

The Canberra Bridge Club Inc.

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MINUTES

Monday 1 June 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, Richard Brightling, Richard Hills.

Apologies: Elaine Leach.

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The word 'Open' should be removed from 5.2.7

MOTION: That, with that alteration, the Minutes of 11 May 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: Request re handbags was made in newsletter.

Action item 2: Pam wrote to our two main tenants re not smoking near the building. Rick pointed out that the distance from the door for the ban is at the discretion of the individual organisation (we have 5 metres on our sign) but if any smoke enters the building we are liable.

Action item 3: Alcohol licence: Responsible Service of Alcohol certificate not necessary for the permit Peter has obtained.

Action item 4: see under 5.4 House: club improvements.

Action item 5: 20 new bridge pads have been purchased for the bridge mates. There are other problems, including software issues, that are being addressed.

Action item 6: Lesley will request gentle handling of bridgemates in the newsletter.

Action item 7: Beginners' membership see under 5.1.2.

Action item 8: Rick, Lesley and Val are revising membership forms.

Action item 9: Pam thanked Jim Murray for his donation of a painting.

3. MANAGER'S REPORT

A written report was circulated.

Table numbers: Bruce has the data; if he is given specifications he can produce the appropriate graphs for the last three years. Ian will talk to him (Action item 1).

Piaanola can be used in that way from 3 April 2015.

4. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer will email a report when she has the relevant information for last month.

5. SUB-COMMITTEES

5.1 Membership and Promotion

5.1.1 CBC Bulletin: The second Bulletin has been published. Dorothy Jesner does not want to continue as deputy editor and the committee asked Pam to thank her for her work (Action item 2). Keith Ogborn will assist with the formatting and proofreading of the Bulletin. He is writing the history of the club and publishing a section in each Bulletin. Peter asked that the piece on Barry Turner be included. It was suggested that some of our major/extra events be advertised in the Bulletin but Richard said that a lack of a definitive deadline for each Bulletin made this difficult to achieve. He thought the newsletter was a better place for that.

5.1.2 Beginners:

MOTION That those who have undertaken beginners' classes at Canberra Bridge Club be accorded membership privileges for approximately the following six months
Moved Ian Robinson Seconded Jodi Tutty Carried.

5.1.3 Volunteers: Different volunteers have different strengths and we need to allocate their tasks accordingly. Perhaps a Tuesday volunteer could follow up with those who do certain jobs at other times and check if they are happy to continue and to ask them to mark off on the list when they have completed something. The volunteers successfully do the dealing and set up the top room every week.

MOTION That Richard Hills take charge of organising the bridge section of the Library, culling books if appropriate
Moved Peter Giles Seconded Mary Tough Carried. Richard plans to divide the books into clearly marked Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced sections. Ros and Trish are working on the non-bridge section of the Library.

5.1.4 Partnership promotion will need to be pursued in a number of ways. Some members have successfully used Pianola for this purpose. Ian will return to this issue in August. This was one of the needs clearly identified in the 2014 survey.

5.2 Tournament & Calendar

5.2.1 Opening hours at Christmas are already listed in the Calendar. Ian will look at this on 1 December to ensure that there is adequate information on the board about these times.

5.2.2 David Beauchamp lessons: are under control. The managers will do the advertising by flyers on tables, the newsletter, and telling the directors. Rick will be present on Friday, Jodi Saturday and Sunday. Food will be provided on Sunday because it is a 4 hour session. Darryl will update the entry lists and has prepared a slide to advertise the lessons.

5.2.3 Inter club teams: in July is a BFACT event but Ian will organise for advertising to be done within CBC.

5.2.4 Master the Basics lessons Mary and Elaine will run this administratively for the next seven weeks. Pam to resume on 22 July.

5.2.5 Teams of 3 on 30 August: one session in the afternoon with afternoon tea. The question of cleaning after Saturday needs to be considered at the time. It will probably be easier to get the captains than large numbers of players.

5.2. Nation Wide Pairs: Rick may need to register the event, as Sean will be away in July. Sheila Bird and Peter Grant will be the panelists. The event is not necessarily a draw card for extra players but some who attend seem to enjoy the panel discussion.

