

# **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 23 February 2016

## **MINUTES**

The meeting commenced at 7.10 pm. Those present were welcomed by the MRBC President, Peter Wells.

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

22 members were in attendance: Peter Wells, Annie Waters, Michael Francis, Terry Dold, Ron Watkinson, Roger Scrivener, Rex Fox, Margaret Copland, Diana Marsland, Glenda Belcher, Connie Albany, Cherryl Downie, Rhyll Trehwella, Gary Bradley, Maureen Redman, Lance Redman, Len Baker, Anne Hill, Carmel Hill, Helen Jens, Laura Hedberg, Millicent Henry.

Apologies were received from: Lyn Wells, Desma Sampson, Clare Green, Leonie McLaren, Jill Williams, Jane Bland, Tek Marko, Jack Newman, Carmel Halloran, June Cohen, Rhyll Trehwella, Evelyn Stephenson, Andrew Lance, Hamish Thomson, Linda Watkinson, Linda Healy, Frank Vearing, Nicholas Scott, Wendy Judge, Pauline Moore, Ron Cowburn, Peter Turner, Marilyn Summers, Ed Butler, Graham Boscoe.

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

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

That this AGM accepts as read the minutes of the previous AGM held on 10 February 2015, and that these minutes are a true record of that meeting.

Moved: Cherryl Downie

Seconded: Gary Bradley

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 he would be standing down from the committee at the conclusion of the meeting. Thanked everybody for their support during his time on committee. Also, his appreciation for the Thursday group organisers. His full report is attached (Attachment 1).

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

That the President's report be adopted.

Moved: Ron Watkinson

Seconded: Maureen Redman

Carried without dissent.

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

The Treasurer's report for the financial year 1 February 2015 to 31 January 2016 was tabled by Margaret Copland. This showed a bank balance at 31 January 2015 of \$9729.55 and at 31 January

2016 of \$10,179.96, an increase of \$450.41. Club assets amounted to \$5426.00. 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: Rex Fox

Seconded: Diana Marsland

Carried without dissent.

**4. Election of Committee Members.**

The President, Peter Wells, advised the meeting that he was standing down from committee and as there had not been any nominations for the position of President, the position will remain vacant. Only one nomination had been received for each of the other three positions and that was from the current occupant. On this basis the present committee (less Peter Wells) was elected unopposed for another year as follows.

President: Vacant – no nominations

Vice-President: Connie Albany

Treasurer: Margaret Copland

Secretary: Ron Watkinson

**5. Fees for 2016**

The following motions were put to the AGM.

***Motion 4***

That annual membership fees in all categories be increased by \$2.50, becoming:

Full Home Club Membership - \$32.50

Concession Card Holder Home Club Membership - \$27.50

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

Moved: Peter Wells

Seconded: Anne Hill

Carried without dissent

**6. Session (Table) fees for 2016**

***Motion 5***

That session fees for Concession Card Holder Members be increased by \$1 to \$5

Moved: Peter Wells

Seconded: Laura Hedberg

Carried without dissent

***Motion 6***

That session fees for Full Members and visitors remain unchanged at \$6

Moved: Peter Wells

Seconded: Rhyll Trehwella

Carried without dissent

In support of motions 4, 5 and 6 Secretary Ron Watkinson and Treasurer Margaret Copland advised that some years ago, when the fees were originally set for Concessional members, the reduced annual and session fees *did* still cover costs. However, over time, increases in payments to governing bodies, as well as venue and refreshment costs and an increase in the number of Concessional members meant this was no longer the case. The changes made, to some extent, address this issue.

## **7. Rex Fox Recognition.**

An award was made in the form of an engraved trophy and Life Membership of MRBC to Rex Fox. This was to recognize his contribution to bridge and its promotion in the Macedon Ranges and in particular to the Macedon Ranges Bridge Club. He was a committee member of MRBC for some years and also conducted numerous Beginners Courses as Instructor. His contribution spans a period of up to twenty years and over that time has supported and encouraged dozens if not hundreds of bridge players in the region. Well done Rex.

