

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

Incorporated Association number: A0049378Y

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

6.30 pm on 26 February 2019

## **MINUTES**

The meeting commenced at 6.32 pm.

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

29 members were in attendance: Ron Watkinson, Linda Watkinson, Margaret Copland, Diana Marsland, Maureen Redman, Lance Redman, Anne Hill, Evelyn Stephenson, Barbara Crapper, Lawrie Hall, Millicent Henry, Linda Healy, Michael Francis, Terry Dold, Greg Mayne, Rhyll Trehwella, Frank Vearing, Desma Samson, Ed Butler, Graeme Boscoe, Jane Bland, Clare Green, June Cohen, Wendy Judge, Pauline Moore, Annie Waters, Cheryl Downie, Andrea Cook, Peter Turner.

Apologies were received from: Jill Williams, Andrew Lance, Hamish Thomson.

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

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

That this AGM accepts as read the minutes of the previous AGM held on 27 February 2018, and that these minutes are a true record of that meeting.

Moved: Barbara Crapper

Seconded: Lance Redman

Carried without dissent.

### **3. Reports**

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

Ron Watkinson reported that the MRBC had a challenging year with membership and table numbers slightly down. Advised that increased expenditure will occur in coming period related to rental increase and replacement of failing equipment. Probability of a move to the more robust Bridgemates and associated equipment from the current Bridgepads. Secretary and Treasurer meeting with new Hall Manager to discuss the rent increase and matters generally about our use of the facilities. Full report is attached (Attachment 1).

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

That the President's report be adopted.

Moved: Linda Watkinson

Seconded: Peter Turner

Carried without dissent.

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

The Treasurer's report for the financial year 1 February 2018 to 31 January 2019 was tabled by Margaret Copland. This showed a bank balance at 31 January 2018 of \$12,893.61 and at 31 January 2019 of \$12,333.86, a decrease of \$559.75. Club assets amounted to \$3100.00. The club has no debts. Treasurer indicated that on average each session loses \$8 compared to \$2 last year. Also, that the total deficit for the year would have been greater had not profit from the Congress covered half of that amount. 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: Evelyn Stephenson  
Seconded: Andrea Cook  
Carried without dissent.

### **4. Election of Committee Members.**

The Secretary Ron Watkinson, advised the meeting that no new nominations for Committee from the general membership had been received. Existing Committee members were willing to continue in their current roles but some did not wish to continue indefinitely and would happily step aside to give opportunities to others. On this basis the four existing Committee members were confirmed for the next year unopposed as follows.

President: Connie Albany  
Vice-President: Maureen Redman  
Treasurer: Margaret Copland  
Secretary: Ron Watkinson

### **5. Fees for 2019**

The following motion was put to the AGM.

#### ***Motion 4***

That all fees and charges remain unchanged from 2018:

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: Annie Waters  
Carried without dissent

## 6. Change of Session Time – Tuesday Evenings

Within the required timeframe before the AGM members Cherryl Downie and Linda Watkinson submitted a request that the AGM vote on a motion to change the Tuesday session time to a 7.15 start. This is intended to enable members with day time commitments and finding it difficult to get there for 7.00 a few extra minutes to do so. Prior to the vote Ron Watkinson indicated his belief that this was a fair compromise after a motion at last year's AGM changed the time from 7.30 to 7.00 despite being informed that this may cause difficulties. This view was supported by other members present although a small minority did not agree and signaled a possibility they may not continue attending Tuesday sessions. Secretary responded that this was their prerogative.

### *Motion 5*

That Tuesday evening session time be changed from 7.00 start to 7.15

Moved: Cherryl Downie

Seconded: Linda Watkinson

The vote was 17 to 4 in favour of the motion with some members abstaining. A proxy vote provided to Secretary was not required but would have made this 18 to 4 in favour. Motion carried and new start time for card play would be 7.15 commencing Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, although set up would begin earlier.

## 7. 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/Ron Watkinson
Director: Monday	Frank Vearing/Ron Watkinson
Director: Tuesday	Rex Fox
Director: Thursday	Frank Vearing/Suitably experienced player
Instructor:	Rex Fox

Secretary thanked all members who held appointments in the previous year.

## 7. Significant Home Club Member Achievements

Achieving 100 ABF MasterPoints – Pauline Moore

Congratulations Pauline.

## 8. Next Meeting

Last Tuesday in February 2020

## 9. Close

The meeting closed at 6.50 pm.

**Signed: Secretary**

**President**

## **Appendix 1.**

### **MRBC Secretary's Report - AGM 27 February 2018**

2018 was a challenging year for our club. Membership numbers continued the downward trend which became evident during 2017, both Mondays and Tuesdays had more Howell movements than Mitchells, the latter generally preferred by members. Of course our membership base is ageing and with age comes more frequent sicknesses/injuries and the already known reluctance to drive at night. Ex member Ron Cowburn passed away during the year.

Actions being taken to improve membership numbers include a "back to bridge" day for past and potential members on March 18 and free lessons also commencing in March (25<sup>th</sup>). The lessons (subject to sufficient numbers) will run for 10 weeks with a 2 week break in the middle so any members who know of people interested make them aware of this.

Our congress, once again, was very successful. We continued with the Swiss Pairs method of play and scoring for the event, the method preferred by most attendees. Graham Hill did his usual good job as Director and will continue in that role. Thanks to all those members who prepared food for the congress, as usual it was much appreciated by all.

We are again 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. However, these fees and charges will be more closely looked at for next year's AGM due to known additional expenditure which is looming.

