

2022-04-11 April Minutes

Open configuration options

Minutes: Ballarat Bridge Club Committee Meeting Monday 11th April, 10.00 am, 2022

Attendance: Anne Beck, Helen Dolan, Trish Farney, Brian Hassett, Geoff Dwyer, Colleen Ludbrook, Clare Beer, Diane Bulman, Bruce Morley, Kaye McFarlane.

Apologies: Pat Fiskin, Ian Gunn.

Minutes of previous meeting (March 7th 2022):

Acceptance of previous minutes: Moved Anne Beck, 2nd Clare Beer. Carried

Reports:

President's Report Anne Beck

Attended the AGM Western Region Bridge Association Zoom meeting (WRBA) with representatives from Torquay, Warnambool, Geelong, Ballarat, Ocean Grove. The Executive was re-elected: Jenny Johnstone – President; Dot Peacock – Secretary; Terry Passlow - Treasurer. To have sufficient funds to support winners of Special Bridge Events to compete at the next level (in Melbourne, Inter-State etc) a suggestion (from Ocean Grove) that clubs give a percentage of their special event profits to the WRBA for distribution. Currently 50cents/member is paid to WRBA

After discussion Anne Beck moved the motion, that the “Ballarat Bridge Club recommends that the 50c/member levy be increased to for example \$1.00 to support the Western Region Bridge Association”. 2nd Colleen Ludbrook. Carried

Treasurers Report to 31st March 2022

The Financial reports March 2022 show a **Loss of \$508.18** for the month resulting in a **Profit of \$4720.19 profit ytd**

Monthly Expenditure - \$2484.33

Included- Annual Liquor Licence \$226; Sub Members travel to Bendigo Ashes \$10ea \$190; State Fire Equip Service \$299; Annual PO Box Fee \$144; Water Rates \$378; Momentum 2 mths elec \$378.

Monthly Income - \$1976.15

Include payments for Membership renewals \$477 & Table fees

Bank Balance acc: 143932572 as at 31/3/22 = \$ 18254.71

Balance Term deposit acc: 14452879 @ 31/3/22 =\$ 64612.27

Total at Bank - \$ 82866.98

The club has currently received \$1032 in advance table fees.

I have mailed the EGV invoice for Dec-March 2022

Acceptance of Treasurer's reports: Moved Trish Farney, 2nd Kaye McFarlane. Carried

Trish Farney expressed concerns about the Table fees paid in advance; there could be issues with accuracy. She will liaise with Clare Beer for a more structured process.

Correspondence: Kaye McFarlane

Incoming:

1. Central Highlands Water pay by April 1: \$378.73
2. Australia-wide Novice Pairs 25-31 May
3. Statewide Fire - service of Ballarat Bridge Club fire equipment: \$299.00: due 14m March
4. Whittlesea Bridge Club Congress: Restricted* and Open Pairs Sunday 24th April 2022 10.00am

5. ABF Strategy 2022-2025 –Our Story
ABF Information for new and re-elected club secretaries, proprietors and club managers 2022
6. Sale Bridge Club Congress May 21-22
7. Online system repairs: invoice \$104.07
8. Telstra invoice: \$115.34 due April 4
9. Nationwide Pairs invoice \$1.00/person x 2 sessions = \$58.00
10. Momentum Overdue Reminder: Please pay your Electricity bill by 10-Apr-2022
11. Origin **Account number:** 300046508697: need to pay the overdue amount of **\$103.07 (incl GST)** owing on this account. Final account to be sent soon
12. Break in at Croquet Club Sunday 27 March
13. Food Act Registration Certificate
14. On Watch Alarm Monitoring - Quarterly in advance from date of 1/04/22: \$91.00
15. 2022 Bendigo Red Point Congress - Pairs: Saturday 28 May 2022, Teams:
Sunday 29 May 2022
16. Origin **Account number:** 300 046 508 697: \$10.65 due 26th April
17. Survey of VBA Affiliated Clubs
18. Moonee Valley Super Congress: Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th June 2022
19. ABF Master Point Centre: March 2022 membership status reports x6
20. Bendigo Bank Term Deposit Reinvestment Review Confirmation
21. Victorian Bridge Association Bulletin April 2022: See web site
22. Ray Beacham: Letter

Outgoing:

