

Minutes: Ballarat Bridge Club Committee Meeting Monday 11th December, 10.00 am, 2023

Attendance: Anne Beck, Kaye McFarlane, Leigh Dunne, Geoff Dwyer, Bruce Morley, Annette Pearce, Margaret Whitefield, Clare Beer, Ian Gunn, Anne Woods, Trish Farney.

Apologies: Brian Hassett

Minutes of previous meeting: Secretary Kaye McFarlane

Acceptance of previous minutes (13th November 2023): moved Kaye McFarlane, 2nd Bruce Morley. Carried.

Reports:

President's Report Anne Beck

1. Random Free Day: Saturday 25th November
2. Beginners Lessons commenced 21st October, previous participants invited. \$25.00 pp. x5 new participants plus 2 revising
Next beginners session to commence March
3. 6th workshop with Martin Wilcox 5th December
Further sessions: focusing on rules, etiquette, use of Bridgemates - suggested for 2024
4. Cup Day Event: \$25.00 pp (\$10.00 food, \$15.00 betting). 22 participants
A successful event
5. Offensive, disrespectful behavior.
The committee expressed concern about the lack of respect shown by some club members towards some committee members.
Offensive, disrespectful behavior will be dealt with by applying the Disciplinary Guidelines developed by Bridge Victoria and the Consumer Affairs Victoria - Model Rules for an Incorporated Association.>
"A Club Member has received a warning and will be disciplined according to the guidance outlined in the Bridge Victoria Disciplinary Procedures and the Consumer Affairs Victoria Model Rules For an Incorporated Association in the event of a another breach." Moved Anne Beck, 2nd Margaret Whitefield. Carried.

Acceptance of President's Report: moved Anne Beck, 2nd Geoff Dwyer. Carried

Treasurer's report: 30th November

The Financial reports for 30/Nov/2023 shows a profit of **\$791.64**
resulting in a loss of **-\$4,733.52 ytd**

Monthly Expenditure \$ **3,041.33**

Exceptional expenses :

Martin Wilcox workshops- Nov & Dec	\$	500.00
Cup Day Expenses	391.04	
Less Funds collected	-246.50	\$ 144.54

Monthly Income **\$3,832.97**

Exception Income:

Annual Interest on Term deposit 1946.47

Bank Balance acc: 143932572 as at	30/Nov/2023	15541.28
Balance Term deposit acc: 14452879	30/Nov/2023	66822.94
	Total at Bank	\$ 82,364.22

Fees paid in advance @ 30/Nov/2023 \$ **1,014.00**

Term Deposit reinvested till 14 Nov24 @ 4.75%

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report: moved Trish Farney, 2nd Annette Pearce. Carried.

Correspondence: Kaye McFarlane

Incoming:

1. Reminder notice Rates 2nd instalment \$219.15
2. Telstra invoice: pay \$138.83 by 4th December
3. Bridge Victoria: Calendar 2024
4. Bridge Victoria: notice of increase in Capitation fee from \$13.00 to \$16.50 pp (and reminder that Australian Bridge Federation Capitation Fee increase from \$16.20 to \$20.00 pp) for 2024. Increase in fees to be noted with the Notice of Annual Subscription sent to members late January
5. Andrew Slutzkin: request for Club's response to Bridge Victoria's Capitation Fee increase
6. Remingtons Insurance Brokers: contents insurance Invoice 01/12/23-01/12/24 - \$355.00

7. VBA Bulletin Dec 2023
8. Australian Bridge Federation Magazine Dec 2023
9. VBA Youth Bridge Championships – Fundraiser and Survey

Outgoing:

1. Andrew Slutzkin: Ballarat Bridge Club's response to Bridge Victoria's Capitation Fee increase

Acceptance of correspondence: Moved Kaye McFarlane, 2nd Anne Woods. Carried

Reports: Committee

- Kaye McFarlane –Updated Club details for Bridge Victoria web site
- Bruce Morley -
- Ian Gunn –
- Trish Farney –
- Brian Hassett -
- Annette Pearce – A successful function. Requested leave of absence until personal issues are settled.
- Leigh Dunne – Gas stove to be removed 20th December by City of Ballarat in readiness for new floor coverings
Dry rot has become obvious in toilet off main bridge room. Will report to City of Ballarat
- Clare Beer –
- Margaret Whitefield –
- Anne Woods – Updated website with new dates for 2024. Will insert updated committee photographs
- Geoff Dwyer -

Acceptance of Reports: Moved Geoff Dwyer, 2nd Ian Gunn . Carried

Business arising from previous meeting/general business:

1. Evaluation of face-to-face play with COVIDSafe Plan:
Unprotected coughing is causing concern. Members to be requested to employ the recommended protocol for coughing safely: cough into the elbow; use a clean

tissue; dispose of tissues in the the bins provided at each table immediately; sanitize hands.

2. Ballarat Congress 2024 and Other Competition Events

Many issues are associated with the delivery of these stand alone events:

Some being -

- * limited member interest in participating;
- * insufficient physical support with set-up, maintenance of physical resources through the event duration and consequential clean-up;
- * limited physical capacity/mental endurance for commitment required

“That a request be made for expressions of interest from the members by the 12th February 2024 to form a Competition Sub-committee that will report to the General Committee.” Moved Anne Beck, 2nd Clare Beer. Carried

It was noted that if a Sub-Committee cannot be formed the future of such events is in doubt

3. Floor coverings wet areas. Deposit paid \$7991.00 to Solomon Flooring. Booked for Thursday 18th-21st January
4. Bendigo Ashes 2024: Ballarat Bridge Club will suggest to Bendigo Bridge Club that the Bendigo Ashes remain as a Pairs Event, commence at 10.00 am and be held Saturday 15th March. Confirmation not received
5. Task Allocation – review of prepared document. Accepted by committee members and posted on notice board

New Business:

1. Christmas closure. Close December 21st December. Reopen Tuesday 9th January. New Years Eve Pizza and Play Sunday 31st December

Business for next meeting:

1. Competition Sub-committee: report
2. Beginners Lessons commencing March??
3. Martin Wilcox sessions 2024

Next meeting: Monday, 15th January 2024, 10.00 am

Meeting closed: 11.35 am