

THE BASQUE CLUB OF NORTH QUEENSLAND – AUSTRALIA, INC

COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes for Tuesday, February 9, 2010

- Present: B. Bengoa; P Mendiola; D. Larrazabal; A Urberuaga; P. Balanzategui; S. Goicoechea
- Apologies: Jon Larrazabal; R. Jauregui; R. Zumaran; P. Zumaran; M. Arrate
- Meeting opened: 5.30 pm
- Chair: Pedro Mendiola

Ratification of Previous Minutes:

- Previous minutes from January 12, 2010 were ratified
- Moved: B. Bengoa
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: P. Mendiola

Treasurer's Report:

- Pedro Mendiola read the balances – withdrawals and deposits and details of the club's accounts (these records are contained within the "Financial Records" section of this folder).
- Moved: P. Mendiola
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: A Urberuaga

Inward and Outward Correspondence:

- All incoming correspondence has been filed by the secretary and when needed, distributed to the relevant parties.

General Business:

- The club has received a new liquor licence (1<sup>st</sup> of February – valid for 6 months)
- The soccer club has expressed an interest in using the club's toilet facilities each week. This would require a member of the Basque Club being present at the clubhouse each Sunday. The general consensus by the members of the committee was that this would not be a viable activity for the Basque club to undertake. The soccer club will be notified of the committee's decision.
- Pedro Mendiola suggested that the details of the Basque Club's committee members be sent to the Euskal Etxea organisation (Basque Government External Affairs Unit).
- There are two outside bookings for the clubhouse on the 20<sup>th</sup> of February and the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April.

- A calendar will be placed beside the bar on which all clubhouse functions will be recorded.
- Pedro Mendiola told the committee that the luncheon which was held on Sunday, the 7<sup>th</sup> of February was a considerable financial and social success for the club. There were approximately 46 attendees. All committee members who attended agreed that the event was very enjoyable and that the number of people was ideal. It was suggested that any future reminder emails will stress the fact that r.s.v.p. details are essential. The next Sunday luncheon will be held on March 7<sup>th</sup> and will be hosted by the “Ayr group”.

Items for Action:

- Amaia Urberuaga will continue the procedure of emailing all members with the details of the next Sunday luncheon, together with a reminder of the *Aberri Eguna* function (11<sup>th</sup> of April).
- The committee discussed some possible ideas for the April function – the national day of the Basque people and decided that the March 7 meeting would be a good time to table all ideas and make decisions about the festivities.
- The secretary will attempt to bring shirt samples to the next committee meeting with the idea to order more club shirts.
- Peter Balanzategui informed the committee that information had been received with regards to a handball tournament to be held by the “*Top End Bottom Brick*” organisation. This information will be placed in the club’s future newsletter.
- The committee decided that the clubhouse’s electricity usage needed to be reviewed in order to increase efficiency and reduce operating costs.
- Peter Balanzategui has attempted to repair the clubhouse’s lawnmower to no avail; the lawnmower is now back at the clubhouse.
- Amaia Urberuaga is in the process of investigating the price of saucepans.
- Amaia Urberuaga will purchase some additional beer (Crown Lager) for the next function.
- The committee reported that the addition of water jugs for all function attendees was a good idea.

Moved: Pedro Mendiola

2<sup>nd</sup>: S. Goicoechea

Meeting ended: 6. 17 pm

Next meeting date: March 16th