## **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
Assets Manager	Anne Hill
Director: Monday	Peter Wells
Director: Tuesday	Rex Fox
Director: Thursday	Suitably experienced player
Instructor:	Peter Wells

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

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

Achieving 300 ABF MasterPoints – Linda Healy  
Achieving 200 ABF MasterPoints – Rex Fox, Lance Redman, Mureen Redman  
Achieving 100 ABF MasterPoints – Diana Marsland, Ron Watkinson, Linda Watkinson

All are congratulated on their success.

## **8. Next Meeting**

Tuesday late February 2017

## **9. Close**

The meeting closed at 7.25 pm.

**Signed: Secretary**

**President**

## Appendix 1

### MRBC President's Report - AGM 23 February 2016

2015 was another pretty successful year for our club. We have just about maintained our membership numbers and our three weekly sessions continue to be reasonably well supported. Attendance on Tuesday evenings has reduced slightly, reflecting a reluctance on the part of some members to drive and/or go out at night. Tuesdays/Thursday now have generally similar attendance levels with Mondays slightly less. All sessions play an important role within the club, providing opportunities for enjoyment and social interaction amongst members. I thank all members for their continued support.

Our 2015 congress, once again, was very successful. Many of the attendees were regulars who have made our congress, and particularly the food, an annual highlight not to be missed. And we seem to have found a 'regular' Director in Graham Hill who performs the task admirably.

Although we are recommending a modest rise in the annual membership fee and the concession table fee, I remind all members and players that our aim is always to just maintain a bank balance that can cope with replacement costs for our equipment, and not much more.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Club Secretary Ron Watkinson for his contribution throughout the year. I don't think members are generally aware of the time and effort he puts in for the club. He manages club correspondence, liaises with the ABF and VBA and others on Bridge matters; the list goes on. Thank you Ron.

Also thanks go to Treasurer Margaret Copland who has done a splendid job with the finances since taking over the role 4 years ago. 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.

Finally, thanks to all those other club members who assist with all manner of things, getting there early to help set up tables, helping to clear up at the end of sessions, tidying the kitchen, and running other social aspects of the club that are so important. It all contributes the club, thank you. A club is only as good as its members make it, and I believe that we have a very good club.

Having said all that I have decided, for a while at least, to take a break as an office bearer in the club and am standing down from the committee as of tonight. I joined the club in late 2004 and somehow got talked into becoming the Secretary in 2007. Then at the AGM in 2013 Ron Watkinson (who by then had already had 2 years as President) and I 'swapped' positions on the committee. Although I have already thanked Ron above for his work as Secretary in this last financial year, I wish to thank him once more for all the support and (mostly) fun times we have both enjoyed as President and Secretary together.

I trust you will all continue to enjoy your bridge, here and at other venues, and simply ask that all members provide the support and friendship to the new committee as you have extended to me throughout the past few years. Thank you.

Peter Wells

## Appendix 2

### Macedon Ranges Bridge Club

#### Income and Expenditure Report 2015-2016

As at 31/01/2016

Debit \_\_\_\_\_ Credit

#### RECEIPTS

Table Fees	\$17,581.10
Registrations	\$ 2,015.00
Congress	\$ 3,640.00
Misc. Income	\$ 500.00

Total \$23,736.10

#### EXPENSES

ABF	\$ 1,752.84
VBA + Others	\$ 1,010.75
Congress	\$ 3,330.00
Equipment	-
Hall Hire	\$12,460.00
Postage	\$ 123.75
Printing/Stationery	\$ 424.30
Books	\$ 568.01
Catering/Supper	\$ 2,164.99
Website etc.	\$ 482.45
Misc. Expenses	<u>\$ 968.60</u>

