

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
WAVERLEY BRIDGE CLUB INC. HELD AT THE TEMPORARY CLUB ROOMS
JAMBOREE LANE, ASHWOOD ON**

Tuesday March 24, 2009 at 5.30 p.m.

PRESENT: I. Carling, D. Lavers, M. Elson, S. Battley, N. Beaumont, Trish Kersey, Peter Buchanan, Diana Jacobs, Joan Quirk

Also present were Colin McMullen, Tom Spall and Irena Wagner

APOLOGIES: Martin Willcox

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Minutes of the meetings held on January 20 and February 24, 2009 were agreed by the Committee and signed by the President

1. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

- 1.1 Mr McMullen attended the Committee meeting on March 24 and was given an opportunity to address the Committee regarding events leading up to the resolution to expel him from membership. Iris

Colin McMullen, Irena Wagner and Tom Spall then left the meeting.

Discussion was held by the Committee and it was decided that no fresh information had been presented that changed the Committee's decision on the expulsion of Mr. McMullen, and the resolution of February 24 (repeated below) would be ratified.

A resolution was passed (unanimously) as follows:

In accordance with the Rules of Incorporation (as amended 28/4/2000), Section 7 (a) (Resignation and Expulsion of Member), and following completion of the appeals process, the Committee of Waverley Bridge Club Inc. has found that Mr McMullen has been guilty of

- 7(1)(c)(ii) conduct unbecoming a member or prejudicial to the interest of the Association,

And therefore resolved to expel Mr. McMullen from membership of Waverley Bridge Club Inc.

A letter will be drafted and sent by registered mail to Mr. McMullen shortly.

- 1.2 George Skarbek has submitted a quote for a bar-coded voucher system, for full provision of the system and on-site training, for a cost of \$400. The Committee decided to accept the quote. Mary/George Skarbek
- 1.3 The Raffle held recently to support the Country Fire Authority was a success. \$1163 was raised and sent to the Badger Creek Branch of the CFA. Our thanks goes to members for their support.

2. CORRESPONDENCE

- Inwards:** Colin McMullen regarding decision of Committee to expel him from Club membership
Nick Beaumont cc of email to VBA regarding bridge teaching project
- Outwards:** Badger Creek CFA with cheque
6 letters welcoming new members

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM CORRESPONDENCE

Colin McMullen dealt with above.

4. REPORTS

Attendance February 2009
Accounts February 200

Treasurers Report, March 2009

The Secretary will have circulated the profit and loss figures for January through February and also the year to date. As usual, the former are still distorted by timing differences compared with the previous year. In particular, we paid nearly \$4000 in rent in the period, while the comparable figure for last year was nil (effectively it was paid in March) and there was a significant difference of approximately \$1500 in the cost of the GNOT heats.

Having said this, we are clearly being affected to some extent by extra costs associated with the move to Jamboree Lane and rather adverse weather conditions which will result in (I suspect) some fall in attendance. In my view, we are unlikely to make a profit in March. The Council has yet to respond to our request for some extra funds to cover the associated costs. It is possible they are waiting until Ashwood Hall is complete so we can provide them with more accurate deficit figures. With the Committee's concurrence, I intend to remind them of this in due course.

The current year-to-date profit to end February is approximately \$34,000 compared with \$52,000 last year.

The Secretary is actively preparing for the debenture interest payments at the beginning of April. Unfortunately, a small error was identified in the debenture spreadsheet which has meant the cheques have had to be redone. I apologise for this, with the excuse being that I am only human.

The purchasing committee has been active over the period. We purchased a very new secondhand two-door clear fronted refrigerator, which will be down to the Council to pay for. We have purchased a digital second-hand safe [with new digital mechanism] for just under \$2000. Chairs and tables are being actively considered, and we have handed negotiation on this over to Patricia Henderson. Ray Anderson and Martin Willcox are actively considering the required large screens and associated brackets, and we will shortly be seeing the architect with a view to removing the trophy cabinet in favour of a large honour

board. A commercial dishwasher is also being actively investigated. The above items comprise the ones which we need to urgently provide details on to the architect. A much larger list exists, but there is no point in taking much further action until closer to the end of the year.

Currently, I have identified a total of approximately \$16,000 of purchase expenses, and a very rough estimate would be that this will eventually rise to about \$25,000.

Doug Lavers

MANAGER'S REPORT MARCH 2009

I returned from Leave on Thursday February 12. My thanks to the Committee members who assisted while I was away. The anticipated move to Jamboree Lane had not taken place on February 3 as at first expected, and the move, when it took place on Friday February 21st was accomplished with a minimum of fuss. Because some sessions were run at Ashwood Hall until March 9th, some supplies were left behind. Most of them have now been transferred to Jamboree Lane. One supervised session is being run at the Youth Centre in Miller Cres. Mount Waverley, and this occasions some preparation each week.

Members' acceptance of the temporary venue has been generally excellent, with some understandable worry about heat. The weather, though very warm on one or two days, has generally been clement until now. Evenings are now getting cooler – members will need to be reminded to bring a jacket. I believe there has been some minor grumbling going on, but I haven't heard any of it.

Work is completed on the annual cancellation of members for the ABF.

Work is continuing on preparation of interest payments for Debenture holders.

Joan Quirk has offered to help with marking off of table fee vouchers for a time, an offer I gratefully accepted. This means that purchase of a system, while desirable, is not so urgent. Nevertheless I have spoken to George Skarbek and asked him for a quote on installing a system.

Mary Elson

5. **NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS**

Applications have been presented to the Committee and accepted for:
Allan Nolan, Anne Nolan, Mary Stoney, Ida Tamei, Alison Talbot and Tom Thuraiatnam

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

1. The temporary fence erected in the Jamboree Lane carpark is a legal requirement for the lessees. The gate is too heavy for the average woman to move so there will need to be help available for female directors. It is not known how much longer we will have to remain in the Scout Hall and it is an added irritant to have to cope with the fence. Hopefully, the gate will only need to be opened on Monday, Thursday and Friday mornings.
2. Building of the new premises is progressing. A report from the Building Sub-Committee is contained in the Treasurer's report. Trish Henderson will be providing sample tables and chairs for testing.
Discussions with the Council and other members of the House Committee highlighted the need of the Croquet Club for a freezer to make ice cubes during the hot weather. WBC had identified a two door fridge they would like installed in the general area and submitted details to the Council. The Council are looking into ways of accommodating both requirements.
3. It is hoped that the new safe will be delivered for use in Ashwood Hall after the Club returns there. It is very heavy and it is most unlikely that it will be stolen.
4. Sue Battley said that Internet results were not being posted quickly enough. Trish Kersey said that an efficient way to post results had been found and most results would now be posted early. Martin/Trish
5. WBC is selling the Entertainment Book as a fundraising measure. So far 5 books had been ordered. Ten books have to be sold before the \$13 per order is refunded. A launch of the book will be held on April 3 and attendees will receive a free book. Peter Buchanan offered to attend the launch if no-one else can be found to go. Committee re sale. Peter re launch
6. Tom Spall joined the meeting and spoke to the Committee about concerns regarding Director calls. The Committee agreed with him that members are completely free to call the Director at any time.

The meeting closed at 7.05 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday April 21 at 6.00 p.m.