

# 2022-01-31 January Minutes

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**Minutes:** Ballarat Bridge Club Committee Meeting Monday 31st January, 10.00 am, 2022

**Attendance:** Ian Gunn, Geoff Dwyer, Anne Beck, Bruce Morley, Colleen Ludbrook, Pat Fiskien, Kaye McFarlane, Clare Beer, Trish Farney, Brian Hassett.

**Apologies:** Diane Bulman, Helen Dolan.

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

## **Matters Arising from Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

1. Origin Energy x2 previously uncharged accounts Origin energy – security lighting: \$75.66; Origin energy – security lighting: \$47.55  
Anne Beck and Bruce Morley have contacted Origin Energy. The 1st account is a mistake: the 2nd is still being discussed with the Ballarat City Council regarding responsibility.
2. Ballarat/Bendigo Ashes. Proposed date 26th March  
Moved Anne Beck, 2nd Clare Beer: That the Club should provide a subsidy of \$10.00 per member towards travel expenses. Carried

## **Reports**

### **President's Report** Anne Beck

Welcome to the first Committee meeting for 2022, hope the break was beneficial to you all. The decision to close the bridge club for January was not taken lightly but the welfare of all members being the paramount concern.

There are still restrictions in place for us. The wearing of masks inside is mandatory as is double vaccination and QR code registration.

It is hoped that with most people back to work, children back to school and family visitors and visiting at a minimum that we should be able to return to play this week. Diligence is going to be needed by all who return to play, any sign of symptoms will mean staying home and isolating. Hopefully there will be RAT test available to all of us.

I have been liaising with Paul Hare Bendigo Bridge Club for the Ashes, and the date locked in is Saturday March 26th the venue is still being negotiated, Paul will email details as they are finalised. Martin Wilcox will be Director. I have tentatively agreed to 12 pairs and hope we can achieve this. Cost for the day will be \$30 BYO lunch, morning and afternoon teas will be provided. Transport is approx. \$35 per car. Bookings are necessary and a flyer is on the events board.

Clare and I are intending to start another round of Beginners Lessons in March. Advertising is in place in the local papers, library and on the Club's website.

A workshop for directors was held at Geelong on January 29th attended by both Bruce Morley and Diane Bulman. CONGRATULATIONS to them both. To move forward BBC need as many qualified directors as possible. (See Bruce Morley's report)

Interest in Supervised play on a Tuesday to be established.

NWP will recommence on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

The Ballarat City Council have not yet completed the Lease document.

CPI increase 1.37%      EGV increase in rent???

Acceptance of President's Report: Moved Anne Beck, 2nd Ian Gunn. Carried

**Treasurer's Report December 2021** Trish Farney

The Financial reports for Dec 2021 show a Profit of \$ 571.57 for the month resulting in a profit of \$3467.41-YTD.

**Monthly Expenditure \$1986.53**

This includes 2 payments to Geoff Dwyer for cleaning – Nov Paid 2/11 & Dec pd 31/12

Also included in this figure is the Christmas lunch \$654 –members payments were \$675. ytd

**Monthly Income - \$2558.10**

Includes members payments for Christmas lunch & Membership renewals \$1024

I mailed the EVG Oct-Dec invoice for \$1993.33 on 9 Dec 21 but have not received payment yet.

Bank Balance acc: 143932572 as at 31/12/2021 = \$ 17001.93

Balance Term deposit acc: 14452879 @ 31/12/2021 = \$ 64612.27

Total at Bank \$ 81614.20

The club has currently received \$818.00 in advance table fees- as the accounts are kept on Cash basis- these payments will be reported in the month payments are received by the club.

**Treasurer's Report January 2022 Trish Farney**

The Financial reports @ 30 Jan 2022 show a Profit of \$ 2255.90 for the month resulting in a profit of \$5723.31 profit ytd

**Monthly Expenditure \$262.57**

**Included- ABF Master points payment/ On Watch/Gas & IT**

**Monthly Income - \$2518.47**

Includes members payments from EGV Oct-Dec 2021 rent \$1993.33 & Membership renewals \$525

Bank Balance acc: 143932572 as at 30/1/2022	= \$	19257.83
Balance Term deposit acc: 14452879 @ 31/1/22	=\$	64612.27
Total at Bank	\$	83870.10

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Acceptance of Treasurer's reports: Moved Trish Farney, 2nd Pat Fisken. Carried

**Correspondence:** Kaye McFarlane

Incoming:

1. Response to request that an explanation for the precise reason why the Bridge Club was an unsuccessful applicant for the Round 4 of the *Community Sport Sector COVID-19 Survival Package*. "*the application was unsuccessful because Ballarat Bridge Club is not delivering **physical activity** opportunities*"
2. *Origin Energy, Sabrina, Premium Business Centre: Providing the numbers for the x2 security lighting poles that Ballarat Bridge Club is responsible for and therefor should be paying for the electricity supply*
3. Directors Course with Laurie Kelso, Marion Scrambler Geelong, Saturday January 29th
4. Ann Moloney: Resignation from Club
5. Geelong Bridge Club: notification of events Feb 5th & 6th (see notice board)
6. Noosa Bridge Holiday: May 2nd - 9th
7. Telstra invoice 4th Jan: \$110.88

8. Online invoice for printer contract: \$66.00
9. Brad Coles Australia Wide Pairs; notification of cancellation of registration for event
10. Rye Dromana Bridge Congress: To be held on the long weekend of March 12th/ 13th 2022
11. BBO Newsletter January
12. ABF Quarterly Statement: charges summary \$68.55
13. Embroiderers Guild, Andrea Howse: requesting use of the Guild's room Sunday 1st & 15th May
14. Telstra invoice 2nd February: \$111.49

Outgoing:

1. Request for an explanation for the precise reason why the Bridge Club was an unsuccessful applicant for the Round 4 of the *Community Sport Sector COVID-19 Survival Package*
2. *Email to Ballarat Bridge Club members informing them of the decision to close the Club because of uncertainty of avoiding COVID-19 infection, until at least the end of January until further notice*
3. *Response from Brad Coles: he was cancelling event (he had contracted COVID-19)*

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

**Reports: Committee**

- Kaye McFarlane (Secretary) – Discussion: Notice of Annual Membership Fee due payment and date for payment
- Bruce Morley (MasterPoint Secretary & Assistant Check-in-COVIDSafe Marshal) No bridge club game days meant that it was all quiet on the Masterpoint western front.

Eloise Brown from the Sebastopol Library contacted me recently to say that due to covid restrictions they have not been able to program any public sessions for clubs like ours. She did invite us to attend as a group to play there if we were interested. I said that we were able to play at our own venue but thanked her for the invite.

Diane Bulman and I attended a Directors Workshop put on by the Geelong Bridge Club on 29th January. Laurie Kelso was the guest speaker. He basically spoke about the role

of the Director and all the various aspects that were integral to the role. That included setting up before play, controlling the play and timing, dispute resolution and post game activities.

Diane Bulman is an extensive note taker so she can give you an in depth analysis.

He spoke in some detail about resolving “insufficient bid” issues and “bidding out of rotation” All the discussion about “comparable” bids or calls muddied the waters for me still !!!!!

Laurie spoke of the various movements that were possible – Mitchell and multiple Howell movements. He showed us the relationship between Compscore and Bridgemate and gave various hints on fixing problems.

Things for us to check:

- Have we got the latest software versions of Compscore and Bridgemate?
- In the white server box attached to the PC is a back up battery pack. Are they replaced regularly?

If you have not been to the Geelong Bridge Club recently you will be pleasantly surprised by the new car park area at the back.

- Pat Fisken – nil
- Geoff Dwyer – nil
- Diane Bulman Website Manager- posted photograph of 2022 Committee Members; triptych of Ballarat Bridge Club Building and Minutes Committee Meeting 15th November 2021.  
Will add 6th December Minutes and coming events on Ballarat Bridge Club’s Web Page. Anne Beck to contact Diane
- Ian Gunn – solar panels (for this building). Will organise quotes
- Trish Farney –Discussion of Embroiderers Guild Victoria contract and billing  
Suggested that the practice of announcing the results from the previous session be continued
- Colleen Ludbrook – requested that committee members be wearing masks in the Club Rooms at all times as mandated

- Clare Beer – nil
- Brian Hassett –nil
- Helen Dolan –absent

Acceptance of Reports: Moved Anne Beck, 2nd Geoff Dwyer. Carried

**Business arising from previous meeting/general business:**

1.Evaluation of resumption of face-to-face play with COVIDSafe Plan.

Play to resume from Thursday 3rd February in accordance with Victorian Government Guidelines ie. Mandatory requirements are; wearing face masks in indoor settings, and being double vaccinated

2.Air purifier for facility – Still waiting for delivery

**New Business:**

1. Forward Planning:  
Martin Wilcox to be booked as Director for the Club's Congress scheduled for 10th & 11th September 2022 (Kaye McFarlane to do)
2. New member: Adrian Morton  
Anne Beck moved, 2nd Trish Farney: That Adrian Morton be welcomed as an Associate member of the Ballarat Bridge Club. Carried

**Next meeting:** Monday 7th March, 10.00am

**Meeting closed:** 11.55am