

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 10 February 2015

MINUTES

The meeting commenced at 7.04 pm. Those present were welcomed by the MRBC President, Peter Wells.

1. Attendees and Apologies

17 members and visitors were in attendance: Peter Wells, Annie Waters, Michael Francis, Terry Dold, Ron Watkinson, Tom Mossop, Roger Scrivener, Rex Fox, Margaret Copland, Diana Marsland, Barbara Crapper, Glenda Belcher, Robyn Cary, Wendy Judge, Pauline Moore, Connie Albany, Linda Healy.

Apologies were received from: Lyn Wells, Desma Sampson, Angela Langley, Maureen Redman, Lance Redman, Clare Green, Leonie McLaren, Jill Williams, Jane Bland, Tek Marko, Jack Newman, Carmel Halloran, June Cohen, Marilyn Trevorow, Rhyl Trewhella, Millicent Henry, Evelyn Stephenson, Andrew Lance, Hamish Thomson, Evelyn Chittleborough, Linda Watkinson.

2. Minutes of the previous AGM

Motion 1

That this AGM accepts as read the minutes of the previous AGM held on 25 February 2014, and that these minutes are a true record of that meeting.

Moved: Ron Watkinson

Seconded: Peter Wells

Carried without dissent.

3. Reports

3.1. President's Report

Peter Wells reported that the MRBC had enjoyed a successful year and thanked everyone for their contributions. Advised that the inaugural club championships were held in June 2014 and would again be held in June 2015. His full report is attached (Attachment 1).

Motion 2

That the President's report be adopted.

Moved: Ron Watkinson

Seconded: Rex Fox

Carried without dissent.

3.2. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report for the financial year 1 February 2014 to 31 January 2015 was tabled by Margaret Copland. This showed a bank balance at 31 January 2014 of \$6220.18 and at 31 January 2015 \$9729.55, an increase of \$3503.37. Club assets amounted to \$6673.00. The club has no debts. The full Treasurer's report and List of Assets are attached (Attachment 2).

Motion 3

That the Treasurer's report be adopted.

Moved: Terry Dold

Seconded: Rex Fox

Carried without dissent.

4. Election of Committee Members.

The President, Peter Wells, advised the meeting that only one nomination had been received for each position and that was from the current occupant. On this basis the present committee was confirmed unopposed for another year as follows.

President: Peter Wells

Vice-President: Connie Albany

Treasurer: Margaret Copland

Secretary: Ron Watkinson

4. Fees for 2015

The following motion was put to the AGM.

Motion 4

That both membership and table fees remain as for 2014, these are:

Full Home Club Membership - \$30

Concession Card Holder Home Club Membership - \$25

Member whose "Home" club is not MRBC - \$20

Table fees for all sessions:

Members and Visitors - \$6

Members who are Concession Card holders - \$4

Moved: Peter Wells

Seconded: Ron Watkinson

Carried without dissent

6. Appointments

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

Special Events Coordinators

Catering (Congress Coordinator)

Refreshments (weekly + Xmas)

Masterpoint Secretary

Assets Manager

Director: Monday

Director: Tuesday

Director: Thursday

Instructor:

President and Secretary

Diana Marsland

Linda Watkinson and Connie Albany

Ron Watkinson

Tom Mossop

Peter Wells

Rex Fox

Frank Vearing

Rex Fox

Peter Wells thanked all members who held appointments in the previous year.

7. Significant Home Club Member Achievements

Achieving 200 ABF MasterPoints – Margaret Copland

The Club congratulated Margaret on her success.

8. Next Meeting

Tuesday late February 2016

9. Close

The meeting closed at 7.18 pm.

Signed: Secretary

President

Appendix 1

Macedon Ranges Bridge Club – President's Report February 2015

To all MRBC Members,

2014 was another successful year for the Macedon Ranges Bridge Club and our three weekly sessions continued to be reasonably well supported. Whilst Tuesday evenings' attendances have dropped a little overall table number for both Monday and Thursday afternoon groups have held up well. We thank all members for their continued support.

We are now reaching a time where the average membership age is increasing and we are losing a few longstanding players, particularly on Tuesday evening, due mainly to relocations and an understandable reluctance by some as they get older to venture out at night. Over 2014 we have lost about 6 players and only look like gaining about 3 or so from lessons conducted to attract new players. So we need a bit of rejuvenation and any members with ideas please get them to the committee.

The Macedon Ranges Bridge Congress conducted in late September last year was very successful with a full quota of 24 tables participating in a slightly revised table layout that afforded a fraction more space. Many of the attendees were regulars who have made our congress, and particularly the food (so a big thankyou to Diana Marsland and her helpers) an annual event not to be missed. Graham Hill once again proved to be a very popular Director for the third year in a row.

St. Mary's Norma Richardson Hall has been the home of the MRBC for just over 2 years now and while the rent for 2015 has been increased the committee feels reasonably comfortable with the state of our finances and are not recommending an increase in membership or table fees for this coming year. As ever, our aim is always to just maintain a bank balance that can cope with replacement costs for our equipment, and this is certainly the case at the moment.

