

Minutes: Ballarat Bridge Club Committee Meeting Monday 13th February, 10.00 am, 2023

Attendance: Anne Beck, Clare Beer, Bruce Morley, Kaye McFarlane, Colleen Ludbrook, Brian Hassett, Ian Gunn.

Apologies: Margaret Whitefield, Trish Farney, Annette Pearce, Leigh Dunne.

Minutes of previous meeting:

Acceptance of previous minutes: Moved Kaye McFarlane. 2nd Clare Beer. Carried

Reports:

President's Report Anne Beck

1. Joan Lear has withdrawn from her position as a committee member. Mary Oswell is to be approached to fill this role.
Moved Anne Beck, 2nd Colleen Ludbrook. Carried
2. Ref item 33. Correspondence Andrew Slutkin sends Affiliated Clubs of the VBA a copy of the requests he made to Christopher Leach (See correspondence item 32) 'The Ballarat Bridge Club Committee to indicate its support for the requests Andrew expresses in this letter ie his attempts to achieve a more democratic and less elitist structure that would benefit the Victorian Clubs Affiliated to Bridge Victoria/VBA.'
Moved Anne Beck, 2nd Bruce Morley. Carried
3. Martin Wilcox to deliver three (3) workshops. One session / month. Each session a day duration teaching Intermediate and Advanced topics. Members will be asked to identify their areas of need/interest. Cost (\$200-\$250) to be covered by the Club. BYO lunch . Suggested commencement date Tuesday 2nd May
Moved Anne Beck, 2nd Clare Beer. Carried
4. Friday Pizza & Bridge sessions very successful. Next session 24/02/2023
5. To return some of the Cub's assets to the members there will be a Table Fee Free Day once /month. A plan for the dates will be prepared but will not be declared ahead of each Table Fee Free Day moved Anne Beck, 2nd Colleen Ludbrook. Carried
6. Supervised Play on Tuesdays will no longer require that a Table Fee be paid
Moved Anne Beck, 2nd Colleen Ludbrook. Carried
7. Colleen Ludbrook sent wishes of sympathy from the Club Members to the relatives of our much loved friend Marjorie Sargeant. Marjorie died February 7, just prior to her 90th birthday

Acceptance of President's report: Moved Anne Beck, 2nd Clare Beer. Carried

Treasurer's Report to 31st January 2023: Trish Farney

The Financial reports Jan 2023 shows a profit of \$ 1666.55 for the month resulting in a profit of \$7275.29 profit ytd

Monthly Expenditure \$1938.85

Included exceptional expenses of:

Cleaning for Dec & Jan - Roddlock Security \$ 414

Monthly Income \$3605.49

Includes Membership Fees of \$1899

Bank Balance acc: 143932572 as at 31/1/23	= \$	24707.80
Balance Term deposit acc: 14452879 @ 31/12/22	=\$	<u>64876.64</u>
Total at Bank		<u>\$ 89584.44</u>

Fees paid in advance @ 31 Jan 2023 are \$1410 ytd

Payment from EGV for Jan- Dec rent should be paid in Feb

Acceptance of Treasurer's report: Moved Anne Beck, 2nd Clare Beer. carried

Correspondence: Kaye McFarlane

Incoming:

1. Inc ABF Invoice Statement \$159.41 & Bridge Ranking Certificates
2. 17/02/2023 Andrew Slutzkin – Acknowledgement of Ballarat Bridge Club's response to conflict of interest issues
3. Paul Lavings Books and Supplies: x36 Bridge boards \$160.00
4. Andy Hung Bridge Travel: Budapest & Bratislava September 10 – 21
5. 20/022023 Andrew Slutzkin: Report of number of clubs and members supporting the concerns about the VBA he has raised
6. 20/01/2023 Andrew Slutzkin: Notification of VBA council meeting Wednesday 29th January
7. 24/02/2023 Andrew Slutzkin: Letter to VBA council meeting (25th January) expressing the summarized concerns of Victorian bridge clubs re the effectiveness of the VBA relative to its stated purpose
8. 28/02/2023 VBA "Launching new initiatives"
9. Draft Building Lease (received 24th Jan 2023): 17 d Ballarat Bridge Club Draft Lease (for 3 x 3 years)
10. Telstra invoice February: \$130.00

