Minutes of Committee Meeting - 27 May 2014

The meeting opened at the Hellenic Club in the City at 6.20 pm.

Attendance

Graham Saint (president)
Mitchell Jones (vice president)
Andrew McKechnie (treasurer)
Roy Teymant (secretary)

Bill East (committee member)
Philip Vels (committee member)

Apologies

None.

Treasurer's Update

Andrew indicated that the club's cash balance was \$3,667.00.

Fees for 2015

Fees for 2015 were discussed at some length. A number of options were proposed:

- a flat membership fee of \$40 for the year, which included entry to all tournaments,
- a flat membership fee of \$20 per half year, which included entry to all tournaments starting in the half year.
- the same arrangement as currently applies though with reduced fees, eg \$5 membership and \$5 for all tournaments (except \$10 for Club Championship) OR an annual all-inclusive fee of \$40.

In all cases, the DOP would have the option to waive any fees for a player's first tournament.

As no agreement could be reached the question of fees was deferred to the next committee meeting.

Purchase of Equipment

The committee agreed to purchase five complete sets (pieces, board, clock, bag) to provide some redundancy around the arrangements with equipment. Roy to arrange purchase.

Wooden Boards

The club owns nine quality wooden sets (boards and pieces). The committee agreed to sell these to interested club members for \$80 per set. (An equivalent set would cost between \$160 and \$200 if purchased online.) Roy to arrange.

Federal Gold Club as Venue

Joshua Stewart, who is on the board of the Federal Golf Club, had kindly offered the use of the Federal Gold Club as an alternative when the Hellenic Club was not available on a Wednesday night. Joshua also indicated the Federal Gold Club may be able to provide a room on a permanent basis on Wednesday evening.

While the committee appreciated Joshua's and the Federal Golf Club's offer, it was agreed to continue with the current arrangements as a location in Civic was deemed more suitable for the club.

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DOP Arrangements

Roy indicated he would not be available for rounds 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the Cold Comfort Cup and for the Lightning Championship. The meeting agreed:

- the DOP function for the Cold Comfort Cup would be shared between Graham and Mitch.
- Bill and Bernard Gibson would assist with equipment. (Bernard not present but nominated nonetheless.)
- Phil would post results to the web. This would require Graham or Mitch to email the results (results, cross table and possibly provisional draw) to Phil after each round.

Trophies

The club does not have perpetual trophies for all of its tournaments. The question of what, if anything, to purchase was deferred to the next committee meeting.

Coaching

The end game coaching sessions (five sessions over five fortnights) provided by Endre Ambrus and hosted by the club had proved successful, with Bill and Roy reporting that the coaching was well prepared, very well presented, interesting and quite demanding. Four sessions had been held so far with between 9 and 11 players at each session.

The committee agreed that it Endre wished to present further group coaching, the club would assist with the provision of a room at the Hellenic Club (subject to availability), though all further administrative tasks (setup of room, email advertising, collection of fees) would be Endre's responsibility and that all fees would flow to Endre. (For the current course, a split of the collected fees had been arranged between Endre and the club.)

Close

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm.