

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
WAVERLEY BRIDGE CLUB INC.  
HELD AT THE CLUBROOMS, 21B ELECTRA AVE ASHWOOD**

**Tuesday April 12 2011  
At 5.30 pm**

**PRESENT:** Peter Buchanan, Mary Elson, Joan Quirk, Rob Quirk, Doug Lavers, Martin Willcox, Paula Schroor

**APOLOGIES:** Denise Rozner

**MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Minutes of the meetings held on March 15, 2011 were agreed by the Committee and signed by the President, Peter Buchanan.

Moved: Joan Quirk

Seconded: Doug Lavers

**1. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

- 1** Bidding boxes have been ordered and should be arriving in the near future. The club will retain supplies of bidding slips for players who cannot use the bidding boxes. Boxes will be introduced into the Green section first and progressively to the rest of the sections.
- 2** Council has agreed to the installation of solar panels subject to Council approval of OH&S and size. The cost of the system will be \$25,060 inclusive of GST.

A motion was proposed that Waverley Bridge Club Committee should accept the Rezeko quote subject to agreement on technical specifications and other documents with Council.

Proposed Doug Lavers

Seconded Paula Schroor

Accepted unanimously.

A \$1000 deposit will need to be sent to Rezeko

Mary

A meeting will be arranged with Tom Morrissey to find out if there are any grants available. If all costs are borne by WBC, the system will belong to us. If ECC was the owner of the system it might be possible to have access to large grants. In this case, ownership of the system should be shared according to existing percentages of expenditure – 65%, 25%, 10%. WBC will confirm this.

Mary will contact Council to ask for sight of a Certificate of Occupancy and information about the audits of electricity of air conditioning currently under way.

Mary

- 3** Mary is about to order honour boards but wants to have final agreement on the style of the boards with committee members before the order is placed.

Mary

- 4** Mary has arranged a small sponsorship with Athelstan Camberwell and will insert a half-page ad in 3 newsletters this year. Athelstan has

enquired about an insert in the AGM mailout, a page in the next Handbook and naming of a Congress event. Discussions with Athelstan will continue. Mary attended a meeting at Bendigo Bank with Bob Stensholt where a sponsorship was discussed. She expects to hear the outcome of this in the next couple of months. Bendigo Bank usually takes 3 months to vet applications for sponsorship.

Martin, Mary

- 5 Martin and Mary obtained First Aid certificates last month.
- 6 Martin and Mary will be attending a Responsible Services of Alcohol course on April 19.
- 7 Martin reported that though numbers for the Thursday afternoon advanced lesson have dropped, he expects the session to do well.
- 8 Mary reported that though the Trivia night was a great success for the Calisthenics Club it was not age appropriate for WBC members. She suggested that WBC have a Sunday afternoon Trivia party later in the year.
- 9 Catherine Jenkins is assisting with bookkeeping queries, and will be doing the BAS returns for a \$50 fee.
- 10 Peter reported that preliminary work on proposed changes to the Constitution are almost complete, and a draft will be available for the Committee to read shortly. Rob acknowledged that the lion's share of work so far has been done by Jennie Codognotto.

Peter, Rob

## 2. CORRESPONDENCE

### Inwards:

City of Monash re Smoke Free Environments  
Toowong Bridge Club re donation  
City of Monash regarding 2010 Club of the Year award night

### Outwards:

6 letters welcoming new members  
Toowong Bridge Club flood donation

## 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Smoking will be banned within 10 metres of all Council buildings from October 1, 2011. A brief discussion was held regarding the possibility of a shelter on the land at the Eastern side of the building.

WBC will not be attending the Club of the Year award night.

## 4. REPORTS

Attendance March 2011

Peter said that he would assist Mary to tidy up the attendance sheets.

Accounts March 2011

Peter

## Treasurers Report April 2011

As of today (10th April) we have about \$40,000 in our combined Westpac and ING accounts.

For a change, we enjoyed a larger surplus this month than the corresponding period last year (\$5700 versus \$4200 approximately), but once again I would caution that a limited amount of notice should be taken of month by month figures. We have large variances due to timing of payments etc, and we have yet to receive any electricity bill from Council. We have started a provision for electricity costs.

The more sobering figure is that we made approximately \$3,200 year-to-date compared with \$38,000 last year.

The Committee will be aware that in the latest Newsletter, we indicated to the Club in general that there was likely to be a table fee rise next July. This remains my view. I have yet to hear any reaction from the membership in general.

