

MACARTHUR COLLEGIANS BRIDGE CLUB

COMMITTEE MEETING 18 August 2022 2.15pm

Attendance: Christine Edge; Vi Martin; Sue McGarrity, Irene Hrabica; Kerrie Frew

Item 1: Welcome

Christine Edge thanked committee members for their attendance.

Brenda Barnard has resigned from the Committee due to ill health. Her work in the role of Welfare Officer was greatly appreciated and all members wish her well with her recovery.

Item 2: Business Arising from Previous Minutes

- Rental of Camden Senior Citizens has been increased to \$60 monthly – Treasurer to pay by direct deposit
- The Christmas Party has been booked for Wed 6 December at the Catholic Club
- A donation of \$400 was made to Long Point Conference Centre for use of their facilities during December when the Catholic Club was unavailable.

Item 3: Secretary's Report

- Bookings have been made for all Thursday games in 2023 and confirmed by the Catholic Club. Thursday 9 March is unavailable at this time.
- The Catholic Club has confirmed a waiver of booking hire fees under the Club Grants scheme.
- The Club Calendar has been developed and distributed for 2023 with the same number of Red Point events. It was noted that the scheduled Gala Day on March 25 will coincide with the State Election and the Camden Show.

ACTION: It was agreed to move it to another day later in the year (TBA).

- The Catholic Club will make other arrangements for the Bridge Club to play in various venues of the Club during July and August while they host the FIFA Korean soccer team for accommodation, catering and training.
- Based on current player numbers and rankings, a four-division club championship will operate this year. The lowest division over the past five years has included new players who are experienced but who do not have ABF Masterpoints playing against very inexperienced players.

ACTION: It was agreed to implement an extra category within Division 4, with a prize of \$100 per player, to be awarded to the highest-ranking eligible pair who have undertaken Beginner lessons at the Macarthur club. To be reviewed yearly.

- The website has been updated to reflect new committee and directors, 2022 winners etc

- If we require Oz Funland premises, hire fee will now be \$200 per day to reflect their increases in power costs etc.
- The birthday list for celebrations has been updated – many less than last year.

Item 4: Treasurer's Report

- Report Tabled Balance \$7,563.45 as at 31 Jan 2023
- The Treasurer has organised necessary procedures to allow more convenient banking of cash at non-bank sites.
- The Treasurer has submitted a Club Grants application to the Catholic Club requesting \$3000 to support beginner lessons and the Christmas Party.
- A range of options for club finances was discussed, including investing some funds in a term deposit, as suggested by a member at the AGM.

ACTION: The Treasurer will make recommendations at the next meeting.

Item 5: Welfare Officer's Report - Nil

Item 6: President's Report

- The President remains concerned about reports that new players at Ingleburn Bridge Club are getting feedback that discourages them from attending the Macarthur Club eg 'standard is too good'; people call the Director on you, it's too serious there etc. This is particularly upsetting given that the Macarthur Club runs the beginner lessons that greatly benefit both clubs and that the majority of players attend both clubs.

ACTION: The President will work with Ingleburn Club officials to make sure that these misconceptions are corrected.

Item 7: General Business

- Members to be reminded in the newsletter that visitors pay an extra \$1 in table money.
- The issue of conflicting advice about play being given to new players was raised eg when/what to alert; when a card is considered to be 'tabled'; when hands need to be passed in

ACTION: Irene Hrabica to compile a list of these issues and advice will be sought and published to achieve greater consistency within the club.

Item 8: Next Meeting

To be held Thursday 23 March 2023 after Bridge

Meeting Closed at 3.10pm

Minutes taken by Sue McGarrity, Secretary