

Minutes : Ballarat Bridge Club Committee Meeting Monday 17th June, 10.00 am, 2024

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

Apologies: Brian Hassett,

Minutes of previous meeting: Secretary Kaye McFarlane

Amendment: addition to correspondence outgoing: 9th May - email 'Being safe at the Club' sent to all accessible members.

Acceptance of previous minutes (20th May 2024): moved Kaye McFarlane, 2nd Geoff Dwyer. Carried

Reports:

President's Report Anne Beck

1. Random Free Day: Nil
2. Beginners Lessons: commenced Saturday April 13: concluded Saturday 8th June. Four participants completed
3. COVID outbreak response:
The time line of events commencing Saturday 4th May – Saturday 15th June was reviewed. The trails of emails, SMS messages and phone calls from James Childs and Ray Beacham were discussed. These communications expressed their dissatisfaction with the decisions made by the Committee.

A meeting with each (on separate occasions) proved unproductive. Both showed no remorse; each leaving without an apology. James Childs sent six SMS messages that evening. After receiving a letter from the Committee requesting that he did not attend the Club until the committee met to discuss the issue. He responded with a letter of resignation. The transfer he requested out of the Ballarat Bridge Club to BWOnline Bridge Club (by Australian Bridge Federation) was duly processed. This was followed by a wish to withdraw his resignation and remain a member of the Ballarat Bridge Club.

Mary Oswell sent a letter to the committee in the belief that James Childs had been unfairly treated

Moved by Anne Beck, 2nd Margaret Whitefield that the following letter be sent to James Childs. "Your resignation from the Ballarat Bridge Club has been accepted and your request to transfer to BWOnline

Bridge club was processed by the Australian Bridge Federation 10th June. Thus your membership has been deactivated.” Carried

Moved by Anne Beck, 2nd Bruce Morley that the following letter be sent to Mary Oswell. “Thank-you for your letter. It has been discussed. The Committee believes it has followed the guidance of the Model Rules for an Incorporated Association”. Carried

4. Embroiderer's Guild Victoria (Ballarat Branch) meeting 1st June
Requested an extra 22 hours. These will be invoiced at approx. \$19.00 / hour as an item in the utilities invoice

Acceptance of President’s Report: moved Anne Beck, 2nd Ian Gunn. Carried

Treasurer’s report: May 31st - Trish Farney

Acceptance of treasurer’s report: Moved Trish Farney, 2nd Kaye McFarlane. Carried

Treasurers Report May 31, 2024

The Financial reports for 31/May/2024 shows a loss of **\$1,326.29**
resulting in a loss of **-\$13,472.99** ytd

Monthly Expenditure \$ **1,619.58**

Exceptional expenses :

No exceptional expenses

Monthly Income **\$2,945.87**

Exception Income:

EGV- Rent April- June 2024 \$ 1,750.00

Bank Balance acc: 143932572 as at	31/May/2024	6801.81
Balance Term deposit acc: 14452879	31/May/2024	66822.94
	Total at Bank	\$ 73,624.75

Fees paid in advance @ 31/May/2024 \$ **1,440.00**

Term Deposit reinvested till 14 Nov24 @ 4.75%

Correspondence: Kaye McFarlane

Incoming:

1. Telstra: invoice due 03 June
2. The Courier: Seniors lifestyle and living 27th Sept Vic Seniors Festival, Wed 23rd Oct Senior lifestyle and living. Lowest pricing begins \$660.
3. Bridge Victoria Bulletin: June
4. June 3, James Childs: Letter of resignation as a member of the Bridge Club
5. Ron Wescott Maine Bridge Club: response to query about running a 'monthly medal' competition using Compscore3 and collating events already scheduled
6. Kym Fraser: re ATO self reporting review obligation (sporting clubs) Will contact us if more information becomes available
7. June 10, Australian Bridge Federation: notice that James Childs has transferred out of the Ballarat Bridge Club

8. June 12, Mary Oswell: expressing belief that James Childs has not received fair treatment
9. June 15, James Childs: request for both withdrawal of his resignation and reinstatement of his membership of the Ballarat Bridge Club
10. Telstra, Broadband back-up dongle: \$6.60

Outgoing:

1. Kym Fraser: Request for information to support Ballarat Bridge Club's annual obligations to the ATO – NFP / sporting clubs / tax exemption self assessment
2. June 3, James Childs: Request that he does not attend the Bridge Club until the committee meets and determines its response to his behaviour.

Acceptance of Correspondence: moved Kaye McFarlane, 2nd Leigh Dunne. Carried

Reports: Committee

- Kaye McFarlane -. ATO: Annual self-review reporting obligation (sporting clubs) Made enquiries with Kym Fraser [VBA Council, Country West Special Councillor] – She did not know about this
- Anne Beck –
- Bruce Morley - Ron Wescott, Maine explained that using Compscore3 enabled the set-up of different eclectic events, set up competitions etc from the existing playing program. Committee to think about options available for next meeting eg novice pair awards
- Leigh Dunne – Request to City of Ballarat that utility service outlets to be tidied up in kitchen, disposal of rubbish – He was informed the Ballarat Bridge Club was on the immediate to do list
- Geoff Dwyer –
- Trish Farney – ATO: Annual self-review reporting obligation (sporting clubs) -Change of registration details. Trish's enquiry about requirement with the ATO resulted in the lodgement of the Tax Self Assessment for 2024 for Ballarat Bridge Club by the ATO staff member
- Brian Hassett -
- Annette Pearce –
- Ian Gunn –x 5 badges ready

- Clare Beer –
- Margaret Whitefield –
- Anne Woods – will review uploading Club's COVID response to web site

Acceptance of Reports: moved Anne Beck, 2nd Margaret Whitefield. 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. Masks available.
2. Painting of hallway, doors etc
Has commenced 17th June
3. Bridge skill development program - Martin Wilcox?
Looking for expressions of interest from membership (see notice board).
- defer to next meeting

New Business:

1. Kelly Kendall: application for full membership.
accepted Anne Beck, 2nd Clare Beer. Carried

Business for next meeting:

1. Western Region Bridge Association Friendly Pairs: Saturday August 10th
Event will cost \$1,600. \$30.00 pp. Anne Woods - Kitchen manager

Next meeting: Monday, 22nd July, 2024, 10.00 am

Meeting closed: 12.20 pm