Information and quotes for the solar electricity system have been circulated. The more expensive system (\$25,000) apparently provides far more options and control features. I have been trying to extract some information from Council about technical feasibility etc, as we certainly cannot proceed or agree a contract without their concurrence. A copy of the e-mail sent to Council is attached. I remain firmly of the view that it is important that we sign a contract this month, if we are going to proceed. The May Federal budget is likely to remove a number of the existing rebates and grants.

Separately, Bob Rowett, Catherine Jenkins and I plan to see a ward councillor next week with a view to investigating the possibility of a State or Federal grant for electricity. Catherine facilitated this meeting as she knows the councillor personally.

***Doug Lavers, Treasurer***

**From:** [Doug Lavers](#)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 06, 2011 4:25 PM  
**To:** [Bob Quirk](#) ; [Denise Rozner](#) ; [Doug Lavers](#) ; ['Joan Quirk'](#) ; [Martin Willcox](#) ; [Paula Schoor](#) ; [Peter Buchanan](#) ; [Waverley Bridge Club](#)  
**Cc:** [Miles Davine](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Solar panels

I spoke to Rohan this afternoon. Apparently, the German inverter is definitely better.

I suggested that before we could do anything, we need a formal OK from the Council. He said he would talk to his Director. I did point out that there was a two week time limit on the quotation we received. However, I am actually more concerned about the May federal Budget. I am reasonably confident that a number of the available rebates are going to be removed.

I will follow this up on Friday.  
regards  
Doug

**From:** [Doug Lavers](#)

**Sent:** Wednesday, March 30, 2011 4:31 PM

**To:** [Rohan Waldie](#)

**Cc:** [Bob Quirk](#) ; [Denise Rozner](#) ; [Doug Lavers](#) ; ['Joan Quirk'](#) ; [Martin Willcox](#) ; [Paula Schoor](#) ; [Peter Buchanan](#) ; [Waverley Bridge Club](#) ; [Miles Davine](#)

**Subject:** Solar panels

Rohan

My understanding is that the more expensive quote for the panels is due to a better quality German inverter, which enables a number of different monitoring functions.

- a) Is this system technically OK to install in the building, with respect [in particular] to it producing single phase power when the a/c eats 3 phase?
- b) What difference does the more expensive inverter actually make – is the monitoring function significant?
- c) Is the system expandable to a larger size over time?

Thanks for your help

Doug Lavers

PS Miles, could you pass on a copy of the email to Charles Nielson

#### MANAGER'S REPORT APRIL 2011

Martin and I have recently completed Food Handling and First Aid courses and will be attending a Responsible Service of Alcohol course on April 19.

I attended the launch of the Entertainment Book and we now have stocks available for sale.

The Trivia Night, while a total success for the Calisthenics Club, was not really what our members wanted. I would like to suggest that we consider running our own, age appropriate, Trivia Day – maybe on a Sunday afternoon, sometime later this year – as Martin suggested last year.

The lesson course was well reviewed by students – 50% of whom said that they would like it to be longer by a week or two. There is a strong take up of use of the free voucher for a Supervised session, and I have hopes that a good proportion will continue. Interest in the next course is high, with 25 enquiries so far. I shall start to advertise in a couple of weeks.

The Intermediate course of workshops has begun successfully with 19 attending the first week of Stayman and 27 attending the second week. I anticipate a similar number will attend Transfers, which is being run on April 16 and 30.

I shall not be having my operation for a while, so the status quo will be maintained.

Mary Elson  
Manager

## **5. NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS**

No new members applied owing to the close proximity to the end of the subscription year. Mary expects applications to recommence in around a month.

## **6. GENERAL**

1. Friday night attendances are currently very poor. A suggestion was made that Friday night be turned into a competition night with prizes for the best scoring players who play on 3 of the available 4 or 5 nights in each month, and for the two players who score closest to a score very close to average chosen on the last night of the cycle. Mary said that she and Laura would keep tabs on players' performances. Paula suggested that wine and cheese be served. A table fee of \$9 will be charged, to provide prize money, and WBC will sweeten the deal while numbers are low, to guarantee \$75 per player.  
Mary will write a plan. Mary
2. The VBA is asking clubs to volunteer helpers and players for one day of the coming ANC. WBC decided not to volunteer this year.

The meeting ended at 6.30

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 5.30 pm