

# **Macedon Ranges Bridge Club (MRBC) Inc.**

Incorporated Association number: A0049378Y

Annual General Meeting  
Norma Richardson Hall, Buckland Street  
Woodend, Forest Street

7.00 pm on 14 February 2017

## **MINUTES**

The meeting commenced at 7.10 pm. Those present were welcomed by the MRBC Secretary Ron Watkinson.

### **1. Attendees and Apologies**

17 members were in attendance: Annie Waters, Ron Watkinson, Rex Fox, Margaret Copland, Diana Marsland, Connie Albany, Cheryl Downie, Maureen Redman, Lance Redman, Len Baker, Anne Hill, Millicent Henry, Peter Turner, Evelyn Stephenson, Pauline Moore, Lynette Newell, Wendy Judge.

Apologies were received from: Lyn Wells, Peter Wells, Desma Sampson, Clare Green, Leonie McLaren, Jill Williams, Jane Bland, Tek Marko, Jack Newman, Carmel Halloran, June Cohen, Rhyll Trehwella, Andrew Lance, Hamish Thomson, Linda Watkinson, Linda Healy, Frank Vearing, Marilyn Summers, Ed Butler, Graham Boscoe, Michael Francis, Terry Dold, Barbara Crapper.

### **2. Minutes of the previous AGM**

#### ***Motion 1***

That this AGM accepts as read the minutes of the previous AGM held on 23 February 2016, and that these minutes are a true record of that meeting.

Moved: Diana Marsland

Seconded: Lance Redman

Carried without dissent.

### **3. Reports**

#### **3.1. President's Report (prepared by Secretary)**

Ron Watkinson reported that the MRBC had enjoyed a successful year and thanked everyone for their contributions. Full report is attached (Attachment 1).

#### ***Motion 2***

That the President's report be adopted.

Moved: Rex Fox

Seconded: Cheryl Downie

Carried without dissent.

#### **3.2. Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's report for the financial year 1 February 2016 to 31 January 2017 was tabled by Margaret Copland. This showed a bank balance at 31 January 2016 of \$10,179.96 and at 31 January 2017 of \$12,263.45, an increase of \$2083.49. Club assets amounted to \$5151.00. The club has no debts. The full Treasurer's report and List of Assets are attached (Attachments 2 and 3).

***Motion 3***

That the Treasurer's report be adopted.

Moved: Peter Turner

Seconded: Len Baker

Carried without dissent.

\*\*\* Note that in preparing these minutes it was noticed that the wrong figure had been input as "assets." The correct assets figure at 31/01/2017 is \$5151 as indicated on spreadsheet produced by Assets Manager and shown in appendix 3.

**4. Election of Committee Members.**

The Secretary Ron Watkinson, advised the meeting that only one nomination had been received for each of the Committee positions. On this basis the four candidates were confirmed unopposed as follows.

President: Connie Albany

Vice-President: Maureen Redman

Treasurer: Margaret Copland

Secretary: Ron Watkinson

**5. Fees for 2017**

The following motion was put to the AGM.

***Motion 4***

That all fees and charges remain unchanged from 2016:

Full Home Club Membership - \$32.50

Concession Card Holder Home Club Membership - \$27.50

Member whose "Home" club is not MRBC - \$22.50

Session (Table) fees

Full Home Club members and visitors \$6

Concession Card Holder Members \$5

Moved: Ron Watkinson

Seconded: Margaret Copland

Carried without dissent

In support of motion 4 Secretary advised that with a healthy bank balance sufficient to cover replacement costs of all club equipment there was no requirement for any increase in fees and charges at this time.

Treasurer Margaret Copland also sought membership feedback and support for the idea of keeping some of the club's funds at the same bank but in an interest bearing account. The objective would be to maintain sufficient funds in the existing account to cover day to day expenses but to enable funds in excess of this to earn interest for the club. The meeting approved this initiative without dissent.