1. Email to all members: Notice of Club closure on Saturday 26th March and fee payment reminder
2. *Email to City of Ballarat, Property and Facilities Manager, Michael Heinz: Requesting that Ballarat Bridge Club's Lease be renewed from 4th December 2021*
3. *Welcome letters to new members Lorraine Parker, Allan Brown and Werner Lau*
4. *Request to Martin Wilcox that he direct the WRBA Friendly Pairs Event Sunday 14th August*
5. *Completed VBA Survey Affiliated Clubs*

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

Reports: Committee

- Kaye McFarlane (Secretary) – nil
- Bruce Morley (MasterPoint Secretary) working on process of addition of new members (& ABF number)/ addition of results to Compscore2 system
- Pat Fisken – absent
- Geoff Dwyer – City of Ballarat are yet to fix water damaged ceiling in the Embroiderer's room and the window frame in the Bridge playing room
- Clare Beer- Request for help cleaning up the kitchen during playing time when sitting out etc. This is too great a work load for one person
- Diane Bulman Website Manager- will load 7th March 2022 Minutes onto web site
- Ian Gunn – Installment of solar panels on roof: absent
- Trish Farney –nil
- Colleen Ludbrook – Supporting Clare Beer with greeting and meeting members as they arrive for play
- Brian Hassett –nil
- Helen Dolan – Sympathy cards sent to Pat Fisken and Joan Garner

Acceptance of Reports: Moved Anne Beck, 2nd Helen Dolan. Carried

Business arising from previous meeting/general business:

1. Evaluation of resumption of face-to-face play with COVIDSafe Plan: following guidelines
2. Ballarat-Bendigo Ashes event 26th March: Ten Ballarat Bridge Club pairs participated, a very successful and pleasant day. Ballarat Bridge Club was declared the winner for 2022 – congratulations to all participants
3. Beginner Bridge Lessons: 12 participants, classes very enjoyable, 4 sessions delivered
4. Ballarat Bridge Club Lease: no contact from City of Ballarat
5. Origin accounts: Cancellation of the service provided to account number 300 046 508 697. Final payment made

New Business:

1. Proposed Full Member: James Childs
Acceptance of new member: moved Anne Beck, 2nd Geoff Dwyer. Carried
2. Membership Reference Book 2022: Member details to be checked (ABF requires all changes be forwarded to it as well)
3. Australia-wide Novice Pairs 25-31 May: To be held Thursday 27th May for players with fewer than 50 MP's. Moved Trish Farney, 2nd Geoff Dwyer. Carried
4. Club closure: Easter Saturday 16th April: The Club will not be closed because sufficient numbers will justify opening for play
5. Dishwasher replacement: Quotes have been obtained. The recommended model is Hisense HSGA16FW, \$749.00, from Good Guys. That the dishwasher be purchased; moved Kaye McFarlane, 2nd Diane Bulman. Carried
6. Bendigo Bank term deposit reinvestment: to be reinvested at 0.4% for 7 months. Accepted by show of hands.
7. Letter from Ray Beacham
His concerns are:
 1. Beginners need more experience before playing on competition days;
 2. Participants should not be discussing boards during or after play;
 3. Advice should not be offered to inexperienced players at any time;
 4. That players are approaching the computer during the playing session;
 5. That more competition sessions should be delivered.

His solutions are:

1. Beginners require more opportunities for supervised play;

Committee's response: Tuesdays were identified as an opportunity for supervised play but unfortunately insufficient numbers attended these sessions. These will be made available again when then current group of beginners completes its program. Currently supervised play is offered for an hour before Bridge sessions on Thursdays. More members attend this session than the sessions offered on Tuesday

2. Participants should not be discussing boards during or after play;

Committee's response: Members are regularly requested not to discuss boards.

3. Advice should not be offered to inexperienced players at any time;

Committee's response: How does anybody control this? Advice is given with the intention of helping and supporting fellow players

4. That players are approaching the computer during the playing session;

Committee's response: To its knowledge has happened once. Then possibly because of a misunderstanding about who can legitimately approach the computer (ie. the director)

5. That more competition sessions should be delivered;

Committee's response: The table numbers at current sessions are carefully noted for an indication that more sessions are warranted. The Committee will enthusiastically support more sessions when the numbers indicate the members' interest

In conclusion, the Committee believes that it is addressing the issues raised. That the individuals within the Club's membership have many different expectations of their Bridge playing experience. That a balance in all aspects of Club culture that reflects flexibility, tolerance and respect is required to ensure the sustainable life of the Ballarat Bridge Club.

Next meeting: Monday 9th May

Meeting closed: 12.05 Monday, May 9, 2022