11. Les Rodd Invoice \$414.29: Lock on inside (2nd) door made fit operational
12. City of Ballarat rate Instalment: \$211.60
13. 28/01/2023 What's happening in February 2023 and proposed planning time line from BVAG: Colin Jasper
14. 29/01/2023 Andrew Slutzkin: requesting response to proposed BVAG Planning Timeline from Clubs
15. 30/01/2023 Andrew Slutzkin: Club Strategy from here? . A Club response to Christopher Leach is suggested 31/02/2023.
(See item 3. in outgoing correspondence)
16. City of Ballarat Food Act Licence renewal: \$122.00
17. Embroiderers Guild Calendar
18. 31/02/2023 Andrew Slutzkin: Update on VBA – should a new consultative body be set up to be an avenue to VBA council?.....
19. 31/02/2023 Secretary South Gippsland BC, John Quale: Believes that 'we need to strongly lobby the ABF to revoke the mandate given to the VBA Council to represent Victorian Bridge and to get their support for the new representative body as outlined'.
20. 01/02/2023 President Waverly Bridge Club, Tim Crowley: 'I have been of the belief that the Affiliated Victorian Bridge Clubs should be controlling their own destiny and that the VBA Ltd has for many years neglected its role in the development of bridge within this State.'Further belief/opinion
21. 02/02/2023 Andrew Slutzkin: A survey of Victorian Clubs
22. 02/02/2023 'Please find attached for your enjoyment the first BV Bulletin (formerly the VBA Bulletin) for 2023' Andrew McCready-Bryan
23. 02/02/2023 Christopher Leach Thankyou for Ballarat Bridge Club's response to future role of BV and propose plan with an offer to discuss further in a zoom meeting
24. 03/02/2023VBA: notice that Christopher Leach is retiring from the ABF Council after AGM in May 2023. He is currently one of two Victorian delegates
25. 06/02/2023 Andrew Slutzkin: Update on results of survey of Victorian Clubs re role of VBA
26. 07/02/2023 Andrzej Krolikowski: update on VBA 'I am a Member on the Management Committee of Waverley Bridge Club and a Councillor on the VBA Council representing around 14 Metropolitan "Near VBA" Clubs.....'
27. 07/02/2023 Jan van Riel (Councillor on the VBA Council): Discussion of lack of communication from Victorian Bridge Association with Victorian Clubs
28. 07/02/2023 Andrew Slutzkin: arguing proposed VBAG will again be duplication with the same members as the VBA Council
29. 07/02/2023 Andrzej Krolikowski: discussion '.....I will point out again that the VBA Limited is untouchable by the Affiliated Clubs and the only chance of making a change to the status quo is to design and implement the STRUCTURE of the VBA proposed STATE body, BRIDGE VICTORIA, which is being offered to us by the VBA Limited Council.....'
30. 08/02/2023 Cate Carr - Macedon Ranges Bridge Club: Expression of her understanding of the status and legal entitlement of the Bridge Victoria Council entity
31. 10/02/2023 VBA Online Bridge ABF Survey
32. 10/02/2023 Andrew Slutzkin: Requests that '1. Their Bridge Club at Dendy Park be separated from the overall VBA Ltd and 2. Move x2 Victorian named events

to other venues.’ As well.... “I have also asked for clarification on the following: there appears to be some confusion in explanations from a few people connected with the VBA, about the role of Bridge Victoria (BV). BV is the mooted new committee/council, which will manage bridge in Victoria. It will also (along with the bridge club) be a subsidiary of the VBA Ltd”

33. 12/02/2023 Andrew Slutzkin ‘An Update’ for Affiliated clubs of letter (see 32. Above) he sent to Christopher Leach

Outgoing:

1. Martin Wilcox: Confirmation that Ballarat Bridge Club requests that he direct Ballarat/Bendigo Ashes 15th April (note there has been a date change to 22nd April)
2. 02/02/2023 Response to Christopher Leach, cc Andrew Slutzkin: re Bridge Victoria (BV) February 2023 - Club’s view

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

Reports: Committee

- Kaye McFarlane – nil
- Bruce Morley -
- Ian Gunn –
- Trish Farney –
- Colleen Ludbrook –
- Brian Hassett –
- Annette Pearce – is registered as the Club’s Food Safety Supervisor 2023
- Leigh Dunne –
- Clare Beer -
- Margaret Whitefield -

Acceptance of Reports: Moved Ian Gunn, 2nd Bruce Morley. Carried

Business arising from previous meeting/general business:

1. Evaluation of face-to-face play with COVIDSafe Plan: Continue as previously directed
2. Commemorative plaque for Anne Smail: In progress. Brian Hassett has provided a suitable photograph; Ian Gunn to research plaque options
3. Date for Ballarat/Bendigo Ashes: Ballarat, Saturday 15th April. Martin Wilcox booked to direct session (note there is a date change to 22nd April)
4. Recommencement of lessons Saturday 18th March 2023, 10.00 am – 12.00 noon. \$25.00/ person. 10 sessions
5. Annual membership subscriptions.

New Business:

1. Lease for building: 17 d Ballarat Bridge Club Draft Lease (3 x 3 year terms)
Changes to draft to be requested from City of Ballarat :
 - removal of items of equipment from those listed
 - fire safety equipment certification responsibility requirementMeeting with representatives from City of Ballarat to proceed
Moved Anne Beck, 2nd Bruce Morley. Carried

Business for next meeting:

Next meeting: Monday 6th March, 10.00 am

Meeting closed: 11.50 am