

# The Canberra Bridge Club Inc.

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## MINUTES

**Monday 12 October 2015 at 5.30pm**

**Attendance:** Peter Giles, John Brockwell, Mary Tough, Ian Robinson, Perelle Scales, Chris Sheen, Lesley Gunson, Richard Brightling, Justine Beaumont.

**Apologies:** Rick Nehmy, Val Carmody, Bruce Crossman, Elaine Leach, Kerry Butcher.

### 1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

**MOTION:** That the Minutes of 14 September 2015 be accepted as a true record of the meeting. Moved Perelle Scales Seconded Mary Tough CARRIED.

### 2. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

The issue of supporting one charity per annum was discussed. It was agreed that a charity, selected by the President, in consultation with Committee, would be supported by voluntary table money contributions for a nominated month, a raffle and, this year, a jellybean guessing competition. The CBC's charity 2015/6 will be Koomarri.

### 3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The President raised the issue of optimum Committee meeting times and sought opinions of Committee members whether a time other than the current one would suit members better. Secretary to canvas and report.

### 4. MANAGERS' REPORT

A written report was circulated.

Events: Only 2 names for the New Director's Course.

Outside: Malcolm Wood will be asked to continue the President's weed killing. Richard Brightling had mown the lawn.

Member suggestions: Mugs and Glasses more suited to arthritis sufferers will be ordered. A limited number of bidding pads with darker lines to assist with vision impairment will be ordered.

### 5. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer was not present

## **6. SUB-COMMITTEES**

### **6.1 Membership and Promotion**

nothing to report

**6.2 Tournament & Calendar** The Tournament Secretary prefaced his remarks by stating that, pursuant to governance concerns raised at the AGM, he, Bruce Crossman, Rick Nehmy and Val Carmody have a pecuniary interest in the CBC.

**6.2.1 2016 Program:** removed unsuccessful Tuesday and Thursday events of 2015.

There are 50 Red Point events in the 2016 calendar. Nation wide pairs and Bridge for Brains are included in 2016.

**6.2.2 Calendar:** to overcome issues of privacy relating to Pianola, members personal details will be sourced from CBC membership forms which will be sent out earlier to permit a proposed 28 October print deadline.

**6.2.3 Winter session start times:** The Tournament Secretary presented a questionnaire and comprehensive analysis prepared by Bob Cox. After lengthy discussion the Committee agreed to continue the trial of a 7.00 p.m. start during Winter, for all evening sessions except Monday, during 2016.

**6.2.4 2016 Beginners Program, U3A Lessons, Thursday morning move:** The Tournament Secretary has devised a strategy to maintain critical levels of Beginner and Supervised groups. There will be two U3A sessions, in May and September. Thursday mornings will need to only occupy the left hand side of the room, to accommodate the new look Supervised section.

John Brockwell suggested to the Tournament Secretary that there be more qualifying events for the GNOT. These would be rebranded Tuesday and Thursday night events, 2 open events from the Gala Pairs, and in the daytime, one Monday Blue section event and one from either Wednesday or Thursday. The proposal was accepted.

The President suggested that, instead of visiting male Teachers, some thought be given to approaching high standard women players within our club. Liz, Havas, Margaret Bourke, Dorothy Jesner, Alison Farthing and Sheila Bird were mentioned.

### **6.3 Employment & Contracts**

Nothing to report.

### **6.4 House**

The President proposed purchasing ten new single pedest bridge tables, before February 2016, at a cost of between \$130-170. The proposal to purchase the superior model tables was agreed. Proposed: John Brockwell. Seconded Perelle Scales. CARRIED  
Mary Tough is to research side tables via Mens' Shed Murrumbateman.

### **6.5 Congress and Social**

Melbourne Cup preparations are well in hand.

### **6.6 BFACT:**

Gala Gold Point Pairs/AGM, Sunday 18 October 2015.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

**In:** QBA Bulletin, Note from Sue Hollands re arthritic unfriendly crockery and glassware.

## **8. OTHER BUSINESS**

The President advised that Flight Centre is planning a Bridge River Cruise in Europe in 2017, after the ANC. Since the CBC's successful partnership with Flight Centre, both the ABF and VBA are in negotiation with Flight Centre.

There will be a theoretical allocation of special functions to particular committee members by the President.

Perelle Scales will contact Tuesday volunteers in relation to dealing boards.

The issue of Pianola provided handicaps as raised at the AGM, was discussed. James, Pianola Expert, advised that it is very complicated. Ian Robinson will speak to Bruce Crossman and Rick Nehmy, to attempt resolution.

## **9. NEXT MEETINGS**

Monday 9 November 2015 5.30pm

Meeting closed at 7.06pm.

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

Action item 1: Optimum Committee meeting time: Secretary

Action item 2 Letter thanking Bob Cox: Secretary

Action item 3: Purchase of new tables: President

Action item 4: Research side tables: Mary Tough

Action item 5: Theoretical allocation of tasks to committee members: President

Action item 6: Contact Tuesday dealing volunteers: Perelle Scales

Action item 7: Pianola handicaps: Tournament Secretary

Action item 8: Ordering arthritis friendly mugs and glasses, and bidding pads with dark lines: Managers

### **LONG TERM AGENDA ITEMS**

Melbourne Cup function

Christmas parties

Partnership promotion