grants, for example if we use our ageing population as a reason. Jodi said that we need a group to look at and apply for grants annually on behalf of CBC and BFACT. Peter will appeal in President's Corner, then a personal approach may be needed.

Peter asked for committee members to send him a list of their preferences for cosmetic and functional improvements in the club (Action item 4).

Action item 11: The Flight Centre area manager will come to the Southern Tablelands Teams presentations. Peter is going to meet her to talk about the vouchers.

Action item 12: Fire Brigade doesn't give talks to organisations any more. We would have to employ a company that conducts fire drills. We have asked if the Brigade will do an audit of our fire safety.

Action item 13: Car parking: the government will create two extra disabled spots in the public parking at the back, which will take 4 regular spaces.

### **3. MANAGER'S REPORT**

A written report was circulated.

We have car parking signs under the building. The Reserved signs are not of any use to us but it was agreed that we should place a 'towaway' sign on the gate and others on the front of the building.

The bridgemates may need cleaning. The volunteers need to tick when we have done this. There are also differences of opinion on what to use to do that job. Some machines may need new parts. Jodi to ask Bill to look at them (Action item 5).

Players need to handle them more carefully. Lesley will place an item in the newsletter (Action item 6).

Grounds: The weeds have been sprayed so there is no point getting mulch till that job has been completed. Some wire will be installed as a climbing support for the roses.

Tuesday Volunteers: While what they do is very helpful, sometimes they are underemployed, so more tasks need to be directed to them. The Library and rubbish bins could be added to the list being compiled. Ian and Perelle will talk about it.

### **4. TREASURER'S REPORT**

The Treasurer's report was tabled. She said that the club normally liked to keep \$100 000 in reserve for unexpected emergencies. On this basis we have about \$28000 'spare' for club refurbishment. Peter thought this policy was not cast in stone and we could spend some of that reserve at times, if there is a plan in place to recoup the money. Increasing table money in conjunction with a plan for development is one possibility. The committee has cut expenditure in a number of ways. Government grants are highly desirable. Ian suggested we need to be clear on our rate of accrual of money and exact table numbers. Some felt we need to consider our competitive position in the Canberra bridge market in relation to table money.

The committee agreed to match our 2014 donation to Bridge for Brains this year.

### **5. SUB-COMMITTEES**

#### **5.1 Membership and Promotion**

5.1.1 CBC Bulletin: The second Bulletin is nearing completion.

### 5.1.2 Youth players:

MOTION Players at our club who are members of the ABF Youth Club shall be deemed to be members of the Canberra Bridge Club Moved Ian Robinson Seconded Val Carmody Carried.

5.1.3 Beginners: Following a discussion about when and how beginners become members of the CBC, Jodi and Ian agreed to bring a proposal to the June meeting (Action item 7).

5.1.4 Membership forms: Rick will talk to the managers about the need for certain information in the membership forms (Action item 8)

5.1.5 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Deakin club rooms will be celebrated with an afternoon tea after play on Tuesday 16 June.

## 5.2 **Tournament & Calendar**

5.2.1 Friday night play: some Friday players have been working on this with good effect.

5.2.2 Acting tournament committee Bruce and Jodi during June-July.

5.2.3 Master the Basics lessons Elaine and Mary the volunteers in June-July. Ian is working on a substitute teacher while Barb is away. He will do it while he is here.

5.2.4 David Beauchamp lessons: Rick will look after Friday, Jodi Saturday and Sunday, managers numbers and publicity.

5.2.5 Pre entry on Tuesday and Thursday nights:

MOTION That Pre-entry is required for all competition events on Tuesday and Thursday nights, except if the event is identified as a walk-in. Events will be identified as walk-ins in the CBC calendar and/or the event notification on the Notice Board and/or on the CBC website entries list. In general, entries close at 10.00 pm on the night before the relevant event starts, however late entries may be accepted at the absolute discretion of the Tournament Committee. The Tournament Committee will ensure that the integrity of the movement is not compromised Moved Ian Robinson Seconded Jodi Tutty Carried.

5.2.6 Inter-club teams July: Mary Tough, Perelle Scales and Elaine Leach will help on behalf of CBC.

5.2.7 Teams of 3 on 30 August: Restricted and Novice sections.

5.2.8 Thursday nights: Walk in events for 3 months from 1 July. Panel talks from Open team players and mentoring for Thursday players can be held in this period.

## 5.3 **Employment & Contracts**

### 5.4 **House**

Refurbishment discussed under Business Arising and Treasurer's report

### 5.5 **Congress and Social**

5.5.4 Southern Tablelands Teams on 31 May needs promotion, especially the Restricted section.

5.5.2 Consideration of Melbourne Cup Day and Christmas parties deferred to a later meeting.

### 5.6 **BFACT:**

## **6. CORRESPONDENCE**

**Out:**

**In:**

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

7.1 Pianola: This system is very helpful in management of the club. Members can update their own information, such as changed phone numbers. Rick will offer help to any members who need it. We will be able to retrieve our player information data from the system whenever we wish, which allays concerns about its longterm future.

7.2 Donation of painting: The committee is very grateful to Jim Murray for his donation of a painting to the club. Pam to express our thanks (Action item 9).

## **8. NEXT MEETINGS**

Monday 1 June 2015 at 5.30pm

Monday 27 July 2015 at 5.30pm

**AGM** Tuesday 29 September at 5.30pm

Meeting closed at 7.00 pm.

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### **ACTION ITEMS** and Members responsible

Action item 1: Directors will be asked to announce at bridge sessions that handbags are to be placed under the side tables for safety and an item will be placed in the newsletter (Lesley/Kerry)

Action item 2: write to the war games group and the car group on the requirement for their members to comply with smoking bans near the building (Pam)

Action item 3: any requirement for our members who are listed on an alcohol licence to have a Responsible Service of Alcohol certificate (Peter)

Action item 4: list of options for club improvements to Peter (whole committee)

Action item 5: ask Bill Tutty if he would look at the bridgemates (Jodi)

Action item 6: place an item in the newsletter asking players to handle bridgemates gently (Lesley)

Action item 7: a proposal for membership arrangements for those joining us from Beginners' classes (Ian/Jodi)

Action item 8: revision of membership forms (Rick, Lesley)

Action item 9: thank Jim Murray for his donation of a painting (Pam)

### **LONG TERM AGENDA ITEMS**