## **8. Appointments**

The following appointments continue to be filled by club members as indicated:

Special Events Coordinators	President and Secretary
Catering (Congress Coordinator)	Diana Marsland
Refreshments (weekly + Xmas)	Linda Watkinson and Connie Albany
Masterpoint Secretary	Ron Watkinson/Anne Hill
Assets Manager	Anne Hill
Director: Monday	Peter Wells
Director: Tuesday	Rex Fox
Director: Thursday	Suitably experienced player
Instructor:	Peter Wells

Ron Watkinson thanked all members who held appointments in the previous year.

## **7. Significant Home Club Member Achievements**

Achieving 1000 ABF MasterPoints – Frank Vearing

Achieving 100 ABF MasterPoints – Anne Hill

Both are congratulated on their success.

## **8. Next Meeting**

Tuesday late February 2018

## **9. Close**

The meeting closed at 7.21 pm.

**Signed: Secretary**

**President**

## **Appendix 1.**

### **MRBC President's Report - AGM 14 February 2017 – prepared by Secretary.**

2016 was a satisfactory year for our club, with membership numbers more or less maintained. We did gain one or two new members but they largely just replaced a similar number that departed. We had periods during the year when table numbers were down a bit but generally numbers remained similar to last year. All members are encouraged to play as often as possible and to continue enjoying this excellent though sometimes frustrating game which keeps the mind active. All members are thanked for their continued support.

Our 2016 congress, once again, was very successful. We had a full house which helps to raise funds to support the continuing success of the club. Feedback on the day, and since, indicates a desire to change the Congress to a Swiss Pairs format instead of matchpoint pairs as has been the case to now. This will be an issue considered at the first Committee meeting in 2017. It would not require any additional work on the club's part, the Director Graham Hill would simply run the event under the changed format. Graham did an excellent job once again and we have been fortunate to gain his services as our regular Director. Thanks to all those members who prepared food for the congress, as usual it was much appreciated by all.

We are recommending that all fees and charges remain unchanged for the coming year as our bank balance is satisfactory and sufficient to cover replacement of any equipment if that should become necessary. Last year we did have the dealing machine refurbished which has made dealing the cards much quicker and less frustrating. The \$400+ dollars cost of the refurbishment was money well spent. The card dealing has largely been performed by Clare Green and Lance Redman and their efforts are very much appreciated. Bridge clubs such as ours, could not survive nowadays without access to dealing machines and automated scoring systems.

The 2016 championships were run and won by Denis Upsall and Faye Symons, successfully defending the title they won in 2015. Well done to Denis and Faye. For 2017 the championships have been moved to March and also made "best 2 out of 3" in the hope that this will enable more members to participate. As this format will increase the likelihood of a tie, should that occur percentage would be used as a tie-breaker. A parallel competition is conducted using a handicap system to enable players of all levels to enjoy the event. In the handicap section in each of the 3 years so far there have been different winners which has been excellent for all concerned.

We will be holding 11 red point sessions during 2017, dates of these are shown on the website. The championships will use 3 of these, with the rest spread throughout the year.

Thanks to all members of the committee who continue to do the work which enables the club to continue functioning. This includes Margaret for managing the finances and to Connie, for her help and being my "bodyguard" when all others have left on Tuesday nights. Also, thanks to Cheryl for volunteering to help out with President duties whilst the position was vacant. Thanks also to the Redmans and Clare Green for running the Thursday sessions. Finally thanks to both Peters, Wells and Turner, for their invaluable computer support.

Looking forward to another good year in 2017. RJW.