I would also like to thank Club Secretary Ron Watkinson for his contribution throughout the year. He puts in a tremendous effort week-on-week managing club correspondence, liaising with the ABF and VBA and others on Bridge matters, and now more frequently being called up to run a bridge session; the list goes on. Thank you Ron.

My thanks also go to our Treasurer Margaret Copland who has done a splendid job with the finances since taking over the role. Connie Albany our Vice President, has also been active around the club doing much of the shopping for weekly supplies such as tea, coffee, biscuits, you name it. Thanks Connie.

In conclusion, to all those other club members who assist with all manner of things, getting to the venue early to help set up tables, helping to clear up at the end of sessions, tidying the kitchen, etc. it all helps, thank you. A club is only as good as its members make it, and I believe that we have a very good club. Thank you.

Peter Wells
(President)

Appendix 2

Macedon Ranges Bridge Club – Treasurer's Report February 2015

As at 31/1/2015

	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Profit/Loss</u>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>			
Table Fees		\$ 18,156.25	
Registrations		\$ 2,110.00	
Congress		\$ 3,760.00	
Training Day		\$ -	
Misc. Income		\$ 1,140.00	
<u>Total</u>		<u>\$25,166.25</u>	
<u>EXPENSES</u>			
ABF	\$ 1,858.55		
VBA + Others	\$ 1,086.00		
Congress	\$ 2,943.50		
Equipment	\$ -		
Hall Hire	\$11,842.50		
Postage	\$ 107.00		
Printing/Stationery	\$ 251.75		
Books	\$ -		
Catering/Supper	\$ 2692.68		
Website etc.	\$ 238.50		
Misc. Expenses	\$ 642.40		
<u>Total</u>	<u>\$21,662.88</u>		<u>\$ 3,503.37</u>

BANK RECONCILIATION

Opening Balance	\$ 6,114.18
Plus cash on hand at start	\$ 106.00
Add Receipts	\$ 20,521.70
Less Expenses	\$(17,012.33)
Total Cash Book	\$ 9729.55

ASSETS

\$6,673

Balance as per Bank S/M **\$9729.55**

Previous Year

Receipts	<u>\$ 21,490.00</u>	Opening Bank + Cash	\$ 6,973.96
Expenses	<u>\$(22,243.78)</u>	Closing Bank + Cash	\$6,220.18
Less Profit	<u>\$ (753.78)</u>		

Appendix 3

Macedon Ranges Bridge Club – Assets List February 2015

Macedon Ranges Bridge Club - Inventory

Date of last inventory: 31 January 2015

(Value: generally drop about 20% per year)

(Consumables not included)					Estimated total value
Category/Item	Quantity	Condition/ Comment	Value new (per each)	Value now (per each)	31/1/2015
Furniture & related					
Card tables with folding legs	24	Fair to good	\$30	\$4	\$96
White plastic side tables	48	Fair to good	\$10	\$2	\$96
Table covers	22	Fair to good	\$20	\$3	\$66
Trolley for plastic cases	1	Fair to good	\$25	\$10	\$10
Set of kitchen steps	1	Good	\$65	\$50	\$50
Bookcase	1	Good	\$80	\$55	\$55
Electrical/Electronic					
Brother Laser printer	1	New	\$150	\$120	\$120
Klipsal pedestal fans	3	Fair	\$20	\$5	\$15
Kambrook Thermo Fan Heaters	1	Fair	\$35	\$0	\$0
Kambrook Urn	1	Fair	\$25	\$5	\$5
Electric pencil sharpener	1	Good	\$90	\$25	\$25
Electronic timer clock	1	Good	\$400	\$140	\$140
Electronic timer clock with controller	1	Good	\$480	\$220	\$220
Crockery/Cutlery					
Wine glasses (doz)	2	Good	\$40	\$15	\$30
Crockery and cutlery (set)	1	Good	\$20	\$15	\$15
Playing Cards/Holders/Dealing machine					
Dealing machine	1	Good	\$4,000	\$1,800	\$1,800
Card cases – metal	7	Good	\$25	\$15	\$105
Sets of 32 cards + boards	7	Good	\$88	\$50	\$350
Table numbers NSEW 1 - 16 (set)	3	Fair	\$45	\$12	\$36
Library – Books					
Books acquired prior to 2013	58	Fair to good	\$25	\$4	\$232
Additional new books in 2014	0	New			\$0
Computers etc					
BridgePads	24	Good	\$180	\$70	\$1,680
BridgePad server	1	Good	\$157	\$100	\$100
BridgePad server	1	New	\$157	\$157	\$157
Asus laptops	2	Good	\$1,200	\$350	\$700
Computer case	2	Good	\$40	\$20	\$40
Video Projector	1	Good	\$748	\$450	\$450
Projector screen	1	Good	\$149	\$80	\$80

Estimated total value of MRBC
assets = \$6,673