5.3 Employment & Contracts

5.4 House

5.4.1 Club improvements: Judith Phillips walked through the club with Peter and gave her views on possible refurbishment. Peter will send an email with her comments. In summary, she stressed the importance of the foyer for initial impressions, advising that when the ceiling tiles are done the air vent can be removed and the lighting changed. She advocated tone on tone paint, done professionally, for speed and uniformity, and removal of the curtain, the bench and the pinboard from its current position. Moving the electrical panel from behind the curtain is likely to be very expensive and it would be hard to find an alternative location. The club should seek further advice on that issue. She thought that the Olive Lott room was reasonable because of the windows and natural light. The toilets could be improved with some cosmetic changes, otherwise the cost will be immense.

While the committee is keen for the retiling of the foyer ceiling to be done, it also wanted the various projects to be dovetailed as much as possible.

5.4.2 Parking near entrance: the car space at the bottom of the ramp needs to be left free for disabled and ambulance access. A cross painted on that spot may help to achieve this.

5.4.3 The handrail beside the stairs inside the building is loose. Neil will look at it.

5.4.4 Electric chair is not working.

5.5 Congress and Social

5.5.4 Southern Tablelands Teams was a success. Peter congratulated Perelle and her team. A report on the financial position will be available next month. A zucchini cake was auctioned on Monday, raising \$30. Perelle will thank Jeanette Harper for donating it. Ian considered there were too many sets of boards in play, adding to expenses. Bruce disagreed.

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

5.6 BFACT:

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Out:

- 1) thank you to Jim Murray for the painting
- 2) War games club re our smoking policy
- 3) Canberra Antique & Classic Motor Club re our smoking policy
- 4) thank you to Jenny Mendick for teaching U3A classes
- 5) thank you to Liz van der Hor for organizing the mentoring program

In:

- 1) from Canberra Antique & Classic Motor Club Inc. saying it will publicise anti-smoking information and correcting details
- 2) Leone Moffat re Eclectic events

7. OTHER BUSINESS

7.1 Pianola: Pianola is proving to be extremely useful both for management and for members. There are some issues in gaining familiarity with it for members but these problems are being addressed through planned workshops. Val has exported the Pianola member data and is amending errors before reimporting it into Pianola.

The committee is still to determine the outcome of the trial.

7.2 Grants: Jodi will give Peter the text of an appeal for grant writers in July (Action item 3).

7.3 Smart board for teaching to be considered at a later meeting.

7.4 Alcohol permit: Peter has obtained a permit for the club to serve alcohol up to the limit of \$2070 in a year. The permit for this costs about \$40. Peter and Rick are currently the two responsible people but we need to add more names to the permit; we can do this at any time for a \$24 fee. The agency was concerned about the frequency of the occasions on which we may sell alcohol. When we renew, we will limit the occasions on which we do this eg on Tuesday and Thursday nights players bring their own so those nights do not need to be listed. The authorities are not concerned about BYO consumption.

MOTION That the committee confirms the agreement reached by email correspondence that the club has a policy of serving a maximum of two glasses of alcohol to any one person at a function held on our premises. Moved Peter Giles
Seconded Val Carmody Carried.

7.5 Eclectic events: Ian asked Pam to reply to Leone saying that from now on two eclectic events will be held on Monday and Wednesday mornings, one for the 'red' movement (for more experienced players, self selected) and one for the others who may play in one or two sections as numbers dictate (Action item 4).

8. NEXT MEETINGS

Monday 27 July 2015 at 5.30pm

AGM Tuesday 29 September at 5.30pm

Meeting closed at 6.50pm.

ACTION ITEMS and Members responsible

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

Action item 2: thank Dorothy Jesner for her work as assistant editor (Pam)

Action item 3: appeal in newsletter for grant writers (Jodi and Peter in July)

Action item 4: write to Leone Moffat re eclectic events (Pam)

LONG TERM AGENDA ITEMS

Melbourne Cup function

Christmas parties

Partnership promotion