

Minutes: Ballarat Bridge Club Committee Meeting Monday 16th January, 10.00 am, 2023

Attendance: Bruce Morley, Leigh Dunne, Colleen Ludbrook, Clare Beer, Margaret Whitefield, Kaye McFarlane, Anne Beck, Brian Hassett

Apologies: Trish Farney, Ian Gunn, Annette Pearce

Minutes of previous meeting:

Acceptance of previous minutes: Moved Kaye McFarlane, 2nd Colleen Ludbrook. Carried

Reports:

President's Report Anne Beck

- Date for Ballarat / Bendigo Ashes Saturday 15th April, 2023
- Anne Woods will provide a Temporary Password to Ballarat Bridge Club website to members upon their request. Email message has been sent to members with this invitation
- Suggest that the 'Ballarat Bridge Club contribute x8 excess boards to Ann Agni's/ U3A Learn to play Bridge class'
Moved Anne Beck, 2nd Bruce Morley. Carried
- 'That the Friday Pizza & Bridge night be resumed. Commence Friday, January 20th, 5.00 pm . 5 sessions planned. \$10.00 per session. No partner required ' Moved Anne Beck, 2nd Clare Beer. Carried
- 'That NWP be run x2/month: 1st Saturday (commencing March 4th) and 3rd Thursday when possible'. Moved Anne Beck, 2nd Margaret Whitefield. Carried

Acceptance of President's report: Moved Anne Beck, 2nd Bruce Morley. Carried

Treasurer's Report to 31st December 2022: Trish Farney

The Financial reports Dec 2022 show a Loss of \$ 31.93 for the month resulting in a profit of \$5608.74 profit ytd

Monthly Expenditure \$1602.12

Included exceptional expenses of:

Annual Xmas Lunch: Members paid- \$ 745- Lunch Cost \$845 –Total cost to club \$100.00

Security - \$269.00

Monthly Income \$1570.19

Bank Balance acc: 143932572 as at 31/12/22 = \$ 23111.45

Balance Term deposit acc: 14452879 @ 31/12/22 =\$ 64876.64

Total at Bank \$ 87988.09

Fees paid in advance @ 31 Dec 22 are \$1128.00 ytd

Acceptance of Treasurer's report: Moved Anne Beck, 2nd Leigh Dunne. Carried

Correspondence: Kaye McFarlane

Incoming:

1. Telstra invoice: 3rd January, \$144.76
2. On Line printer: \$66.00
3. Neptic Security Inv 4404: Service, Connection, Maintenance of Ballarat Bridge Club security system - \$269.00
4. Western Region Pairs: 4th & 5th February Geelong Bridge Club
5. Yarra Valley Congress Saturday 4th February
6. Masterpoint Centre reports and Invoice \$159.41
7. Andrew Slutzkin President Moonee Valley Bridge Club: Raising issues with VBA? [Conflict of interest re Promotion of Bridge in Victoria (etc.....) and the management of its own Bridge Club]
8. Momentum Energy Electricity invoice: \$152.76 due 23rd January
9. Telstra: Notice of change to business internet plan: now begins at \$110.00 per month (previously \$90.00 / per month)
10. Australian Bridge Magazine Feb 2023
11. Colin Jasper: Chair Bridge Victoria Growth Committee. VBA: What's happening 2023
12. Andrew Slutzkin - Important: An update for you about Victorian Bridge Association Ltd, and the view of one club president
13. Chris Hynd: Event to commemorate Australia Day

Outgoing:

1. Welcome letters and New Member Kit from ABF sent to Richard Chivell, Linda O'Hara, Graham Fosse, Elizabeth Molesworth and Rick Frank (for his membership reactivation) .

Acceptance of Correspondence: Moved Kaye McFarlane, 2nd Bruce Morley. Carried

Reports: Committee

- Kaye McFarlane – nil
- Bruce Morley - liaised with Anne Beck, Geoff Dwyer and (Troy) Neptic Security to establish an affordable service (see Business arising from previous meeting) Still working on Bridgemates
- Ian Gunn – abs

- Trish Farney – nil
- Colleen Ludbrook – Will keep birthday book current
- Brian Hassett – Found a suitable photograph of Anne Smail
- Annette Pearce – successful Christmas lunch. Will assist with organization of Pizza nights
- Leigh Dunne – nil
- Clare Beer - nil
- Margaret Whitefield - nil

Acceptance of Reports: Moved Bruce Morley, 2nd Leigh Dunne. Carried

Business arising from previous meeting/general business:

1. Evaluation of face-to-face play with COVIDSafe Plan: Continue as previously directed
2. Tuesday Bridge: Supervised Play will recommence Tuesday 7th February 1.00 pm, \$5.00/session. Everybody welcome. Encourage ALL members to support our newer members
3. Commemorative plaque for Anne Smail: A suitable photograph has been located by Brian Hassett. Further investigation needed to decide on preferred presentation
4. Date for Ballarat/Bendigo Ashes: Ballarat, Saturday 15th April. Martin Wilcox to be booked to direct session
5. Preferred dates for future meetings: the second Monday of each month
6. Security System: Neptic Security: a plan with the numbered 7 sensors has been prepared. Charge \$269.00 (included the connection fee \$150.00 and 3 months cover \$109.00). The call out charge through Sectrol will be \$72.00.
7. Recommencement of lessons Saturday 18th March 2023, 10.00 am – 12.00 noon. \$25.00/ person. 10 sessions
8. Annual Membership Subscription renewal. \$35.0 full membership and \$22.00 associate membership. Cash payment possible at reception desk. Notification to be sent by email with memo re Pizza Night, Supervised Play, beginner lessons and monthly Saturday session for NWP

New Business:

1. Response to Andrew Slutzkin President Moonee Valley Bridge Club - Issues with Bridge Victoria (BV) and the Victorian Bridge Centre (VBC) x2, and Colin Jasper Chair Bridge Victoria Growth Committee VBA - What's happening 2023
Ref: Correspondence Items 7, 11 & 12

After a committee discussion (from its perception of the issues raised in these letters/correspondence) about the promises Bridge Victoria makes re its role and its effectiveness supporting Bridge in Victoria; the committee agreed that a letter reflecting the committee's understanding of the conflicted issues embedded in the compromised Bridge Victoria and the Bridge Centre Victoria structure be prepared and sent to Andrew Slutzkin as an expression of the Ballarat Bridge Club's view of the issues he raised

Moved Anne Beck, 2nd Kaye McFarlane. Carried

2. Letter from Chris Hynd:
After discussion it was concluded that no action be taken
Moved Clare Beer, 2nd Leigh Dunne. Carried

Business for next meeting:

1. Anne Smail: Commemorative plaque

Next meeting: Monday 13th February, 10.00 am

Meeting closed: 12.15 pm