

Minutes: Ballarat Bridge Club Committee Meeting Monday August 19th, 10.00 am, 2024.
(NB: No meeting held in July)

Attendance: Anne Beck, Ian Gunn, Bruce Morley, Clare Beer, Trish Farney, Kaye McFarlane, Geoff Dwyer, Leigh Dunne

Apologies: Brian Hassett, Annette Pearce, Anne Woods, Margaret Whitefield

Minutes of previous meeting: Secretary Kaye McFarlane
Acceptance of previous minutes (17th June 2024):

Reports:

President's Report Anne Beck

1. Random Free Day: nil, paused for committee decision to continue
2. Friendly Pairs Saturday 24th August:
currently 26 pairs, Anne Woods, Margaret Whitefield, Tonia Wells to assist in kitchen, with Natasha and Ned Beck
3. Lesson report: total 36 participants have participated and most have become club members. X4 registrations of interest for possible October session. \$25.00 fee currently covering costs
4. Supervised play: successful often 5 tables with club members - Kath Connors, Trish Farney, Ian Gunn, Leigh Dunne with Anne Beck, Clare Beer, and Bruce Morley offering support. A participation fee to be set after AGM
5. Pat Fisker has donated her paintings to the club
6. Emergency Contact Book. Must be kept up to date

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

Treasurer's reports: June 30 & July 31 - Trish Farney

Treasurers Report June 30, 2024

The Financial reports for 30/Jun/2024 shows a loss of -\$3,943.13
 resulting in a loss of -\$17,416.12 ytd

Monthly Expenditure \$ 4,072.19

Exceptional expenses :

K&C Deveraux - Painting of hallways \$ 2,630.00

Monthly Income \$129.06

Exception Income:

reversal of Fees in advance paid in 2023-2024 FY -\$1,440.00

Bank Balance acc: 143932572 as at	30/Jun/2024	2858.68
Balance Term deposit acc: 14452879	30/Jun/2024	66822.94
	Total at Bank	\$ 69,681.62

Fees paid in advance @ 30/Jun/2024 \$ -

Term Deposit reinvested till 14 Nov24 @ 4.75% \$0.00

Please note :

fees in advance reversed 30/6/24 & reinstated 1/7/2024

Treasurers Report
July 31, 2024

The Financial reports for 31/Jul/2024 shows a profit of **\$1,900.00**
resulting in a profit of **\$1,900.00 ytd**

_Monthly Expenditure **\$ 2,713.37**

Exceptional expenses :

No exceptional expenses **\$ -**

Monthly Income **\$4,613.37**

Exception Income:

reinstate Fees in advance @ 30 June 2024 **\$1,440.00**

EGV rental payment for July-Sept 2024 **\$1,788.00**

Bank Balance acc: 143932572 as at	31/Jul/2024	4758.68
Balance Term deposit acc: 14452879	31/Jul/2024	66822.94
	Total at Bank	\$ 71,581.62

Fees paid in advance @ 31/Jul/2024 **\$ 1,086.00**

Term Deposit reinvested till 14 Nov24 @ 4.75%

Please note :

fees in advance reversed 30/6/24 & reinstated 1/7/2024

Annual Financial Report submitted: to be discussed at next meeting

Acceptance of Treasurer’s Report: moved Trish Farney, 2nd Geoff Dwyer. Carried

Correspondence: Kaye McFarlane

Incoming:

1. Telstra: invoice due 03 July - \$137.19
2. Telstra: information – update of Customer Terms
3. Ultimate Painting invoice - \$2,180.00

4. Kym Fraser: reporting progress with research re ATO self reporting obligations, X3 responses. Colin Jasper at Victorian Bridge Association is familiar with the requirement and happy to discuss any issues
5. Australia Wide Open Pairs 25-31 August 2024
6. On Line Printer Maintenance contract \$83.33
7. June 17 Mary Oswell: Request for a copy of Model Rules
8. June 19, Richard Giles: requesting copies of May & June Minutes and access to documentation referenced in the Letter to the Members from the President and Committee
9. June 24, James Childs: request that his table fee voucher credit be refunded
10. Update Kym Fraser: Victorian Bridge Association Council meeting report (forwarded to Committee members)
11. Australian Bridge Federation: Pat Fiskin transferred out to Torquay Bridge Club
12. Bridge Victoria: July Update

