

Bridge in the City Inc.

Minutes of meeting of Friday 17 January 2025 11:30 am to 12:15pm

Clarence Gardens Bowling Club

Present:

David Anderson (President), Cynthia Brinkman, Stewart Kingsborough (Vice President), Darrell Mitton (Treasurer), Dennis Reynolds, Moira Smith (Secretary), Graham Stucley, Stuart Tuck

Apologies:

None. Moira has eye trouble so Graham will take minutes this time.

Prior minutes:

Tabled by Moira. 2 corrections:

1. Saba and Abf fees - David will email Moira of correct figures for update.
2. Date of AGM is Sunday 16th Feb.

Treasurer's Report:

Tabled. Noted.

Darrel advised: Finances are OK. Making money each week. \$23k in bank, \$3k prepayments. We have 128 members and of these as of meeting date 76 have paid subs for the new year (year commencing 1-1-25).

The 2 term deposits are at 4.9%. Plan is to roll these over. Treasurer can investigate for better rate if wished but view was that rate is reasonable and roll over acceptable. Some discussion on consolidation view was that benefit in 2 deposits for greater flexibility of withdrawal if / as required. Also noted can be a lot of paperwork that may not be justified if increased gain is small.

Cynthia has possession of a credit card on the bank account for petty cash purchases. Limit is \$100/transaction on the card and it is reconciled monthly by David for 2 person responsibility.

There are 3 signatories to the bank account now: 1 is required for withdrawals.

Monday sessions were making a loss and the Bowling Club agreed to ½ rent when low attendances. This was back in 2022. Now Mondays are profitable and full rent is being paid.

Depends on table numbers to get above break even. We need 8 tables to break even on Mondays. A figure that we have net virtually always during the past 2 years.

There was a slight increase in table numbers whilst ABC was shut. We have sufficient equipment (tables) to do up to 24 tables per session.

SABF Report:

Stewart K advised that he will become the new Treasurer of SABF.

SABF oversees big comps in SA and is the affiliate body for SA.

SABF can advise member clubs but not instruct / control these clubs.

Sausage Sizzle:

To continue whilst there are sufficient funds from the quiz night. For review thereafter. Decision that BIC will not supply salads but members can bring their own. Stuart T to supervise and organise Sizzle.

AGM:

11 am 16 Feb. Will be catered (Subway). Catering for 50 people as last time. Same agenda as last year – David to send out. Cynthia and Stuart T have another year. Rest of positions up for election. Nominees to be advertised in Newsletter. Nominees to be ready to make small

statement at meeting. Up for election: Pres, VP, Sec. Treas., 2 committee.

Dennis advised he will be standing down at Feb AGM

Darrell advised he plans to stand down as treasurer at Feb 2025 AGM. (But hasn't decide if will nominate as a committee member.)

General:

Some discussion of action required if person injured / falls ill at BIC. There are some quite capable people that would be likely to step in / assist if there was an actual event. Director could / would address on case by case basis.

Xmas dinner last venue may be too noisy – alternate venues to be considered for next one. Issue is not clear cut as some felt venue was quiet.

Dennis said could improve alerting at tables – some are announcing meaning of bids rather than just alerting.

Graham suggested could set up a FAQ link on home page.

Next meeting AGM

Meeting closed 12:15 pm