

## Summary: Committee Meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> November 2019

### **NSWBA Proposal to supply a regular deal file**

NSWBA has floated a proposal to supply interested clubs with a regular deal file and commentary for 24 boards each month at a cost of \$20. Participating clubs would play the boards in the same week each month.

It was agreed that the proposal could be of interest and benefit to members. We have advised NSWBA that we are happy to support the proposal on a 6-month trial basis but that we would need to add additional boards to the deal file as we usually play 33 boards in a session.

**NSWBA Senior's Week Program:** No further information has been received.

### **Bridge Lessons**

The sub-committee will meet in November. The priority is to re-format our Beginners and Intermediate lessons for 2020.

Ken Wilks presented a report on the Card Play lessons he conducted during October. 109 members participated over the course of the 3 lessons (2 sessions for each). This was considered a good result given it was only run 2 years ago. A pleasing number has also signed up for the November lessons.

### **2020 Program Booklet**

The final draft has been checked by the Committee and is now with the printer. It is expected that booklets will be available in early December.

### **Financial Reports**

Table fees remain below budget year to date but are consistent with last year. Expenses are generally as expected with the largest deviation being in Rates due to timing. Masterpoints cost was high in October due to MPs for GNOT and Country Teams Qualifying rounds.

**Investment of Club's funds:** As agreed at the October meeting, \$100,000 will be invested in a conservative fund. Funds used will be from maturing Term deposits. An account has been opened with ANZ Share Investing with 3 authorized representatives.

*It was agreed to place the \$100,000 as follows:* Vanguard Diversified Conservative Index ETF \$40,000; iShare Core Composite Bond ETF \$25,000; Vanguard Australia Government Bond Index ETF \$25,000; Vanguard Australia Property Securities Index ETF \$10,000.

### **Christmas Newsletter:**

A program called Mailchimp will be used on a trial basis for the Christmas Newsletters. The newsletter will therefore look completely different to previous ones. Benefits of Mailchimp include a simpler, more time efficient process to create the newsletter, as well as easy linkages to our website and Facebook page.

Members will be advised to check their junk mail folders in case the newsletter ends up there.

**Christmas Week arrangements:**

Arrangements will be as for last year.....so during the week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> December, there will be no table fees, and the Club will provide Christmas cake and drinks. Individual sessions may arrange food, etc. if there is interest to do so.

Announcements will be made at Bridge sessions over the coming weeks.

**Direct Deposit Payment for Tokens:**

In general, the system is working well for those who prefer not to pay by cash or cheque. However, some members do not have a printer and therefore cannot print a receipt. This is an issue for the token sellers who must account for all tokens sold.

It was agreed that a handwritten receipt showing name, date, amount, receipt number, bank name and signature would be acceptable. An email has been sent to members with this information.

**Membership Subscriptions for 2020:**

Notices have been sent to members advising that 2020 subscriptions are now due. The deadline to avoid becoming inactive with ABF is 31/3/2020.

**Next Committee Meeting**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30pm.

**A full copy of the minutes can be found on the Notice Board at the Club.**

**Julie Butel**  
**Secretary**