Seniors Expo **2024 Get Connected! Expo**

13. **Expo Date:** Tuesday 1 October 2024
Time: 10am-2pm
Location: Mercure Ballarat - Convention Centre, 613 Main Road, Ballarat (*accessible venue*)
14. Telstra: Internet Outage Dongle - \$4.40 by 9th July
15. Bendigo Bridge Club: Invitation to attend teaching session with Martin Wilcox 31st July
16. Australian Bridge Federation Quarterly reports: Invoice \$136.23
17. Australian Bridge Magazine July 2024
18. Water invoice: \$444.95 due 5th August
19. Andy Hung Bridge Holidays: Hervy Bay 28th October
20. Australian Bridge Federation Statement 30/06/24: \$136.65
21. Bridge Victoria: survey 'Club needs'
22. Telstra invoice: due 5th August: \$137.19
23. Bridge Victoria - update for clubs, results of survey
24. Bridge Victoria Bulletin August edn
25. Kym Fraser: Australian Bridge Federation Mission Statement 2022-2025 David Fryda with proposed fee increases to Capitation fees and master point charges; and notification from Victorian Bridge Association that the Victorian Bridge Association Poath Road facility failed to sell and is on the market again
26. Australian Bridge Federation: Talking points; Investing in the future
27. Seniors Awards: Close 16th September
28. Whittlesea Bridge Club Notice from Peter Shaw: Trudy Broeders has passed away
29. City of Ballarat, Property Officer, Mikaela Seychell: draft Lease and Licencing Policy for review

Outgoing:

Mary Oswell: response - Model Rules are available on Consumer affairs web site

Richard Giles: response - Minutes are on club notice board and web site

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

Reports: Committee

- Kaye McFarlane -
- Anne Beck –
- Bruce Morley - will consult with Martin Wilcox about 3 software issues: Loading NWP results; Names not appearing on Bridgemates; Programming event movement to account for uneven pairs
- Leigh Dunne – Request to City of Ballarat that utility service outlets to be tidied up in kitchen, disposal of rubbish –Reported dry rot in wall of toilet off bridge playing room. Photographs provided. He was informed the Ballarat Bridge Club was on the immediate to do list. Hopefully an electrician will come before the Saturday Friendly Pairs event
- Geoff Dwyer –
- Brian Hassett -
- Annette Pearce – washed bridge table cloths
- Ian Gunn –
- Clare Beer – will test interest in Grand Final ‘footy lunch’. Will charge to cover costs
- Margaret Whitefield –
- Anne Woods –

Acceptance of Reports: moved Anne Beck, 2nd Leigh Dunne. Carried

Business arising from previous meeting/general business:

1. Evaluation of face-to-face play with COVIDSafe Plan:
Unprotected coughing is causing concern. Members are 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
price difference between quote and payment approx. \$400 – extra; room outside toilets and doors included
3. Bridge skill development program - Martin Wilcox?
insufficient interest shown
4. Monthly awards – not relevant in existing program

New Business:

1. Western Region Bridge Association Friendly Pairs: Saturday August 24th
Event will cost \$1,600. \$30.00 pp. Wine prizes \$160.00
2. Update Kym Fraser (our Victorian Bridge Association Council Rep): Victorian Bridge Association Council meeting report (forwarded to Committee members)
3. New member endorsement: Anne Watson. Moved Anne Beck, 2nd Trish Farney.
Carried
4. AGM Thursday October 10 2024

Annual Membership Fee:

The Annual Membership Fee for members of Ballarat Bridge Club is currently \$35.00. The Club paid a total of \$36.50 pp for the financial year 2024 for Australian Bridge Federation and Bridge Victoria capitation fees; a deficit of \$1.60 pp (- Australian Bridge Federation capitation fee \$20.00 [previously \$15.00]; Bridge Victoria capitation fee \$16.50, [previously \$13.00].)

Thus no contribution towards the support of ongoing infrastructure costs (such as electricity, gas, water, council rates, insurance, Telstra, cleaning, garden maintenance, web hosting).

\$35.00 plus \$1.60 less \$15.00 plus \$13.00 = \$8.60 pp less for fixed cost expenditure 2024.

The Australian Bridge Federation is proposing to further increase its capitation fee by \$3.30 /year from 2025 until 2027 when it will be \$29.90 and we have received notice that Bridge Victoria is planning to further increase its capitation fee.

The Annual Membership Fee has been \$35.00 for more than 10 years

Motion for AGM October 2024

Because of existing and proposed increases in fixed costs Anne Beck proposed **'That the Annual Membership Fee be increased from \$35.00 to \$50.00 commencing January 1 2025'**. 2nd Leigh Dunne. Carried

Business for next meeting:

1. Annual Financial Report submitted by Trish Farney: to be discussed
2. AGM

Next meeting: Monday, September 9th, 2024, 10.00 am

Meeting closed: 11.55 am