Total \$23,285.69

#### PROFIT

\$450.41

#### BANK RECONCILIATION

#### ASSETS

\$5426.00

Opening Balance	\$ 9,729.55
+ Cash on hand at start	-
Add receipts	\$18,138.10
Less Expenses	\$(17,687.69)
Total Cash Book	\$10,179.96

**Balance as per Bank S/M** **\$10,179.96**

#### Previous Year

Receipts	\$20,521.70	Opening Bank + Cash	\$6,220.18
Expenses	\$17,012.33	Closing Bank	\$9,729.55
Loss/Profit	<span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">\$ 3,509.37</span>		

<b>Macedon Ranges Bridge Club - Inventory</b>					
<b>Date of last inventory: 31 January 2016</b>					
(Value: generally drop about 20% per year) (Consumables not included)					
<b>Category/Item</b>	<b>Quantity</b>	<b>Condition/ Comment</b>	<b>Value new (per each)</b>	<b>Value now (per each)</b>	<b>Estimated total value 31/1/2016</b>
<b>Furniture &amp; related</b>					
Card tables with folding legs	24	poor to fair	\$30	\$3	<b>\$72</b>
Card tables with folding legs (added 2015)	4	good	\$30	\$24	<b>\$96</b>
White plastic side tables	45	Fair to good	\$10	\$2	<b>\$90</b>
Table covers	17	Fair to good	\$20	\$3	<b>\$51</b>
Table covers	8	Poor	\$20	\$2	<b>\$16</b>
Trolley for plastic cases	1	Fair to good	\$25	\$10	<b>\$10</b>
Set of kitchen steps	1	Good	\$65	\$40	<b>\$40</b>
Bookcase	1	Good	\$80	\$45	<b>\$45</b>
<b>Electrical/Electronic</b>					
Brother Laser printer	1	Good	\$150	\$96	<b>\$96</b>
Klipsal pedestal fans	3	Fair	\$20	\$4	<b>\$12</b>
Kambrook Thermo Fan Heaters	1	Fair	\$35	\$5	<b>\$5</b>
Sunair Fan Heater	1	Fair	\$35	\$5	<b>\$5</b>
Kambrook Urn	1	Fair	\$25	\$5	<b>\$5</b>
Electric pencil sharpener	1	Good	\$90	\$20	<b>\$20</b>
Electronic timer clock	1	Broken	\$400	\$0	<b>\$0</b>
Electronic timer clock with controller	1	Good	\$480	\$176	<b>\$176</b>
<b>Crockery/Cutlery</b>					
Wine glasses (doz)	1.5	Good	\$40	\$15	<b>\$23</b>
Assorted crockery and cutlery	1	Good	\$20	\$10	<b>\$10</b>
<b>Playing Cards/Holders/Dealing machine</b>					
Dealing machine	1	Good	\$4,000	\$1,440	<b>\$1,440</b>
Card cases - metal	7	Good	\$25	\$12	<b>\$84</b>
Sets of 32 cards + boards	7	Good	\$88	\$40	<b>\$280</b>
Table numbers NSEW 1 - 16 (set)	3	Fair	\$45	\$10	<b>\$30</b>
<b>Library - Books</b>					
Books acquired up to 2014	58	Fair to good	\$25	\$3	<b>\$174</b>
Additional new books in 2015	0	New			<b>\$0</b>
<b>Computers etc</b>					
BridgePads	24	Good	\$180	\$56	<b>\$1,344</b>
BridgePad server	2	Fair	\$157	\$80	<b>\$160</b>
BridgePad server	1	Good	\$157	\$126	<b>\$126</b>
Asus laptops	2	Good	\$1,200	\$280	<b>\$560</b>
Computer case	2	Good	\$40	\$16	<b>\$32</b>
Video Projector	1	Good	\$748	\$360	<b>\$360</b>
Projector screen	1	Good	\$149	\$64	<b>\$64</b>
		<b>Estimated total value of MRBC assets =</b>			<b>\$5,426</b>