**Appendix 2**

**Macedon Ranges Bridge Club**

**Income and Expenditure Report 2016-2017**

**As at 31/01/2017**

Debit Credit

**RECEIPTS**

Table Fees	\$18,617.10
Registrations	\$ 2,202.50
Congress	\$ 3,800.00
Misc. Income	\$ 666.00

**Total** **\$25,285.60**

**EXPENSES**

ABF	\$ 1,637.69
VBA + Others	\$ 1,633.00
Congress	\$ 3,155.00
Equipment	-
Hall Hire	\$12,210.00
Postage	\$ 173.40
Printing/Stationery	\$ 259.10
Books	\$ -
Catering/Supper	\$ 2,537.85
Website etc.	\$ 294.25
Misc. Expenses	<u>\$ 1301.82</u>

**Total** **\$23,202.11**

**PROFIT**

**\$2083.49**

**BANK RECONCILIATION**

**ASSETS**

**\$5151.00**

Opening Balance	\$ 10,179.96
+ Cash on hand at start	-
Add receipts	\$25,285.60
Less Expenses	\$(23,202.11)
Total Cash Book	<b><u>\$12,263.45</u></b>

**Balance as per Bank S/M** **\$12,006.45**

Plus cash on hand at end of year \$ 257.00

**Cash Assets** **\$12,263.45**

**Previous Year**

Receipts	\$23,736.10	Opening Bank + Cash	\$9,729.55
Expenses	\$23,285.29	Closing Bank	\$10,179.96
Loss/Profit	<b><u>\$ 450.81</u></b>		

### Appendix 3.

#### Macedon Ranges Bridge Club - Inventory

**Date of last inventory: 31 January 2017**

(Value: generally drop about 20% per year)  
(Consumables not included)

Category/Item	Quantity	Condition/ Comment	Value new (per each)	Value now (per each)	Estimated total value 31/1/2017
<b>Furniture &amp; related</b>					
Card tables with folding legs	24	poor to fair	\$30	\$2	\$48
Card tables with folding legs (added 2015)	4	good	\$30	\$15	\$60
White plastic side tables	45	Fair to good	\$10	\$2	\$90
Table covers	17	good	\$20	\$2	\$34
Table covers	12	Very Good	\$20	\$15	\$180
Trolley for plastic cases	1	Fair to good	\$25	\$8	\$8
Set of kitchen steps	1	Good	\$65	\$35	\$35
Bookcase	1	Good	\$80	\$40	\$40
<b>Electrical/Electronic</b>					
Brother Laser printer	1	Good	\$150	\$90	\$90
Klipsal pedestal fans	4	Fair	\$20	\$4	\$16
Kambrook Thermo Fan Heaters	1	Fair	\$35	\$5	\$5
Sunair Fan Heater	1	Fair	\$35	\$5	\$5
Kambrook Urn	1	Fair	\$25	\$5	\$5
Electric pencil sharpener	1	Good	\$90	\$18	\$18
Electronic timer clock	1	Broken	\$400	\$0	\$0
Electronic timer clock with controller	1	Good	\$480	\$160	\$160
<b>Crockery/Cutlery</b>					
Wine glasses (doz)	1.5	Good	\$40	\$12	\$18
Assorted crockery and cutlery	1	Good	\$20	\$10	\$10
<b>Playing Cards/ HOLDERS/Dealing machine</b>					
Dealing machine	1	Good	\$4,000	\$1,250	\$1,250
Card cases - metal	7	Good	\$25	\$10	\$70
Sets of 32 cards + boards	7	Good	\$88	\$32	\$224
Table numbers NSEW 1 - 16 (set)	3	Fair	\$45	\$8	\$24
<b>Library - Books</b>					
Books acquired up to 2014	58	Fair to good	\$25	\$3	\$174
Additional new books in 2015	0	New			\$0
<b>Computers etc</b>					
BridgePads	24	Good	\$180	\$56	\$1,344
BridgePad server	2	Fair	\$157	\$80	\$160
BridgePad server	1	Good	\$157	\$126	\$126
Asus laptops	2	Good	\$1,200	\$280	\$560
Computer case	2	Good	\$40	\$16	\$32
Video Projector	1	Good	\$748	\$310	\$310
Projector screen	1	Good	\$149	\$55	\$55

**Estimated total value of MRBC assets = \$5,151**