The additional expenditure will come in two forms. The first is an increase in the rent for Norma Richardson hall effective March 1. This increase was notified to Committee via Secretary during late January early February. The second additional expenditure relates to replacement of ageing computer equipment. It is virtually certain that we will need to replace the Scorebridge/Bridgepad system in the short term as the bridge pads in particular are now failing at an alarming rate. We would intend to replace these with the more robust Bridge Mates. This would require the purchase of other equipment compatible with these handsets. Committee will make a decision and take action on equipment in the near term.

The dealing machine still performs well following the refurbishment three years ago, but will need a similar treatment again at some stage, timeframe unclear. Clare Green and Lance Redman continue to share the card dealing workload and do a magnificent job, thanks to those two for this most important job.

The 2018 championships were run and won by Margaret Copland/Lawrie Hall with Greg Mayne/Rhyll Trehwella winning the handicap section. Since we commenced having championships in 2014 no pair has won the handicap section twice, will be interesting to see what happens this year. Championships will be on 5<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> March.

We will be holding 11 red point sessions during 2019, dates of these are shown on the website. The championships in March will use 3 of these, with the other 8 allocated 4 to Mondays and 4 to Thursdays.

Thanks to all members of the committee who continue to do the work which enables the club to continue functioning. Margaret continues her excellent work as Treasurer, Connie as President. Vice President Maureen, together with Clare Green manages the Thursday sessions in an excellent manner.

Looking forward to another good year in 2019. RJW

**Appendix 2****Macedon Ranges Bridge Club  
Income and Expenditure Report 2018-2019  
As at 31/01/2019**

	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	
<b><u>RECEIPTS</u></b>			
Table Fees		\$16,426.00	
Registrations		\$ 1,805.00	
Congress		\$ 3,524.80	
Misc. Income		\$	
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$21,755.80</b>	
<b><u>EXPENSES</u></b>			
ABF	\$ 1,601.88		
VBA + Others	\$ 1,742.00		
Congress	\$ 2,886.55		
Equipment	-		
Hall Hire	\$12,210.00		
Postage	\$ 129.00		
Printing/Stationery	\$ 296.05		
Books	\$ 227.03		
Catering/Supper	\$ 2,419.43		
Website etc.	\$ 254.46		
Misc. Expenses	\$ 549.15		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,315.55</b>		
			<b>PROFIT</b>
			<b>\$ 559.75</b>
<b><u>BANK RECONCILIATION</u></b>			
			<b>ASSETS</b>
			<b>\$3100.00</b>
Opening Balance	\$ 12,893.61		
+ Cash on hand at start	\$		
Add receipts	\$21,755.80		
Less Expenses	<b>\$22,315.55</b>		
Total Cash Book	<b>\$12,333.86</b>		
<b>Balance as per Bank S/M</b>	<b>\$11,818.86</b>		
Plus cash on hand at end of year	\$ 515.00		
<b>Cash Assets</b>	<b>\$12,333.86</b>		
<b><u>Previous Year</u></b>			
Receipts	\$22,351.30	Opening Bank + Cash	\$12,263.45
Expenses	\$21,721.14	Closing Bank	\$12,893.61
Loss/Profit	<b>\$ 630.16</b>		

## Macedon Ranges Bridge Club - Inventory

Date of last inventory: 31 January 2019

(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 31/1/2019
<b>Furniture &amp; related</b>					
Card tables with folding legs	18	poor to fair	\$30	\$1.50	\$27
Card tables with folding legs	4	fair to good	\$30	\$10	\$40
Card tables with folding legs	6	good	\$30	\$24	\$144
White plastic side tables	45	Fair to	\$10	\$1.40	\$63
Table covers	17	good	\$20	\$1.50	\$26
Table covers	7	Very Good	\$20	\$10	\$70
Trolley for plastic cases	1	Fair to good	\$25	\$7.00	\$7
Set of kitchen steps	1	Good	\$65	\$30	\$30
<b>Electrical/Electronic</b>					
Brother Laser printer	1	Good	\$150	\$65	\$65
Klipsal pedestal fans	3	Poor	\$20	\$3	\$9
Kambrook Thermo Fan Heaters	1	Fair	\$35	\$5	\$5
Sunair Fan Heater	1	Fair	\$35	\$5	\$5
Kambrook Urn	1	Fair	\$25	\$5	\$5
Battery Operated pencil sharpener	1	Good	\$10	\$8	\$8
Electronic timer clock with controller	1	Good	\$480	\$80	\$80
<b>Crockery/Cutlery</b>					
Wine glasses (doz)	1.5	Good	\$40	\$10	\$15
Assorted crockery and cutlery	1	Good	\$20	\$10	\$10
<b>Playing Cards/ HOLDERS/Dealing machine</b>					
Dealing machine	1	Good	\$4,000	\$800	\$800
Card cases - metal	7	Fair	\$25	\$6	\$42
Sets of 32 cards + boards	7	Fair to Good	\$88	\$25	\$175
Table numbers NSEW 1 - 16 (set)	3	Fair	\$45	\$6	\$18
<b>Library - Books</b>					
Books acquired up to 2014	58	Fair to good	\$25	\$2	\$116
Additional new books in 2015 and later	0	New			\$0
<b>Computers etc</b>					
BridgePads	10	Fair	\$180	\$40	\$400
BridgePads	6	Poor	\$180	\$20	\$120
BridgePad server	2	Fair	\$157	\$60	\$120
BridgePad server	1	Good	\$157	\$80	\$80
Asus laptops	2	Good	\$1,200	\$180	\$360
Computer case	2	Good	\$40	\$10	\$20
Video Projector	1	Good	\$748	\$200	\$200
Projector screen	1	Good	\$149	\$40	\$40

**Estimated total value of MRBC assets = \$3,100**